



Colorado
2014 Chapter Cup Application
for Outstanding Chapter Award and Chapter
Activity Awards

(For the period of September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014)

Chapter Name & Number: Black Forest Chapter 1100

Mailing Address: 12455 Black Forest Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado
80908

Name of Person Completing Application: Charles Karlstrum

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Section 1: Chapter Organization and Administration

- # of regular chapter meetings conducted this year
11 regular meetings

20 points

Have all reports been completed and submitted: (5 points each)

Secretary of State Non-Profit Entity renewal is current:
YES

5 points

AARP State & HQ have current list of chapter officers:
YES

5 points

2014 Chapter Activities Report sent to AARP HQ:
YES

5 points

2014 Chapter Treasurers Report sent to AARP HQ:
YES

5 points

Does the Chapter publish a monthly newsletter (5 points)
YES

5 points

(If yes, please attach a sample copy)(Copy attached).

Section 2: Chapter Activity Measures

1. Education/Outreach

Did your chapter sponsor an ongoing exhibit of AARP publications at a local library, hospital, senior center or other place accessible to the general public? (10 points)

- YES

• 10 points

Literature is made available at the Senior Center in Colorado Springs

- Did your chapter publicize chapter meeting times, dates, location, etc. in the local media? (10 points)

YES (clipping or other proof)

10 points

2. Advocacy

- Is the Chapter Legislative Chair on other chapter leaders with e-mail signed up on the AARP Colorado State Office E-Mail Distribution List? (10 points per e-mail address up to 5 members).

YES

50 points

- Stan Beckner (beckners2@earthlink.net)
- Don VonGunden (smajvg@msn.com)
- Helen VonGunden (helenv5@msn.com)
- Charles Karlstrum (cesaka@gmail.com)
- Ted Lunacek (tnlunacek@gmail.com)

3. Membership

- Did the Chapter conduct at least 2 membership recruitment events

YES (see below)

10 points

1. The chapter staffed an AARP information table at the Senior Resource Council Boomers & Beyond event in June and the SRC Healthy Aging Conference in August. Both occasions served as active recruitment opportunities.
2. Most of the media release items cited under the Community Service/Outreach category should be considered as “recruiting” activities since they invite the readers to visit/join the Chapter. In addition the Chapter web site recruits continuously.

4. Community Service

- Please list all the community service projects or outreach programs conducted by your chapter. If you need more space please attach another page (5 points each).

YES

60 points

Community Service or Outreach

1. Day of Service 2013 food drive was an outreach to those in the community who were needy. The chapter organized the partnership with 12 businesses in the area to make the food drive successful.
2. In September the Chapter hosted a program by the Crosses for Losses organization, a 501c(3) charity who is active in providing food, clothes, and other essentials to victims of the Black Forest Fire. The program was designed to increase the awareness and outreach to those who had losses in the fire. In the past year chapter members have volunteered over 1,000 hours assisting Crosses for Losses.
3. The Chapter collects money donations at every meeting as a community service and outreach. One-Half of the proceeds go to Black Forest Cares, a food bank, and the other half goes to Crosses for Losses, a fire recovery charity.
4. The December Chapter meeting filled large gift-laden Holiday Stockings for the Salvation Army to distribute to children and teenagers who otherwise might not receive anything for Christmas.
5. The Chapter sponsors two AARP Driver Safety Courses (May and October) in the interest to promote better senior driving awareness and skills. Attendance is not restricted to Chapter members.
6. The Chapter provides a Senior Social afternoon of games, and recreation for seniors once per month for 10 months of the year. This community service has appeared in numerous local media outlets.
7. During the reporting period, the chapter has provided programs on changes to tax laws, veteran's benefits, and stroke and heart attack recognition and response techniques. These programs have been free and open as a community service to the public.
8. Fifteen chapter members reached out in May to assist a couple, who had lost everything in the Black Forest fire, clean up, plant trees, and prepare a portion of their property for reseeding in native grasses.
9. Chapter members helped staff the annual SRC Boomers & Beyond event registration plus attended an AARP literature table outreach

that included literature from the local AARP Foundation SCSEP Office.

10. Several chapter women donate a morning every two weeks during the school year to assisting the teachers at Wolford Elementary School in Black Forest. They have been doing this volunteer work for quite a few years.
11. Chapter members collect Box Tops and used postage stamps for Education for Wolford School and aluminum pull top tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
12. The chapter web site <http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com> provides a continuous conveyer of outreach information by publicizing the chapter calendar of events, reporting what community services the chapter has performed, publishing scam alert bulletins (received from ElderWatch), along with pictures and other information on chapter activities. The web site has been receiving over 300 "hits" per month.

5. AARP National Day of Service

Did you Chapter participate in the AARP Day of Service in your community? (5 points)

YES

5 points

6. Diversity

Did you chapter demonstrate outreach to at least TWO "diverse" groups in you local community, e.g. Latino, boomer, disabled, etc? (10 points)

YES

10 points

1. Provided food and help for victims whose home were destroyed in the Black Forest fire of 2013.
2. The December Chapter meeting filled large gift-laden Holiday Stockings for the Salvation Army to distribute to children and teen-agers who otherwise might not receive anything for Christmas.
3. Chapter members collect Box Tops for Education for Wolford School and aluminum pull top tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

- Were your Chapter Meetings accessible to the disabled? (5 points).

YES

5 points

Total Points: 205

This application is hereby submitted for the 2014 AARP Colorado Chapter Awards

Charles Karlstrum

9/15/14

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(Chapter President's Name)

(Date)

ATTACHMENTS:

THE BLACK Forest AARP Chapter meets for a luncheon the second Wednesday of each month at the Black Forest Lutheran Church. Call 719-596-6787 or 719-495-2443.

From Your Community and You News

6/11: AARP
Chapter Lunch and Meeting @
12PM 12455 Black Forest Rd - All
are welcome!

Black Forest AARP

The Black Forest AARP chapter meets at noon the second Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at the Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Road. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Charles Karlstrum at 749-9227.

From the New Falcon Herald

Monthly Newsletter Example: attached