



BLACK FOREST CHAPTER OF AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

Chapter Web Site: <http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com>

March 9, 2022

**ANNUAL DUES WERE TO BE PAID BY END OF FEBRUARY.
Those not paid will be dropped from the roster.**

Valentine's Day Observance

The February meeting of Chapter 1100 was interesting & informative. The usual pot luck lunch provided a wide variety of delicious entrees, side salads & vegetables plus an array of mouth-watering desserts - all in an atmosphere of Valentine's Day decorations. The March 9 meeting of Chapter 1100 of AARP will feature a catered entrée with members bringing salads, side dishes and desserts.

An educational & highly informative presentation & discussion was provided by Dan Hamilton of Force Broadband - pictured to the right. Force Broadband is a Highspeed Internet service provider headquartered in Monument, CO, but serving the Black Forest area as well. It is locally & veteran owned. People looking for locally operated internet or phone service can contact Force Broadband at www.ForceBB.com or at 719.896.2120.



Upcoming Chapter 1100 meetings will include a variety of interesting & informative programs. For example, the Black Forest Fire & Rescue Chief will talk about home safety & disaster evacuation routes, & on another occasion, hands-on fire extinguisher training. An outdoors weather permitting program.

Lori Morgan from UC Health will present a first aid program entitled "Stop the Bleed - Save a Life" &, on another occasion, a program on how to prevent falls & improve balance. Another very important program by representatives from Mountain View Electric will demonstrate the dangers of downed wires, what to do & what not to do. You don't want to miss these programs!

Chapter 1100 meets at noon the second Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Road. Guests of any age are welcome. Questions regarding the meeting or program should be directed to the Chapter President, Candace Lehmann at 314.330.0411.



MARCH 9TH MEETING INFO:

Please bring whatever dessert or side dish/salad you want. Lori Belk has ordered the main entrée & asks that you contribute \$3.00 towards the cost of it. Thank you.

Deputy Fire Chief Rebitski will join us and talk about "Home Safety & Evacuation Routes".

Secretary's Minutes

We always start with the Pledge of Allegiance. Did you know that the words "under God" were added to the pledge in 1948? Red Skelton made a recording of the pledge, I believe you can find it on the internet. Pastor Jim then led us in prayer. Lunch was served & then the meeting began.

Max Stucky is in a Rehab facility & is doing very well. He hopes to go home soon. His brother will be staying with him for a while making sure he's ok. Also, Roberta Hagmeier was in the hospital, I'm sure our prayers helped both of them.

Our speaker Deputy Fire Chief Rebitski was taken to the hospital for emergency surgery. I understand he's doing well & will gladly reschedule.

We were to have two speakers that day, the Fire Chief & Dan Hamilton. Dan stepped up & told us about a new Broadband coming to Black Forest. It's in Monument already, which is where they are based, so getting set up & needing help should be no problem. They hope to have all the infrastructure done this summer. The fiber-optic cable is being run on property lines behind houses & then the cable will be run to houses that want it. Some of us were confused about whether it would also provide TV, Direct or Dish, but no, they cannot. For more information go to BlackForestFiber.com. Let's thank Jim Belk for bringing Dan in to inform us of the broadband in Black Forest.

We have a new member! Wowho! Sandra Van Wormer. Welcome to our AARP Chapter.

Anyone who hasn't paid their dues please see Ray, he has temporarily taken over the Treasurer's job for Max.

The Senior Social will be March 23rd.

March's meeting will be catered, Lori has taken care of everything (thank you so much Lori). All she asked from us to bring sides and desserts AND \$3.00 to cover the cost of the entree.

Ever wonder if your donations REALLY do any good? Are they going where they should? Try going to www.charitynavigator.org and see what's going on.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Rozak



APRIL 13TH MEETING INFO:

Host & Hostess: Lori & Jim Belk. Greeters: Durelle Pithey & Sandra Van Wormer. Thank you all!

MENU SCHEDULE: A thru D bring Dessert. E thru O bring Main Entrée. P thru W bring Side Dish/Salad.

COMPUTER SCAMS

Scammers commonly use the names of well-known & reputable computer companies, online retailers, money transfer services & virus protection software companies to try & trick their victims. These business imposter & computer support scams often claim to be with companies like Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Norton, McAfee, PayPal & eBay, just to name a few. It is important to remember that computer scams can occur on any device that can access the internet including a smartphone & tablet. The following are some red flags to look out for to help debunk some of the most reported computer-related scams:

- ◆ You receive an unsolicited contact over the phone, via email or text claiming to be from one of these companies
- ◆ They request remote access to your computer to “help” you solve a problem
- ◆ An email invoice alerts you that you are past due on a subscription that you never signed up for in the first place
- ◆ A pop-up window appears on your screen asking you to call a number for support services
- ◆ You receive a request to “verify” personal, financial or account information
- ◆ The attempted contact is unprofessional, often with typos, from a non-business-related email service and/or the call center is extremely noisy in the background

If you recognize any of these red flags from a “computer company” or other online source, disconnect immediately. Shut down your computer or other device if necessary. Contact AARP ElderWatch if you have questions.

800-222-4444 www.aarpelderwatch.org

CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Health Care: Wash your hands. Waldo has a list of members willing to loan walkers, etc. so if you need one, or have one to loan, please contact him. If you have questions check with Waldo.

Sunshine: Get well cards were sent to Roberta Hagmaier and Max Stucky. (Electa is the Sunshine Committee & can be reached at 596-6787. Please call her directly so she doesn't hear about a member second hand.)

Visit the Chapter website at <http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com/> so you too can see the latest Chapter information & upcoming events. **Stan has updated the website. Check it out!**

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