



BLACK FOREST CHAPTER OF AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

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

February 11, 2015

Hostess and Host: Pat & Herb Guild & Shirley Karlstrum
Greeters: Beverly Schaab
Program: Fire Safety – Black Forest Fire & Rescue

2015 Officers Installed

The January meeting of the Black Forest AARP Chapter featured the installation of the 2015 officers by Mr. Jeremiah Mora, AARP Colorado Associate State Director for Community Outreach. The ceremony also awarded the AARP Colorado Platinum Award and Trophy to the Black Forest Chapter 1100 along with \$250. This is the sixth consecutive year that the Black Forest Chapter has been chosen as the best chapter in Colorado for Community Service.

The 2015 Chapter Officers installed were Charles Karlstrum, President; Don Von Gunden, Vice President; Lin Rozak, Secretary; Shirley Karlstrum, Treasurer; and Alberta Davis, Royce Brown, Linda Siebe, Stan Beckner, and Edna Eaton as Chapter Board members.

Charles Karlstrum was also presented a Special Appreciation Award by Mr. Mora, on behalf of AARP Colorado, for his years of outstanding service to the chapter and community.



Newly elected 2015 AARP Chapter 1100 Officers: Front Row L-R is Edna Eaton, Shirley Karlstrum and AARP's Jeremiah Mora. Back Row L-R is Charles Karlstrum, Don Von Gunden, Stan Beckner and Royce Brown. Not shown are new officers, Lin Rozak, Alberta Davis, and Linda Siebe.



Newly elected 2015 AARP Chapter 1100 Officers pose with Jeremiah Mora, AARP Associate Director and the Chapter Cup which was awarded to the chapter for the 6th consecutive year. L-R Front Row is Jeremiah Mora, Edna Eaton and Shirley Karlstrum. Back Row L-R is Charles Karlstrum, Stan Beckner, Don Von Gunden and Royce Brown. Not shown are new officers, Lin Rozak, Alberta Davis, and Linda Siebe



Charles Karlstrum (left) receives a special AARP Colorado Appreciation Award from Jeremiah Mora, AARP Colorado Associate State Director. The award was Inscribed with a quote by Ethel Percy Andrus, the founder of AARP.

DID YOU KNOW THIS CHAPTER HAS WON THE CHAPTER CUP A TOTAL OF 11 TIMES!

PLATINUM 2005 then every year from 2009 thru 2014. **7 total Platinum cups**

GOLD 2006 and 2007

BRONZE 2004 and 2008

THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2015 AARP TaxAide Program.
AARP membership is not required and there are no age limits.

**AARP FOUNDATION
TAX-AIDE**

02/02/2015 - 04/15/2015

We're the nation's largest volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service. We work with low- to moderate- income taxpayers, especially those 50 and older, to help them get all the deductions and credits they deserve. Our help is FREE and individualized with no strings attached. Please visit one of our sites.

SITE NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	Schedule	Notes
COLORADO SPRINGS SENIOR CENTER	1514 N HANCOCK AVE	COLORADO SPRINGS	12:00 - 05:00PM		12:00 - 05:00PM				Appts.	Closed Holiday 2/16/2014
COLORADO SPRINGS WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CTR	1616 W BUOU ST	COLORADO SPRINGS	10:00AM - 01:00PM			10:00AM - 01:00PM			Walk-ins	719-387-6000 Closed 2/16/15
COLORADO SPRINGS SUNNYSIDE CHURCH	2025 N MURRAY BLVD	COLORADO SPRINGS	09:00AM - 03:00PM	09:00AM - 03:00PM					Walk-ins	719-502-1281
COLORADO SPRINGS HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH	4925 N CAREFREE CIR	COLORADO SPRINGS					10:00AM - 04:00PM		Walk-ins	Appts for return clients 719-761-4029
NORTH COLORADO SPRINGS LIBRARY Z1C	1175 CHAPEL HILLS DR	COLORADO SPRINGS	09:30AM - 03:30PM						Walk-ins & Appts.	Closed 2/16/15
MONUMENT TRI-LAKES CARES	235 JEFFERSON ST	MONUMENT	11:00AM - 07:00PM			11:00AM - 07:00PM			Walk-ins	719-641-1948
FOUNTAIN VALLEY COMM CTR	5725 SOUTHMOOR DR	FOUNTAIN		08:30AM - 03:30PM					Appts.	719-520-6470
FALCON HIGH PRAIRIE LIBRARY	7035 OLD MERIDIAN RD	PEYTON		12:00PM - 04:00PM					Walk-ins & Appts.	719-641-1948
WOODLAND PARK FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH	1310 EVERGREEN HTS DR	WOODLAND PARK			12:30PM - 3:30PM				Appts.	719-351-6600
LA JUNTA WOODRUFF LIBRARY	522 COLORADO AVE	LA JUNTA		9:00 AM - 3:30 PM				9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Walk-ins	Sat Only 2/21, 3/14 & 4/11
FOWLER PUBLIC LIBRARY	411 6TH ST	FOWLER		1:00 PM - 5:00 PM				1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Walk-ins	Sat Only 2/21, 3/14 & 4/11

What to Bring?

- Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents
- Copy of last year's income tax return
- W-2 forms for each employer
- Unemployment Compensation statements
- Income data for everyone in the household and/or on the return
- SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits
- All 1099 Forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-MISC, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends, as well as documentation showing the original purchase price or basis of any assets sold
- 1099 forms, if you received a pension or annuity
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid
- Childcare provider information (name, address, employer ID or Social Security number)
- Receipts or canceled checks, if itemizing deductions
- Checkbook, if you want Direct Deposit.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE NEWS

Community Service: 1st Step pre-school is in need of foam egg cartons.

Finance:

Black Forest AARP Chapter 1100 Financial Report for 2015

January 1, 2015 Checking Account Balance:		\$2,914.95
		Year to Date
Income		
Dues 2015	\$330.00	\$330.00
Gifts or Donations		
Tours or Bus Trips		
Social Events:		
50/50 Drawing	\$15.00	\$15.00
Advertising Income		
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$345.00</u>	<u>\$345.00</u>
Expense		
Meeting Expense (Church rent, P.O. box)	\$145.00	\$145.00
Gifts or Donations		
Tours and Trips		
Social Events:		
Supplies		
Chapter Dinner		
Administrative Cost		
Newsletter Cost		
Other (Annual Incorporation fee)		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$145.00</u>	<u>\$145.00</u>
Jan. 31, 2015 Checking Account Balance		\$2,860.51
CD Account Balance on 12/31/14 (Includes interest to date of \$1.03)		\$1,039.54

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.

Luncheon Coordinator: Help needed at each meeting. Our Host & Hostess can always use some extra help at the beginning of & especially at the end of our meeting when we have to put everything back as we found it, run the vacuum cleaner, take out the trash & clean the kitchen. If you can give a few minutes please give them a helping hand. Thank you for your help.

Public Relations: PSAs were sent as follows & appeared in these newspapers: To the Gazette about the Board installation, Chapter Award Cup & the award President Karlstrum received; To Your Community & You & Life After 50 about the holiday celebration & to the New Falcon Herald about the upcoming Stroke & Heart Attack Class and the Holiday Celebration.

Sunshine: Electa sent Get Well cards to: Waldo Pendleton, Chuck Karlstrum and Lavonne Hidy.

Notification: Thanks to Lavonne Hidy & Pat Guild for their work on the monthly telephone member notifications & to Don Von Gunden for notifying members via e-mail.

******* FINAL NOTICE REGARDING 2015 DUES *******

Dues become delinquent the end of February. If you have not paid your 2015 dues by then you will be removed from the roster.

Secretary's Report:

The meeting was called to order at noon by President Charles Karlstrum followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Youth Pastor Sedra.

There were 22 members present, including new member, Rita Fitzpatrick, and special guest Jeremiah Mora, AARP Colorado Associate State Director for Community Outreach.

Hosts Lin and Ray Rozak were unable to attend due to health concerns so Helen and Don Von Gunden, the Greeters, filled in. People celebrating birthdays were Marty Brauns, Amy Neely, Howard Pease and Linda Spurr. Anniversary celebrants were Marty and Jean Brauns.

Jeremiah Mora conducted the installation of the following officers for 2015: President Charles Karlstrum, Vice President Don Von Gunden, Secretary Lin Rozak, Treasurer Shirley Karlstrum and Board Members: Alberta Davis, Royce Brown, Linda Siebe, Stan Beckner and Edna Eaton. Mr. Mora presented the AARP Colorado Platinum Award and Cup and \$250 to the Chapter for the sixth consecutive year.

Mr. Mora also presented a Special Appreciation Award to Charles Karlstrum on behalf of AARP Colorado for his years of outstanding service to the Chapter and community.

The meeting was suspended for the potluck lunch for all present.

Following the lunch, Don Von Gunden presented the program with information regarding the IRS Tax Law changes for 2015.

Announcements:

1. The audit of the Treasurer's books was carried out prior to the meeting & found to be satisfactory & without error.
2. The Budget Committee worked on the 2015 budget which will be presented to the Board at the March 6 meeting.
3. The Chapter Handbook update and annual handout are being worked on. (*Editor: A special temporary mini Annual Handout, with basic information, is on page 5.*)
4. Committee Chairs are asked to submit their time for the 2014 report.
5. There are several AARP sponsored events scheduled for 2015 including the SRC sponsored Boomers & Beyond Expo on June 6, & Ageing Expo at the 21C Library, a Gazette Health Expo, the Black Forest Parade in August, Day of Service in September, Make a Difference Day in October, Document Shredding & Food Drive in June or September. Members are asked to fill out & return to Chuck a questionnaire regarding chapter member's participation.
6. Stan has composed a generic letter to be given to prospective businesses asking them to donate door prize items. Members are asked to get a copy from Stan when needed.
7. The Senior Social is Jan 28 at the Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome.
8. A "thank you" note for our donations from Black Forest Cares was read.
9. We still need Greeters for the November and December meetings and Hosts for the December meeting.
10. The Heart Attack and Stroke class will be from 9:30 – 11:30 on February 11, followed by the Regular Meeting at noon. Black Forest Fire and Rescue will present the February program.
11. Members are urged to let the phone and email committees know if they plan to attend the meeting so that the hosts will know how many places to set up.
12. The next Driver Safety Class is March 9 from 1-5 PM. Call Edna if you plan to attend.
13. The 50/50 drawing was won by Joanne Pendleton who received \$14. Ten door prizes were won by various members. The door prize fund received \$33.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Electa L. Beckner, Acting Secretary

Driver's Safety Class: March 9th at the Black Forest Lutheran Church from 12:45 to 5 p.m.

Call Edna at 495-2443.

MISCELLANEOUS CHAPTER BUSINESS

- The **Senior Social** will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015

TEMPORARY ANNUAL HANDOUT FOR 2015

2015 HOST AND HOSTESS AND GREETER(S) CALENDAR

- All meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.
- Members bring a dish to share. The Chapter furnishes disposable plates, cups and plastic ware. If you prefer glass please bring your own.
- Members are asked each Nov. and/or Dec. to sign up for the month of their choice for the following year. If you did not attend those meetings you are welcome to volunteer at any time. Contact the people working the month you would like to help with or contact the Luncheon Coordinator.

January 14	Host & Hostess: Helen and Don Von Gunden Greeter: None
February 11	Heart Attack & Stroke class 9:30 to 11:30AM before our meeting Host & Hostess: Pat and Herb Guild, Shirley Karlstrum Greeter: Beverly Schaab
March 11	Luncheon at Golden Corral, 5410 E. Woodman (and Powers). Meet at 11:30 to eat at 12:00.
April 8	Host & Hostess: Helen and Don Von Gunden Greeter: Lin and Ray Rozak
May 13	Host & Hostess: Pat Dix, Lavonne Hidy, Linda Siebe Greeter: Shirley Karlstrum
June 10	Host & Hostess: lola Geiger, Gwen Burk Greeter: Electa and Stan Beckner
July 8	Annual picnic at Black Forest Park, Shoup & Milam. Pavilion #1. Host & Hostess: Chapter Officers & Board of Directors
August	NO MEETING.
September 9	Host & Hostess: Joanne & Waldo Pendleton, Beverly Schaab Greeter: Lavonne Hidy
October 14	Luncheon at Golden Corral, 5410 E Woodman (and Powers). Meet at 11:30 AM to eat at 12:00.
November 11	Host & Hostess: Electa and Stan Beckner Greeters: ?
December 9	? Greeters: ?

Senior Social held at the Black Forest Lutheran Church from 1 to 4 PM:

January 28th	June 24th	
February 25th	July 22nd	
March 25th	August 26th	
April 22nd	September 23rd	
May 27th	October 28th	No Senior Social in November or December.

2015 OFFICERS

President	Charles Karlstrum	749-9227
Vice -President	Don Von Gunden	495-3651
Secretary	Lin Rozak	495-6767
Treasurer	Shirley Karlstrum	749-9227
Board of Directors	2014- 2016	Royce Brown 532-1572
	2014 -2016	Alberta Davis 351-3782
	2014- 2016	Linda Siebe 433-6205
	2014- 2015	Edna Eaton 495-2443
	2014- 2015	Stan Beckner 596-6787

2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES: 11:30 at the IHOP on Stetson Hills & Powers on the first Friday of January, March, May, July, September and November. All members are invited to attend.

Protect Your Heart and Wallet

Every year millions of Americans visit online dating websites hoping to find a companion. But scam artists use these websites to target victims by appealing to their romantic side to obtain money, gifts or personal details.

Here's how the scam works. You're contacted by someone online, often from hundreds of miles away or in another country. They send you an unrealistic photograph of themselves that makes them appear very attractive. Your online "date" expresses strong emotions and soon suggests you move the relationship outside of the dating website to phone or email.

Once they've gained your trust and stolen your heart, the scammer may claim to be in the depths of despair due to financial hardship and ask you for money or gifts. You could not only end up losing a lot of money, but feeling emotionally betrayed.

Protect yourself from dating scams by:

- Always consider the possibility of being scammed by someone you've recently met online and remove the emotion from your decision-making process.
- Do not send money or goods to someone you have not met in person.
- Be wary of how much personal information you share online. Scam artists can create a fake profile with this information or use it against you in another way.
- Never give credit card or sensitive personal information to anyone by email.
- Research the dating company through an agency like the Better Business Bureau. Select a service that encourages high standards of behavior and read the contract's fine print.

If you recognize these warning signs or suspect unusual behavior, report it to the website's administrator and cease all communication with the person. Don't hesitate to call an ElderWatch volunteer specialist to report any concerns.

Prevent Financial Elder Abuse!

Call us Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. MT Our trained volunteer specialists are here to listen and provide assistance.
Recognize, Refuse, Report. 1-800-222-4444, option 2

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WHEN DO WE CANCEL A MEETING: The handbook states that **if District #20 closes or delays school because of weather** there will be no AARP meeting. The reason for this is District #20 has the elementary school in Black Forest. We have members from at least five different school districts. It was hard with our special Colorado weather to ask someone to make the decision on what the weather was like. If weather is bad in your area please do not put yourself in danger to come out to a meeting. If you have questions because of weather call any of the officers. School closing are announced and scrolled across the TV in the morning.