



BLACK FOREST CHAPTER OF AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

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

February 10, 2016

Host & Hostess: Lin and Ray Rozak

Greeters: Helen and Don Von Gunden

Program: Home Safety presented by Assistant Chief Rebiski, Black Forest Fire & Rescue

***** Chapter dues, \$10.00 per person, are due now & if not paid memberships become delinquent at the end of February & you will be removed from the mailing list & roster. *****

New Officers Installed (Author: Stan Beckner)

The installation of 13 newly elected Officers of the Black Forest Chapter 1100 of AARP took place on January 13th at the regular monthly meeting. Conducting the ceremony was Jeremiah Mora, the Associate State Director -Community Outreach for AARP Colorado. The officers will serve the chapter for the 2016 calendar year. The usual potluck luncheon and business meeting followed the installation of officers.

Thank you for stepping up and contributing to the chapter.



L-R Howard Pease, Alberta Davis & Linda Siebe, Board of Directors; Rita Fitzpatrick, Legislative Committee; Lavonne Hidy, Board of Directors; Shirley Karlstrum, Treasurer; Stanley Beckner, Board of Directors; Lin Rozak, Secretary; Chuck Karlstrum, President, & Jeremiah Mora, Associate State Director AARP CO. Not shown is Don Von Gunden, Vice-President; Don Dinwoodie, Board of Directors; Patricia Dix, Bill Sanderman & Beverly Schaab, Nominating Committee.

NEW LOCATION FOR MARCH MEETING

The March 9th Chapter meeting will be at the Old Country Buffet - 801 N. Academy across from the Citadel.

REMINDER—CHAPTER MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY.

If School District 20 cancels classes, or is on late reporting, Chapter meetings will not take place.

FINANCE

Black Forest AARP Chapter 1100 Financial Report for 2016

	Monthly	Year to Date
Jan. 1, 2016 Checking Account Balance:	\$3,133.36	
Income		
Dues	\$90.00	\$460.00
Gifts or Donations (Chapter Cup Award)		
Social Events: 50/50 Drawing	\$22.00	\$22.00
Advertising Income	<u>\$125.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$237.00	\$632.00
Expense		
Meeting Expense	\$145.00	\$145.00
Gifts or Donations		
Social Events:		
Supplies		
Chapter Dinner (Christmas)		
Administrative Cost		
Newsletter Cost		
Other (Weebly website)		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$145.00</u>	<u>\$145.00</u>
1/31 Checking Account Balance	\$3,225.36	
CD Account Balance on 11/2015		\$1,039.95



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.

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.

Public Relations: PSAs were sent to 6 local newspapers, the Gazette blog & posted to our website regarding the 1/20 officer installation; the Jan. Senior Social; the Stroke & Heart Attack Identification Training & Response class & the March Driver's Safety Training. Thank you Stan for all your work getting information out to the local newspapers.

Sunshine: Get Well cards to: Gwen Burk & Bev Schaab. (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.)



Young & old socializing.

No Fees, No Dues, No Obligations! (Author: Stan Beckner)

The Senior Social is a monthly informal occasion for seniors. They meet in the Black Forest Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 12455 Black Forest Rd. This group gathers from 1-4 PM the 4th Wednesday of each month to have fun, socialize, play games, work on hobbies, or to simply sit and talk about "whatever". Light refreshments are always available.

This is not a new item. The Black Forest AARP Chapter 1100 & the Black Forest Lutheran Church have sponsored this community service for the past 4 years. All are invited to come & participate with the group. For more information contact Lavonne at 494-1276

Secretary's Report

The January 13th meeting was called to order by President Karlstrum who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Sedra. Birthdays: Marty Brauns, Marcie Miller, Howard Pease, Peggy & Scotty Scott. Anniversary: Marty & Jean Brauns. Guest: Jeremiah Mora.

Today's meeting started early because Jeremiah Mora, from Denver AARP, was here to do the installation of officers & board members. He also brought down the Chapter Cup with our name engraved on it. He said maybe it should just stay here. We've won it the last 7 times after 10 years we get to keep it with our Chapter.

The Audit Committee went over the books & they were perfect. Shirley didn't make one mistake, & talk about neat! Wow! I wonder how much she'd charge to do my books?

There seems to be some confusion about the "Potluck Luncheons". Bring what you want - a main dish, salads, desserts - anything you feel like making, but please bring enough for at least 6 people. Today's lunch was outstanding! Anything you could want was on the counter. Thanks for all who brought something. The only time we go alphabetical (A-M & N-Z) is for the Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners. Hope this clears up any confusion.

The budget was approved by the Board last week & the members today. If you have questions about anything on the budget please ask Shirley.

All of the year-end reports have been approved & are being finalized to be sent to National in Denver. Because of these reports we keep winning the Chapter cup. We still need the final hours of our Community Service Project & any hours you spend doing good deeds for someone in our local community. Even if was a few hours, they add up.

Chapter dues are still due. February is the last time to pay, dues are \$10 per person, or we'll black ball you & put you on Santa's naughty list. If you're already on the list then we'll tell the Easter Bunny, no chocolate for you!

The board members & the officers were given a list of members & meeting times & dates. If you didn't get one, let us know & we'll get one to you.

New & exciting (?) Annual Handouts are being made & will be handed out as soon as we get them. Everyone should glance through it & see just what it says. *(Helen: The Annual Handout will be distributed via e-mail & hard copy at the February meeting.)*

The Senior Social is January 27th, come on down, bring a friend, & have coffee & cookies & listen to the latest gossip. If we don't know any, we'll make some up. There are also card games & board games to get involved in.

The July picnic is set for the 13th at the Black Forest Regional Park. It's catered so all we have to bring is desserts & drinks. Did you know desserts spelled backward is stressed? I think if we eat more desserts we won't get stressed, What do you think?

Here's good & bad news, the Golden Corral on Woodmen is closed for good, no one seems to know why, not even the manger. We're going to try the Country Buffet on Academy across from the CITADEL MALL for the March meeting. If you're not sure where it is, see if you can bum a ride with someone. If this doesn't work out we can always go to the Golden Corral on Powers for the October meeting.

The door prizes & T-Shirts will remain. Ray will still be the chairperson but he now has help, Herb Guild has offered his services. It really isn't that hard once you get used to it. We have confidence in you Herb, you'll be just great. Thank you.

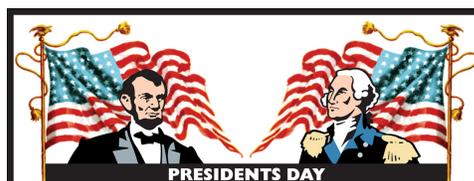
Last month the door prizes were supplied by Lin & Ray. Members, please try to bring in some interesting & useful items for future prizes. Diane & I (Lin) go to the ARC to look for things. Some are new & some are slightly used, but in good condition. Give this a try, it's fun.

Linda Siebe has offered to take & bring home anyone who needs a ride to the doctors. If you can help her with the driving, when she can't, please let her know. If you need transportation talk to her at the meetings.

Is there anything you can think of that our Chapter could do as an additional community service? I was thinking (alright, don't laugh, I do that every now & then) about a book box, there's one by the Old School House - check it out. Maybe we could put it by the R & R Cafe? All of us must have some books we could donate. There are a few more items on the list, but this is getting a bit long, I'll add it to next month's report.

Before I go, Do you remember this? *He tried to cross, as a fast train neared, Death didn't draft him, he volunteered. Burma Shave.*

Respectfully submitted, Lin Rozak



Jury Duty Scams

Being selected for jury service can cause many people anxiety & stress. Unfortunately, scam artists know the added pressure associated with jury duty can make people lower their defenses & become more susceptible to fraud. Victims are caught off guard with the unexpected threat of arrest & may be quick to part with personal information or money to defuse the situation.

Most jury service scams start with a phone call where the caller identifies him or herself as an officer of the court, local police dept., or representative from your DA's office. He or she says you have failed to report for jury duty & a warrant has been issued for your arrest. Most individuals instinctively reply they never received a notice which cues the caller to ask for personal identifying information, such as your birth date & social security number for "verification purposes". After acquiring your personal identifying information, some scammers then proceed to tell you they can clear your record if you pay a fine by credit card or money transmittal service. Other times you may be asked to get a rechargeable or prepaid card worth a substantial amount of money, provide the scammer with the prepaid card account number & pin, & send it by certified mail to the local clerk of court. These scammers are able to fraudulently remove the money prior to the card reaching its destination, rendering the card useless & the scammer untraceable.

Jury service scams have been around for years. It's important to remember that court officers, police officers, & other government representatives will never ask for confidential information over the phone. Most contact with prospective jurors will be through the U.S. mail.

If you receive a suspicious call you may wish to report it to your local law enforcement, [district attorney](#), or [local district court office](#). Victims may also want to contact their [local FBI field office](#) or visit the [Identity Theft Fraud Center](#) for more information.

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AARP Driver Safety Class—Thursday, March 17th - Starts at 12:45 PM at the Black Forest Lutheran Church. Lasts for 4 hours.

Call 597-5683 for class information and to register **for the Black Forest class only.**

The classroom course costs \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Payment accepted: either cash or check. They will not accept a credit card. (The cost for the online course is \$19.95 for AARP members and \$24.95 for non-members.)

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We hope our members will find it useful and it will also serve as a membership recruiting activity. Please pass on to Don and Stan your ideas and recommendations on how we can improve this community outreach vehicle.

- The **Senior Social** will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016