

BLACK FOREST CHAPTER OF AARP #1100
“TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED
March 2012

April Meeting — Our Speaker will be from the Better Business Bureau. Host and Hostess, Lexie Manfrin, Iola Geiger, Diane Apodaca, Gwen Burk. Greeters: Beverly Schaab.

We still have openings for Host and Hostess for May and September meetings and Greeters for December and a second person for April, May and September.

Our speaker at the May meeting will be Katherine Hammond to speak about wills and other papers we all need.

Dates for your calendar

March 19th, AARP Driver Safety Program, 1 to 5 PM at Black Forest Lutheran Church, to register or questions call Edna at 495-2443

April 4 it Lobby Day at the State Capitol, leave Black Forest around 8 AM and return about 4PM. For more information contact Stan at 596-6787.

June 2 will be the Senior Expo at the World Arena

June 9th — 9 to 12 noon, will be our shredding event. It will be held in the parking lot of the Black Forest Lutheran Church. Donations for Black Forest Cares will be collected. To volunteer to help or questions call Ray -495-6767.

Remember at our October meeting we voted to change our dues to \$10.00 per year. We will not ask for a donation as in the past, just dues, payable as of January for 2012. If dues are not received by the April meeting that person will be removed from our membership roll. If you can not make a meeting you can mail them to Lavonne Hidy, 13165 Black Forest Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80908.

Kay and Edna are working to provide a trip to **Washington DC., our Nations' Capitol in April**. These trips do help our finances as we receive a donation after the trip from the trip. The trip is open to members, friends and neighbors; The Polka Club also participates in this adventure. If you like to travel or know someone that does please get in touch with Kay or Edna. Several people really want to make this trip but it requires 40 to make it a go. I hear they have lots of fun on the trip. They play games, enjoy snacks and watch movies as they travel.

The next **Senior Social will be March 28** starting at 1PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Black Forest Lutheran Church. We have a group that enjoys Mexican Train Dominoes. If you have a favorite game you may bring it and invite others to join us. We have some that enjoy handwork and you are welcome to bring it or just sit and visit with us. Anyone wanting to learn about crochet we can give a helping hand to get started. For more information or volunteer to help please call Lavonne Hidy at 495-2408.

Notes from the Sunshine Committee: Cards sent to Don Von Gunden and Stan Beckner as they had surgery. Cards sent to Dorothea Ingram, Don Von Gunden and Chuck Eaton as they were not feeling their best. We hope everyone is much better now. Lexie has a letter from Dorita St. Dennis, if you would like to read it please contact Lexie. If you know someone who needs a card please call Lexie at 495-2408.

Josie Rivera needs a ride to participate in our chapter meetings. If you are willing to help she lives in area code 90910. Ask Gwen or Chuck for her phone number.

Check the Share Table: If you have something to find a new home for put it on the share table. Check at the end of the meeting to see if someone could use it. Several items have found new homes or someone knew a need for them. We need someone to set up and close the share table at the end of our meeting.

First Step Pre-School needs individual cups from crystal light mixer, lids from frozen juice cans and the small containers that salad dressing and other single serving items come in with an individual meal from carry out. Please save for them and bring to a meeting. They do not need egg cartons or fronts of cards now.

The art teacher at Wolford will take our card fronts and egg cartons, both kinds. Bring to meeting and Gwen will get them to her.

	Items to help us share with others		
	February 2012	Year 2012	Year total– 2011
Campbell's Labels	19	34	263
* Special offers for additional point are given to pre-school but we only count labels.			
Stamps	600	1126	7242
Pop Tops	5 oz	11 oz.	8lbs. 11 oz.
Boxtops for Education	19	40	598—\$59.80
Black Forest Cares	6 lb.	7 lb.	31 lbs. 4 oz.
Donation Jar	\$ 50.00	\$103.00	\$437.40
Shred It Event —2011		593 lbs. \$238.00	
Day of Service 2011	166.2 lbs food	\$269.94	

Meet our New Members

Frances and Mike C. Vialpando moved to Black Forest from Fountain Colorado. Their children attended Edith Wolford Elementary and other District #20 schools. They have seven children and ten grandchildren to keep them busy. Due to an accident they lost one of their sons. Mike retired from the USAF Academy. Hobbies are wood work and craft articles. Mike has competed in the Senior Olympic Games for several years. Welcome to our Chapter.

Black Forest Chapter #1100 of AARP Chapter Meeting, February 8, 2012 Black Forest Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO

1. The Regular Monthly meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by President Charles Karlstrum at the Black Forest Lutheran Church. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation, given by Waldo Pendleton.

There were 35 present, 29 members and 7 guests: Guests were Edison Sanders, Walter Seelye, Marion Seelye, (Black Forest Fire Department, Karen Ketels, (Black Forest Cares), Deon Hampton, Roberto Rey, (State Assistant, Director Multi Cultural Outreach) and David Just, (New AARP State President.)

Members celebrating February birthdays; Carol Billiard, Shelia Bishop, Dorita St. Dennis, Marge Eckman, Barbara Statter, Don Von Gunden and Kay Zvonkovich.

No members celebrating February Wedding Anniversaries.

Guests and those present celebrating birthdays led the group to luncheon.

Business Meeting began at 12:45 PM

2. Roberto Rey, AARP Representative from the State Office administered the oath of office to the 2012 Officers and Board Members. (Pictures were taken)

PROGRAM:

Robert Seelye of the Black Forest Fire Department presented a Firewise program—steps to take to lessen the effects of forest fires to our homes. His presentation included the clothing, safety precautions and equipment and how to correctly handle that equipment to avoid injury.

3. The Heart Attack and Stroke class, given by the Black Forest Fire Department, was held this morning preceding the Chapter meeting. There were 22 present.

4. Lavone Hidy, a member Of the Black Forest Lutheran Church, discussed our Chapter's September 2012, 40th Birthday, with a suggestion for honoring the event. This AARP Chapter #1100 was started through the efforts of the then pastors of two local churches, (See our Chapter Handbook, page 9). This church eventually became our "home". There is a church project this year involving improving the grounds. One phase will be the construction of a commemorative wall, built of 14' x 20' stone plaques. Cost of each stone plaque will be \$150 per stone. She suggested our AARP Chapter consider, as a way to celebrate our 40th Anniversary, purchasing a stone for this wall as a permanent reminder of our Forty years. Wording would be simple: (Limitation on lettering.)

Waldo Pendleton moved that we buy a stone for this wall for our Chapter to commemorate our 40th Birthday Year. Stan Beckner seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

5. Black Forest Cares: A check for \$100 was presented to Karen Ketels. This was prize money received from the Chapter Challenge project by AARP..

6. AARP Driver Safety Program: will be held March 19, 2012 (Monday only) – 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Black Forest Lutheran Church. Edna Eaton is person to contact.
7. Senior Social: will meet 1:00 IM, February 22, Black Forest Lutheran Church.
8. Newsletter: Be sure everyone reads the Newsletter, the format is new.
9. Committee Reports: Howard Pease reminded everyone of importance of registering to vote for this years election and gave deadlines. Steve Merrill is one of the AARP members monitoring the Colorado State Legislature and bills and issues that are being introduced, particularly any which would have an impact on our age group. Programs: We will meet at the Golden Corral on Woodman in March but will have to pick another location for October's meeting.
Stan Beckner reported the Senior Expo will be June 2, same as last year. In April, the Sr. Day at the State Capital is scheduled with free transportation from the church and maybe free lunch and a chance to wear your red AARP shirt. The Shredding event will be June 9th, here at the church. Ray Rozak will be in charge again this year. Waldo Pendleton stressed hand washing and getting our shots to stay well. Lexie Manfrin asked for help by letting her know of members she should send card to.
10. 50/50 Drawing. Carol Billiard won \$19.00 in drawing for 50/50. Nick Kneebone and Jim Walker each won a beautiful box of candy in honor of Valentine Day.
11. Thanks To: The AARP State Officers who attended today.
Host and Hostess: Waldo and Joanne Pendleton – Chuck and Shirley Karlstrum.
Greeter: Lou and Ruth Schwarzman
E-Mail Don Von Gunden
Telephone Callers Janet Hoover and Rosemary Walker
12. Meeting adjourned at 1:45PM
Respectfully Submitted: Catherine Arnold, Secretary, 8 February 2012

Black Forest Chapter of AARP #1100—TREASURERS REPORT

Income —checking account February 1, 2012	\$3,000.24	Year to date
Dues	\$ 70.00	\$250.00
Donations	10.00	10.00
Social — 50/50	19.00	36.50
Advertising Income	20.00	20.00
Trip		
Other — AARP Awards		
Total Income	\$ 119.00	\$ 316.50
Expense		
Administrative		20.00
Donations (Gifts)	200.00	200.00
Memorials	15.00	15.00
Meeting Expense		225.00
Newsletter		
Publicity		
Social Events		
Supplies (utensils, paper plates-cups)		30.02
Other Chapter Anniversary Plaque	150.00	150.00
Total Expense	365.00	\$ 640.02
Balance — February 29, 2012	\$2754.24	
3 month CD—January 2008 beginning amount-\$1000.00		
Date February 29, 2012 Interest \$.0 Balance: <u>\$1,035.47</u>		

From ElderWatch --- Did you receive a large tax refund? Watch out for scammers trying to take it. Many consumers find themselves flush after receiving their tax returns and offers are made by businesses to capitalize on the spending trend. However, do your research before you sign your name or give your hard earned money away. Some of the more popular solicitations to be aware of include:

Special Financing on Vehicles/Furniture
Alarm/Security Systems
Chimney or Gutter Cleaning
Investments
Time Share and Vacation Rentals
Home Repair or Modification
Special Financing on Electronics/Appliances

Keep in mind the following:

1. Don't do business on the spot. You can, and should, always get a second opinion or another bid.
2. Remember that a receipt is worth nothing unless the business is valid and reputable.
3. Read what you are signing, do not take their word for it.
4. Ask for a copy of the "deal" before you sign it or pay for it.
5. Request a written "rain check" so that you may take advantage of the deal after you do your research.
6. Don't be afraid to offend someone by not doing business with them.
7. If you feel that you are in a high pressure situation, take a step back and do your research. Check with the Better Business Bureau to see what their rating is, check business license numbers, and verify promises they have made.

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