



Black Forest Community Club Newsletter

January 2013



“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

January Club Events:

Jan 8	Tuesday	10 AM	Volunteers needed to undecorate the tree and hall
Jan 10	Thursday	7 PM	Elections – PAY YOUR DUES!
Jan 24	Thursday	7 PM	General Membership & Board Meeting

February Club Events:

Feb 9	Saturday	7 PM	Valentine Social / Bring your favorite chocolate and/or cherry dessert
Feb 28	Thursday	7 PM	General Membership & Board Meeting

March Club Events:

Mar 16	Saturday	7 PM	Corned Beef & Cabbage Social / Fishing Instructor
Mar 28	Thursday	7 PM	General Membership & Board Meeting

*****Remember to pay your dues for 2013.** Annual dues are \$15 per family. Elections will be on January 10, 2013. Consider this your notice that everyone needs to send in their dues (unless you have paid next year in advance) before the end of 2012. New members who paid after August 1 are paid up through 2013. Dues must be paid before the end of the year in order to be able to vote in January elections.

*****Upcoming Elections:** Included in this newsletter are the candidates for each office along with a brief biography.

Reminder: BFCC Board and General Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Taking Down Christmas Decorations

George Rosental (495-8849 or curmegan@att.net) asks for volunteers at the tree for Tuesday, January 8 at 10am. In case of bad weather, backup dates will be January 9, 10, 15, or 16 to be determined on the forecasts. Other volunteers will be needed inside to take down decorations. See you there!



INTERESTS SURVEY

In an effort to get an organized list of people and their interests in the BFCC, we ask that all members fill out this survey and return it to with your renewal check to:

Black Forest Community Club

P. O. Box 88034

Black Forest, CO 80908-8034

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Interests (Please check all that apply):

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| Black Forest Festival___ | Seedling Tree Program___ | Membership___ |
| Hall Maintenance___ | Club Programs___ | Refreshments___ |
| Hall Rental Management___ | Chili Cook-off___ | Game Night___ |
| Lawn Maintenance___ | October Fest___ | Land Use___ |
| Black Forest Assistance___ | Community Wildfire Protection Plan___ | |

As you can see, there are many places for helping hands. This is just a reminder of what the Community Club is and why people join. We need your participation in order to keep these activities going. **Please take time to send in this form promptly & be expecting a phone call. Thank You!**

Santa Arrives!

Friday, November 30, members of the community gathered around the corner Christmas tree to sing carols led by Dan Jepson and his Pine Creek High School Chorale group. Girl Scouts and Brownies from Troop 4333, led by Carolyn Rahn and Jennie Sweeney, hung ornaments that the girls had made recently for the community. Unlike some years, this evening was very mild and pleasant for the carolers to enjoy more songs than usual.



Following tradition, the current Keeper of the Keys, Nick Kneebone turned on the lights that transformed the tree into a really beautiful Christmas scene. This was the signal for the fire truck to bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to the parking lot. This year was more spectacular than usual in that the first truck was an ambulance all lit up with Christmas lights. They slowly approached with sirens singing. Following that was the big fire truck with even more Christmas lights with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their special elf, Dominic Bollig, riding up top with the whole crew of firemen on duty. The firemen were quite the hit with their fire hats lit up with Christmas lights too. Rick Robards and Kathy

Russell have decided to make each year even better than the last. They already have plans for next year. The photo above shows Elf Dominic Bollig, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and Eddie Bracken.



Once inside, the festivities really took off as the singers did their special renditions of familiar Christmas songs. Santa was busy with kids and even some adults sitting on his knee. There was a craft table manned by Joe and Katie Bollig and their daughters, Tianna and Autumn. Lots of ornaments were made and hung on the nearby tree. Jeanne Kumjian had rounded up lots of cookies for the evening and with the help of her son, Scott, kept the cookie trays full. Brenda McFillen and Michelle Emmel kept the hot cocoa flowing and managed the kitchen. This photo is of

the Pine Creek High School Chorale group.

There was a concerted effort on the part of Marie Turner and Renee Strickland to encourage membership especially among the younger crowd. There were a banner and membership forms and information with map about the boundaries for membership. There was a lot of help with setup and cleanup by Ed Bracken, Phil and Barbara Hosmer, Dick and Judy Augustine, Ron Davidson, and Bill Brugh. Thanks to all who helped make this a spectacular treelighting and children's Christmas party.

Christmas Baskets

Barbara Hosmer

The morning of December 18, the Community Club was a beehive of activity when everyone gathered to fill the bins with food for six families from Wolford School. Having taken inventory of the donations on Sunday morning and finding the boxes only partially full, Judy Augustine and Barbara Hosmer made a trip to the commissary to complement the donations. But, as often happens, by Tuesday morning several persons arrived bringing bags of canned food.

With master lists in hand, Judy and Dick Augustine and Judy's sister Jeanne, Ed Bracken, Phil Hosmer, Roger Schutte, and two special ladies (who came by with bags of food and stayed to help fill the bins), made quick work of filling each bin with cereal, soups, vegetables, fruits, dessert, and a frozen turkey. There was even a box of food that was given to the Black Forest Cares Pantry.

This Community is very generous when it comes to helping neighbors. Black Forest Community Club thanks everyone who made the Food Baskets a success again this year. Wolford School was very appreciative of the community's generosity.

Christmas Potluck



Many Foresters showed up to share food and the Christmas spirit at the annual Christmas Potluck at the Club. Ruth Ann Steele's Forest Chorus and musicians kept the music flowing while the diners enjoyed the great variety of food. Even the walking wounded showed up. Larry Fariss did his duty singing in the chorus even as he was in pain with broken ribs and a mangled collar bone from a biking accident.



Bill and Susan Buckman came despite Bill's dislocated shoulder and broken ribs from a horseback riding accident. Having his arm in a sling was a minor inconvenience as he socialized and enjoyed the meal. Among the surprise guests were Ruth Hogan and her daughter, Linda (shown at left.) Good to see familiar faces at the club.

After the Chorus finished, Brittany Hathcoat provided lovely Christmas music on her harp (shown here at right.)

Latest Club Improvement Project

Check out the new doors at the club. Roger Schutte and Bill Brugh delivered the raw doors to a warm shop and Sherrie Lidderdale orchestrated the painting. Finding a time after Christmas to schedule the hall for installation proved a little interesting as the weather turned very cold. Roger and Bill and Dick Augustine and Ed Bracken and his son Eddie started early on Saturday, December 29 and found once again that nothing is easy with repairs of that old building. The Boy Scouts really got a taste of survival training in a building with front and back doors completely open. Roger and Bill and Dick worked until after dark getting the doors back in and they started again at 7am Sunday because a wedding was scheduled that day. The double doors will be tackled next week. Thanks, Guys!



ELECTIONS at Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 10th at 7:00 PM

Ed Bracken – *President*

Judy Augustine – *Vice President*

Barbara Barfield – *Secretary*

Jeff Spector – *Treasurer*

Bill Brugh has one more year of his 3-year term on the board.

Larry Fariss has two more years of his 3-year term on the board.

Pete Burluson has agreed to run for the newly open board position.

Eddie Bracken

Candidate for President



Eddie Bracken retired from the Air Force in 1992 after 33 years of service. For the first 25 years of his service he held various positions in fighter aircraft operations culminating as the Commander of a Tactical Fighter Wing in the United Kingdom, operating the F-111F. He had over 5,000 airmen under his command. The last 8 years of his service was focused in Logistics operations. He was the Vice Commander of an Air Logistics center that had over 25,000 civilian and military personnel assigned. He served a three-year tour in the Pentagon where he was the Director of Air Force Logistics Plans and Programs. In this capacity he was responsible for the formulation, advocacy

and execution of a \$50 Billion yearly budget for Air Force Logistics operations. His last assignment was at Wright Patterson AFB as the Chief of Staff for Air Force Logistics Command. In that time frame, Air Force Logistics Command had close to 90,000 military and civilian personnel assigned. Since his retirement from the Air Force he worked as a consultant to numerous aviation and space companies advising them on long range plans, financial strategies and business process re-engineering practices. He also worked on various studies for Air Force and Department of Defense. In the last eight years he has volunteered in a pro-bono status for numerous activities in the Pikes Peak region such as the El Paso County Planning Commission, the Colorado Springs Airport Advisory Commission, the Pikes Peak Combined Federal Campaign Board of Directors, the Chamber of Commerce's Eliminating Barriers to Business Working Group and the Black Forest Fire Department where he serves on the Board of Directors.

Judy Augustine ***Candidate for Vice President***

Judy has most recently served the Black Forest Community Club as a Board member. This past year she helped organize the Log School Heritage Days' celebration. She also is a regular part of the team that works to put on the Black Forest Festival. Her volunteer service goes back to her days in Girl Scouts and includes being a docent at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, volunteering at Bent's Fort National Historic Site, and while there, travelling between La Junta and Albuquerque, NM, describing the Santa Fe Trail to Amtrak passengers with the National Park Service Rails and Trails program. She can often be seen in the club's kitchen helping during events. Her previous offices in the BFCC have been vice president and secretary.



Jeff Spector ***Candidate for Treasurer***



Jeff Spector is running for the office of Treasure of the Black Forest Community Club. Jeff has served as treasurer for the last 4 years. Jeff and his family have resided in the Black Forest for 7 years having escaped the rat race of the San Francisco Bay Area. Jeff and his wife, Debbie, have participated in the Black Forest Festival and other club event over the past six years. They enjoy being a member of the Black Forest community.

Barbara Barfield ***Candidate for Secretary***

In 2002 Barbara Barfield founded Federal Employee Support for CFC Charitable Giving, Inc, a non-profit organization formed exclusively to administer the local Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the federal government's employee philanthropy program that serves the military and federal agencies in the Pikes Peak region. Mrs. Barfield is responsible for the overall operations of the local Combined Federal Campaign that raises contributions for over 3000 human health and welfare charitable organizations. She provides leadership in carrying out the policies, procedures, and activities set forth by the Office of Personnel Management in Washington D.C., and local military and federal agencies.

Her responsibilities include administration, fundraising, communications, public relations, and central receipt and accounting. Since 2002, other campaign regions have sought her organization's campaign leadership. Currently, she administers the Pikes Peak CFC region, Metro Denver CFC and Three Rivers CFC in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Collectively, her organization raises over 7 million dollars annually. Prior to the CFC, Mrs. Barfield was the Development Director and Youth Director for the American Heart Association in Southern Colorado.



Pete Burleson

Candidate for 3 year Board Position



I grew up in a small farming community in western New York, graduated in electrical engineering from M.I.T. on an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation scholarship, and received an M.B.A. from Cornell University on a fellowship from Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. I worked at the MITRE Corporation, a systems engineering company, for 32 years in Boston, Honolulu, Taipei, and Colorado Springs, as Technical Staff, Group Leader, Project Leader, and Site Leader. I have lived in the Black Forest since 1979, and except for 2 years in Taiwan, have been a member of the Community Club in most years since. I joined the Black Forest Fire/Rescue Board in 1982, and except for about 8 years following relocation to Taiwan, have been on that Board until recently, serving as Board Chair for about 15 of those years. During my tenure as Board Chair, we built two new fire stations, established 24/7 crews of three paid personnel, and lowered the Insurance Services Organization rating from a 7 to a 5 (reducing homeowner's insurance costs). I also was primary author of the Black Forest Community Wildfire Protection Plan and drafted the City Charter for the Black Forest Incorporation effort.

The problems that arise for the Community Club Board are many and varied, and require perspective, persistence, fairness and adequate communication skills to achieve successful resolution. I believe my training and experience as a MITRE manager and on the Black Forest Fire Board have given me the requisite skills, and my love for the forest the needed dedication.

Bill Brugh

fulfilling last year as a Board Member

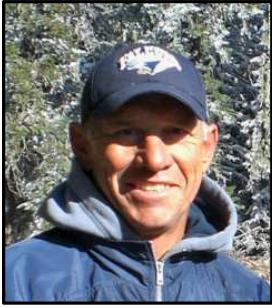
Originally from Battle Creek, Michigan, Bill was raised and graduated from high school in Knox, Indiana. He then spent four years of service in the Air Force. After achieving his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, he spent many years traveling to satellite tracking stations around the world and this brought him to Colorado Springs in 1969. His family moved to Colorado in 1972 and they lived in Woodland Park before moving to the Black Forest in 1991. Bill retired as a Computer System Engineer from Ford Aerospace in 1995 but continued as an Engineering consultant with Lockheed Martin Corp until 2000.



Bill and his wife Norma had their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They have 4 sons, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He spends time volunteering for the Black Forest Community Club, the Division of Wildlife, Slash/Mulch program, First Step Preschool and works as an election judge. He is also in a golf league and bowling league and enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and hiking with the grandkids. Bill likes going to the Baseball College World Series every year and often goes to the Indianapolis 500.

Larry Fariss

has 2 more years as Board Member



Hailing from Medford, Oregon, Larry came to the Air Force Academy where he played football and did graduate work. After a varied military career during which he and Michelle and their 3 sons lived in Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Pennsylvania, and Hawaii, his last few years of service were here at the AF Academy. He retired with the rank of Colonel after 29 years of service and 3400 flying hours. Still an avid athlete, Larry is now serving as president of the Black Forest Trails Association. Larry organized last year's BFCC trip to an AFA football game and is willing to do the same this year.

Major Announcement

Roger Schutte has been the Building Maintenance Manager for several years. He is ready for a replacement. Though no one can be expected to do as much as Roger has done to improve the old building and the outside area, he is ready for a change. If you would like to help out with the maintenance, call Roger at 494-1076 or Eddie at 495-9396. There are usually plenty of people willing to volunteer on projects to help out.

Hall Rental Manager: Jeff Ader (cell: 232-1882)

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