



**BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB
JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER
“Everyone is Family in the Forest”**

Schedule of BFCC Events

Thursday, Jan. 11, 7pm	Elections
Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:30pm	Board and Officers Meeting
Saturday, Feb. 10	Valentine Social
Saturday, March 9	Troop 70 Scout Chili Dinner
Saturday, March 16	St. Patrick’s Corned Beef Potluck

Pay Your Dues Before Dec. 31, 2023 in order to vote or run for office.
Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and the events.
For Line Dancing classes, etc., check bfcommunityclub.org.

GAME NIGHT at the CLUB

On Dec 28, your club had its first game night primarily focusing on members at no cost and guests at a very nominal cost. Estimates are that there were nearly 50 members in attendance! Wow! What a great turnout! From 5-8 PM everyone enjoyed an abundance of hotdogs, cookies, popcorn, chips, etc, as well as soda, beer and water while playing card games, board games, Jenga, etc. nice chance for our members to come and relax while enjoying great snacks and playing games all for free! The 3 hours flew by and afterwards everyone stated it had been a blast and was a unique fun event!

A special thank you goes out to Tiffany and Dawn, as well the others who organized this restful and fun event!

Friends, be sure to keep your eyes peeled to the newsletter for the next game night! It's coming soon and we do not want you to miss the next amazing game night at YOUR club!

Your friend, neighbor and President, Mack Sharp



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BFCC ELECTIONS FOR 2024 –Pay your dues

If you have a desire to serve on the BFCC Board or Officers, please contact Carolyn at 495-3127 or browncarolyn828@gmail.com or those on the nominating committee. **Don Root, Janet Fortner, and Katy Dunn** joined me in going down the membership list looking for members who might want to run for openings. **There will be an opening for a board member** since each one serves three years on a rotating end date. Tess Knoll was elected last year to fill out Mack Sharp's remaining year of his 3-year board term from which he resigned to run for President. So that Board position will be coming open. President, vice president, and secretary are all one-year terms. Mack Sharp has decided not to run again for President. Shelly Still has decided not to run again as Secretary. **Kelly Marchbank** has said that she wants to run again. **Sherrie Lidderdale still has two years on the board and Tiffany Cole has one more year.** **Jim Collins** has offered to run for the board position as he wants to get more involved in the community. If anyone wants to run for that **board position or for president, vice president, or secretary**, please let us know. Having more than one person running for each position is not a bad thing so, if you see a place that you feel you can be of service, please let us know.

Elections will be held on the second Thursday of January 2024 (January 11 at 7pm).

- Run for an office. President. Vice President. Secretary. Board member.
- Don't want to be a board member or officer? Offer to chair or work on a committee.
- Chairman and members of the **Membership Committee**.
- More people to help with property maintenance.
- The front and back doors need painting now that the staining is done (maybe wait for warm weather).
- The portico was not stained since it had been painted when installed a few years back. Any painters out there just dying to paint something??
- Volunteer to help where needed. Social events always need helping hands with setup or cleanup. The Backyard still needs help with mowing, etc. Ask Don Root.
- Any of these people won't mind sharing the fun of keeping the BFCC functioning.

Contact Carolyn if you would like to offer your talents. 719 495-3127.

As of this newsletter, we have these candidates offered to run for office.

Board Member: Jim Collins

Hello Black Forest Community

My Family and I moved to Black Forest 4 1/2 years ago. After a 35yr career as a power lineman, 20yr as a trouble patrolman, 5 as a general foreman.

I am a father of 6 wonderful children and a Papa to 10 awesome grandchildren. I enjoy working our 6 acres, fixing up our home and wood working. My wife and I decided it was time to give back to this great community, so I decided to



volunteer at the slash pile, and my wife and I at the Community Center. I have met a lot of great people doing so. I am looking forward in helping The Community Center in any way I can. 🙏😎 us

President: Leif Garrison



Attorney **Leif Garrison** has lived in Black Forest since 1990, where he and his wife Jill Whitley have raised three children and just celebrated the arrival of their first grandchild. He is a former BFCC officer and board member. He also serves as chairman of the Black Forest Community Foundation, as well as counsel for the Friends of the Black Forest. In his spare time he enjoys skiing, mountain biking, sailing, kayaking, hiking, gardening, and camping.

VICE PRESIDENT: Kelly Marchbank



Kelly (Dowling) Marchbank has lived in Black Forest since 1978 having moved with her family from Princeton, New Jersey. Her husband Jim Marchbank and his family have lived in the Forest since 1963. Kelly and her husband built their home on the family's property in 1990. She and Jim had two children. Their son Patrick passed away from a motocross accident in 2017. Their daughter Sean is currently attending Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology. Kelly has worked in Air Force Athletics since 1996.

She first worked as a secretary for Football Coach Fisher DeBerry and since 1999 has been in the Ticket Office.

Kelly has been an active volunteer in Black Forest and at the Community Center for many years. She has been on the Black Forest Festival Committee for 4 years and has assisted with Black Forest Fire Remembrances, the Black Forest Trunk or Treat/Oktoberfest, the Christmas Market and the Tree Lighting events. She has helped in all aspects of these events. She has also assisted with other events like the Summer Concerts in the Park series, Keeper of the Keys Dinners, as well as other community events and fundraisers. She also assists Cal Lidderdale with the Black Forest Community Facebook group that is over 2.5K members. This group was started immediately after the Black Forest Fire to help fire victims with communication regarding assistance. The group has turned into something different, but it's intention from the beginning was to connect people to resources, assist and build community.

Kelly has been president and vice president of the Pine Creek High School Band Boosters serving for almost 8 years. She served as volunteer coordinator and coordinated fundraising events. She received the inaugural Eagle Ovation Award for her service to the Pine Creek Music Program. Throughout the years her children were in school, she volunteered on Wolford's PTO Board as well and was chair for the Yearbook Committee for 6 years. She spent many hours helping in the library, front office and classrooms. At Challenger Middle School, she won the Volunteer of the Year Award for countless hours volunteering on field trips and for class events. All told – she has volunteered thousands of hours and chaperoned hundreds of events including National Band Competitions to Indianapolis, St. Louis, and Dayton.

Kelly is currently the Secretary for Renaissance Winter Guard - a 501c performing arts group that her daughter has been a member of for four years. She helps with fundraising and other aspects of maintaining a performing arts group to include trip chaperone, community outreach, and non-profit documentation.

The Marchbank family have been members of Black Forest Chapel for more than 35 years. They have volunteered on many committees in the past including serving in the mission field on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Lame Deer, Montana for the past ten summers.

Kelly looks forward to serving on the Board and Officers of the Black Forest Community Club. She has been serving in her community for many years and hopes to continue to keep the BFCC relevant and an important place in Black Forest. Her wish is for the BFCC to continue to keep the community connected with a willingness to serve and make a positive impact for everyone in the Forest.

SECRETARY: Mindy Geiser



My husband, Jerry Geiser, and I moved to Black Forest in April 2020. We are currently raising our two daughters Jocelyn (8) and Rose (2) in this lovely community.

I have spent the last 7 years as a District Manager for Airgas in the Southern Colorado market. Prior to my 14-year career in the Welding and Gas Supply industry, I worked for several municipalities as a Recreation Supervisor where I managed community and aquatic centers, planned events and worked with several volunteer organizations.

I obtained my MBA in Business Administration at the University of Texas Arlington.

I am looking forward to contributing my time to the Black Forest in an effort to preserve the community while learning more about its history.

DON ROOT IS OUR UNSUNG HERO OF THE MONTH

Looking through some old copies of the BFCC newsletter, there is Don Root back in 2000 serving as President of the BFCC.

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Dear Fellow Members,

Holiday greetings to all. May everyone have happiness, prosperity, and good health in the coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to consider running for either an office in the upcoming election or volunteering for a committee in 2001—it is great fun and rewarding. Please contact a member of the election committee for a nomination or a Director/Officer for a committee.

Since the January newsletter will be primarily devoted to the elections, I would like to recap some of the past year's activities, which included numerous successful community projects: Community Volunteer Recognition Dessert; Nonprofit Fair; 3 dances; 2 silent auctions; tree sales/distribution; Black Forest Festival; Game Night; golden ticket award program; hall decoration; and Christmas tree lighting. Administrative accomplishments include: bylaw revisions; a monthly newsletter; a club website (check it out); and BFCC history preservation. Building maintenance accomplishments included: a new well (drinkable water); initiation of a new septic design; 2 general clean-ups; resolution of fire code violations, including a new back door, 1 new fire extinguisher and 1 repaired, hard wiring the light fixtures and repairing all



electrical outlets; inspection and cleaning of the gas heaters; removal of the old ceiling heaters; new curtains & several new rods; new gutters; gravel in lot; repaired benches; new exterior dusk to dawn lights; and deck skirting.

BFCC assets were further increased by: the donation of 14 new tables (goal is 20); a new microwave; an outdoor canopy; a bulletin board; and a large inventory of festival equipment and signs.

Many thanks for all the tireless efforts and dedication of the many, many people and committee chairs who made this year a very successful one. Your club and community are grateful.

Sincerely,

Don Root, President

After looking over what he and other members achieved in 2000, one can see that he has not slowed down over the last 23 years. Over the years he has served as president, vice president and a director for three years. He has been very active working on the Backyard since it was purchased. He worked with MVEA to get electricity back in place after the fire. Since the state was paying a large sum of money every month to keep the cistern filled with water, he worked with the State to drill a new well on the Backyard property to fill the cistern. This started with his applying to the State to rehab the old Rosental well or drilling a new one. The State chose to drill a new one. (In case people don't know, the BFCC's old well in the parking lot was contaminated with the petroleum products that leaked down from the Black Forest Store in the late 90's. The state Super Fund installed the cistern at the northeast corner of the building and had it filled each week. The cistern is still used but is fed from the well in the Backyard.)

Don worked on cleaning up the Backyard with removing burned trees, planting and watering new trees, mowing, and general improvements of the burned property along with Rich Crawford and many volunteers.

And you will see him at almost all events helping wherever needed. Don is really an asset to the Black Forest Community Club. Thank you, Don.

SAFER WALKING TO THE DUMPSTER AT NIGHT

Chuck Lidderdale recently installed two motion lights to shed light on those taking out bags to the dumpster in the dark. One is on the southwest corner of the deck and one to the left of the dumpster. Thank you, Chuck, for fixing this problem.

SCOUT FUNDRAISING CHILI DINNER MARCH 9, 5-8PM

Hi Black Forest Community,

The annual Troop 70 Chili dinner and Silent auction is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the Black Forest Community Center from 5 PM to 8 PM. If you have not marked that date on your calendars, please do so now.

The Chili Dinner and Silent Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year for Troop 70, and it allows the Troop to cover event costs for the boys and provide equipment and materials for our Scoutmasters to run our great scouting program.



Over the past few Chili Dinner events the silent auction team secured over \$12,000 worth of silent auction items each year. Purchasing these silent auction items is great way to support our local businesses and the Troop. In 2024 Troop 70 will complete our 72nd year of scouting in Black Forest and we are so thankful to have the widespread support from our community. Please come out on March 9th and enjoy a great dinner, visit with some long-lost friends and bid on some awesome silent auction items.

For questions about the event or if you have items you would like to donate items to the silent auction please contact the following: **Kevin Vider, Committee Chair** –

kjvider@gmail.com – 719-243-0409 or **Keith Kramer, Scoutmaster**,

keithakramer@gmail.com – 573-337-1768.

Thank you and see you on March 9, 2024 from 5 PM to 8 PM!!

DID YOU KNOW.....


The digestive enzymes of deer change with the seasons. Deer in cold climates temporarily lose the ability to digest carbohydrate heavy meals during the winter and can die if they feed on hay, corn, or grains.


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Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

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WEBSITE:

www.bfcommunityclub.org

Please send this application to the address above. Membership is \$15.00 per family per year.

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Circle any interest from those listed below:

Black Forest Festival

Hall Maintenance

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Club Programs

Publicity

History Committee

Membership

BFCC Property Development

Hall Rental Management

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Be happy while you're living, for you're a long time dead."

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

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