
Black Forest Community Club Newsletter



September 2017

“Everyone is Family in the Forest”

Schedule of BFCC Events:

Sep 23	Saturday	7 PM	Sheriff Elder to Speak
Sep 28	Thurs	6:30 PM	Board and Officers' Meeting
Oct 21	Saturday	6 PM	Ocktoberfest
Nov 11	Saturday	7 PM	Veterans Appreciation Day
Nov 15	Thursday	6:30 PM	Board and Officers' Meeting
Dec 10	Sunday	6 PM	Christmas Potluck

Reminder: BFCC Officers and General Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. However, there are some exceptions (like April) on dates due to the holidays in November and December.

SHERIFF ELDER will be Speaker

Saturday, September 23rd @ 7 PM

Now is your chance to hear from Sheriff Elder about the El Paso Sheriff's Department and our community. Terry Stokka has arranged for the Sheriff and Carlos Gutierrez, Community Relations/Crisis Negotiator, to speak at the community club and answer any of your questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about law enforcement in the Black Forest and El Paso County. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

KEEPER OF THE KEYS DINNER

There were nominations for four very worthy residents of the Black Forest this year and the one receiving the most votes was revealed at the dinner.

As usual, it was a difficult decision when it came to voting for the Keeper of the Keys for 2017. With Bill Brugh, Sherrie and Chuck Lidderdale, and Terry Stokka being recognized, it was a choice among very hardworking individuals who have given a lot of their time and talents to making the Black Forest a better place to live. Congratulations to Terry Stokka who received the honor. The others will serve as counselors to help Terry as needed.



The Keeper's Dinner was well attended with music provided by Joe Wetmore (past Keeper) and one of his band members. Barbara Hosmer did a great job of planning the event and received a beautiful bouquet of roses from Leif Garrison for her efforts. Leif read the poem by Baxter Black entitled *The 10 Percent*. This poem does a great job of explaining about volunteers which aptly applies to our Keepers.

SUMMER JAZZ SERIES

This year was our first music series in the park with **Jeff Ader** arranging for music groups from the Colorado Springs area to play six Thursday evenings from 6-8pm in the Pavilion of the Log School Park. Jeff plays in many of these groups. We were especially fortunate to be able to move inside the club house in case of threatening weather. These great bands played free of charge as we asked for donations to apply toward the mortgage of the new property. The last of the series was held inside due to rain but the New Century Big Band was great. The vocalists were a wonderful addition to all the big band sounds. The musicians were very professional and ranged from brass to strings and drums.

The **Concessionaires** added to the enjoyment with a variety of food and drink. Led by **Dawn Sciarrotta**, third from left, these ladies served walking tacos, brats and kraut, sloppy joes, drinks, and ice cream. Pictured from left are Diane Hagmaier (Club President), Janet Fortner (Club Secretary), Dawn, Erica Setter, Carolyn Brown, and Betty Kyle. All of this resulted in a nice amount of money going toward the mortgage. Thanks to all who worked to make this happen and all those who attended and contributed both work and money.



If you would like to see this happen again next year, let us know by taking the survey below or contacting any officer. The plan is to start earlier in the summer so we can really make it Music in the Park as we beat the summer monsoon season.

If you have ideas about these events, take the following survey.

1. Did you enjoy the Thursday night concerts at the BFCC this summer?
2. What did you think about:
 - concession stand choices?
 - parking accessibility?
3. How many of the concerts did you attend?
4. Were you disappointed that we had to move indoors because of the weather?
5. Anything else you think we would find useful for future concerts.

We hope to make this a yearly event and want to make for an even better experience in the future.

Please send suggestions to janetfortner28@msn.com

2017 Festival was a Real Success ***Thanks to Shari Conley and her crew of volunteers***

Despite Friday's dreary weather as the Festival Setup Crew (pictured here) worked to get everything prepared, Festival Day turned out to be the perfect day for a community fair.

Liam O'Connell, Chris O'Connell, Patrick O'Connell, Bill Batson, Rob Conley, Don Root, Bob Eler, Ed Sekac, Rob Robblee, Pierre Gaudreault, Bill Brugh, LDS Elder Nelson, LDS Elder Kenner, Blaise Gaudreault, and Phil Hosmer were among those who showed

up at 8am on Friday to set up tents, stages, chairs, grills, etc. Later other volunteers took over to get the rest of the setup going.



The pancake breakfast was once again handled wonderfully by **Ryan Wanner of R&R Restaurant** and his cooks aided by Troop 70 Boy Scouts. The parade was full of great entries followed by the Outhouse Races. A goodly sum of money was raised by the silent auction managed by **Pam Sekac**. The Air Force band, **Wild Blue Country**, came through again with great country western music with many familiar faces.

Rich Crawford had worked tirelessly over the past months recruiting volunteers to get the north property cleaned up and ready for the spread of the animal exhibits into that area along with sawmill and wood product exhibits. The extra parking for volunteers was really appreciated.

All in all, the festival was a great success thanks to all the hardworking volunteers and participants and especially **Shari Conley and her family**.

African Children's Choir ***Black Forest Community Church, Wed, Oct 4th at 7 PM***

The African Children's Choir is coming to Black Forest! They will be performing at Black Forest Community Church on Wednesday, Oct 4th at 7:00 p.m.



Spread the word! Invite your friends! It promises to be a lively concert, so let's offer them a warm welcome to our community. If you can help with housing (for 2 nights) please contact Kay Stricklan, 495-3873, kay@stricklan.net.

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

Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

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Scout Troop

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