It happened in 2001. In response to the overwhelming needs of women coming out of incarceration and addiction Marsha Tennyson founded Chrysalis. Chrysalis has been helping women take the necessary steps away from their former destructive lifestyle. Marsha has three homes and provides 6 month and 18 month programs. She insists the women find a church and attend regularly. She has started a new program – Day Program – at which time the prospective inhabitants are met in one location. The definition of the word Chrysalis is a stage of development where something or someone is still protected. The homes are that protection and allows a woman the opportunity to become a person God created her to be.

Sarah, Assistant to Marsha, came from prison and was an alcoholic at 13, a mom at 16 and at 28 full blown addict. She had 3 children which she lost to foster homes. Her story of recovery was very moving and opened our eyes to her on again, off again struggle until she found Marsha and Chrysalis. Marsha showed a very devotional book called “No Longer a Captive” that includes experiences from some of the women at Chrysalis. It sells for $11.99 plus shipping and can be ordered from NoLongerCaptive.com Two guests, Jack and Melinda Klure. Melinda is on the Board of the Chrysalis House.

Bob Schoeler was one of 30 members and won the attendance money. Past President Dan Frison presented President Larry Kidd a certificate from International for bringing in a new member. President Larry read a thank you letter from St. Lukes's Hospital for the Club's delivery of blankets for the Children's Cancer Ward. Aarda Justin also took several items of games etc. to the Children's Cancer Ward. She will collect items for them one more time, next Wednesday.

Shirley Brooks would like newspapers brought to the Club through the month of January and Del Motz said that donations for SHIP can keep coming for awhile. Gayle Chaney said she is ready to do hearing assessments at the Foundation starting next Wednesday. Call her to make appointments. She does not dispense hearing aids.

Patty Frison announced Wayne and Karen Ellis, from Sprouts, have donated $200 to the Bench Lions Club. Patty also informed the club of a bunk bed delivery on Jan. 15th to the Kaschmitter Family in Caldwell for 2 boys, Carsten 7 and Caden 4. 8 volunteer hours for the Frisons, John Howe and Sarah Kohler. Earlier in the day the Frisons and Larry Locklear screened 50 children for sight & hearing at the Boise Adventist School, with everyone having good eyesight and no problems. 7 1/2 hours of volunteer hours.
Remember to keep Ginny Foote in your thoughts. Husband Tedd said she is still having a rough time. Curt Kelley is having Surgery on the 17th and may be unavailable for a few weeks. Calls and letters would be appreciated I am sure. Louie Pfleger tries to tell his caregivers he is ready to come to the club, but they have a different opinion. He probably misses all of our smiling faces..........We miss his.

Mark the 22nd of January to volunteer at the Idaho Food Bank starting at 12:30.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, they proudly introduce new brand, image and name. Formerly Idaho-Eastern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation is now ENVISION.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – 2019 -Liz Cardinale 01/19; LaDawn Kidd 01/26 & Jan Shelton 01/28.

PROGRAMS & PROJECTS:
Jan 22 – Idaho Food Bank – 12:30-2:30pm
Jan 23 – Speaker – Kelly McMurry – The Closet
Jan 29 – Cole Valley Christian School screening – 9am set up, 9:30am screening
Jan 30 – Speaker – Sherry Iverson, RN BS – Director for Children’s Advocacy at St. Lukes Hospital
February 22/23 – Midwinter Convention at the Marriott Courtyard in Meridian.

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