3000 teens have been seen at THE CLOSET since it was established January, 2010 by Kelly McMurry. It only covers Ada County allowing children from 6th to 12th grades. Each teen is offered a one hour private session to receive 12 free items of clothing along with deodorants, tooth brushes and other toiletry items. Teens are referred by school counselors in West Ada and Boise school districts, homeless shelters, churches, and word-of-mouth. Kelly works with juvenile corrections seeing those kids 30 days prior to their release. Teens that come to THE CLOSET are sometimes in difficult and desperate situations. There are no dollars involved. All items are donated by the community and such sponsors as Nike for shoes and Walmart for clothing items. All of Kelly's costs are paid with donated funds from the community and organizations. She considers it nothing less than a privilege to have an hour to shop with the teen, love on them, which results in higher self-confidence and self-worth. THE CLOSET can use funds and volunteer workers. Lots of clothes must be inspected because not all can be used. Cast-offs go to the Rescue Mission. Kelly can be reached at kelly@theclosetinc.org, 208-409-0204

Larry Spencer, spending the winter in Arizona, missed the attendance drawing. No one took home the card money.

We had one “guest” Lion Edwin Marshall who has not been to the club for some time. It was great to meet and greet him. He brought two lovely crocheted throws made by his mother-in-law that was passed on to Aarda for her project, some of which will be delivered to St. Luke's Administration office for the Cancer Kids tomorrow.

**NOTE:** The eye screening that was scheduled for the 29th of January is now February 1st, arrival please at 8:30am at Cole Valley Christian School

Liz Cardinale informed the Club that on the 16th Nine members volunteered feeding the veterans at the VA. Terry and Jan Brady, Karen Wood, Larry Locklear, Larry Kidd, Bob Schoeler, Kenny Marchetti, Liz and Henry Cardinale spent a total of 18 hours.

On the 22nd, working at the Idaho Food Bank, Aarda Justin Bob Storm, Sharon LoSasso, Kenny Marchetti, Larry Kidd, Terry and Jan Brady and Sam & Dar Storck packed 766 backpacks (with other volunteers) for children in need of week-end meals.

Darlene Storck has a $100 Club fundraiser. Betting on the Super Bowl, each square is $2.00. We have 71 squares filled so we only need 29 more. She will bring the map to the club Wednesday and then assign numbers and will scan/email to those players. One half goes to the winner, one half goes to the Club.

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.

PROGRAMS & PROJECTS:
Feb 1 – 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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Don't forget to check out the Bench Lions website----- it changes weekly. Check out the website for 39W....Some great stuff & well done...http://www.lions39W.org (under “quick links” be sure to check out “blogger”)

"Looking Back" who is the Bench Lion in this group?