ABIGAIL'S HOPE is a non-profit organization founded by Sarah Mahy. Its mission is to benefit families who experience pregnancy and infant loss, provide support and share hope. They partner with hospitals and provide them with care items like handmade baby hats and blankets, books, stuffed animals, hand/foot mold casting kits, ornaments and other keepsakes. It is their hope to provide love, light and hope to a family that very much needs it. Sarah and Andrea Bickmore both shared their experience of losing a newborn child, leaving many in the club with tears in their eyes. If you would like to help this very meaningful organization you could become a volunteer, knit, crochet or sew, donate financially, and let other clubs, organizations and individuals know about Abigails's Hope. You can each them at info@abigailshope.net or P.O. Box 1043, Eagle, ID 83616.

Thirty four members and one guest, Michelle, came for another great program. Del Motz missed the attendance drawing but once again Karen Wood took home the card money. Larry Locklear felt well enough to join the Club after missing 3 weeks. LaDawn Kidd filled in as tail twister selling various donated items and charged those that did not participate in any of the Club projects this week. I think she has been watching Patty Frison!

President Larry Kidd, filling in for vacationing Dan Frison, reported ten lions sacked 7274 pounds of fingerling spuds on Tuesday, the 23rd, for a total of 20 volunteer hours. Liz Cardinale said that 8 lions served dinner to 130 vets at the VA on Wednesday the 17th for 16 volunteer hours. Club members collected 500 pair used eyeglasses for the month of January.

Curt Kelley reported screening children at the Village Charter School on Monday the 22nd.
Curt Kelley, John Howe, Lynne Burks, Rod Endow – former Capital Lions member, and Chris Randall screened 331 students with 47 referrals and 8 hearing with only one referral.

Del Motz reported the Club donated $765 worth of merchandise and a gift card to S.H.I.P. Veterans. Kitchen utensils, 5 microwaves, a vacuum cleaner and miscellaneous small items were purchased.

Remember to sign up for the Mid Winter Convention Feb. 23 – 25. Registrations are on the web or at the club.

**BIRTHDAYS:** LaDawn Kidd 01/26 and Jan Shelton 01/28.

**PROGRAMS:**

**January 31, 2018 – Speaker – Rebecca Barr, - Marketplace Manager – Better Business Bureau**

Feb.3rd-2018-Idaho E. Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Board Meeting 9 am at the Foundation Office
February 23-25, 2018 = 39W Midwinter Convention at the new Holiday Inn in Nampa

May 11-13, 2018 – Sun Valley Convention

August 04, 2018 – Hit the Jackpot XXII – **NEW LOCATION – NEW DATE** – 9 am tee off at Eagle Hills, Eagle Idaho.

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