Christine Hahn, MD, Idaho Division of Public Health & Welfare explained the differences between Opiates and Opioids. Opiates original term used for drugs derived from opium poppies – Codeine and Morphine. Opioids – includes opiates and opiate-like chemicals such as endorphins, morphine, codine, heroin, oxycodone, methadone and fentanyl. One reason for the increase in prescribing of opioids is aging population and multiple medical problems are pressuring doctors to see patients quickly and ensure satisfied patients. Americans consume more opioids than any other country. What can be done? Implement prescribing guidelines for doctors and other health care providers, increase the use of prescription drug monitoring database and improve survival of those already addicted with treatment. This is a huge epidemic that touches nearly everyone and we need to educate ourselves to put a stop to it.

Great turnout of 41 for the program and for the induction of 4 new members by C.C.Jay Lugo. – Linda Wright, Dave Chaney, Tom Caperon and Sharon LoSasso. Aarda Justin was in attendance and took home the attendance money but no one took home the card money. We had three visiting Lions – James Condon and Nikki Gerhard from Wood River Lions and Robin Gurrola from Lodi, CA.

Larry Kidd presented the “big” check to C.C.Jay for the Sight & Hearing Foundation in the amount of $17,864.57 raised at the 21st Hit the Jackpot Golf Tournament. With that money Jay says it will buy 8 hearing aids, 9 cataract surgeries, 175 pair of glasses and screen 4000 kids. C.C.Jay also advised the Sun Valley Convention will be May 17th, 2018. He will send out several notices prior to that time.

There were 14 Lions walking the Alzheimer Walk last Saturday with 5 additional tag alongs and were able to donate $905.00 to the Walk.

Board Minutes: The Frisons returned $407 to the Club that was donated for USA/CANADA Forum. Approved a $700 ramp project. Christmas Party - $400 goes to gifts etc. and the Bench Lions Members meals will be paid for by the Club but any guests, such as a non lion spouse, will be charged $30. After checking with the new members a new member orientation date will be set.

Gary D'Orazio reported the Veteran's Parade is a short time away – November 4th starting at 9:30 am on Jefferson at Tenth St.. He would like a great showing of Lions so please contact him if you would like to volunteer decorating or just walking -.208-841-5778. He is requesting everyone bring an American Flag.
BIRTHDAYS: Oct 14th Henry Cardinale, Oct 21st Sarah Kohler, and Oct 23rd Larry Locklear

PROGRAMS:

Oct. 18 – Speaker – Mark Wheeler, NNU Motivational Speaker & World Class Endurance – 100 mile competitor
Serve veterans dinner at 4:30 at the VA
Oct. 25 – Speaker – Major Borders Air Guard – F35's Coming to Gowan – This year's Veteran's Parade is salute to Gowan Field.
Oct. 27 – Idaho Food Bank volunteering is Friday from 10-12pm.

Nov. 9 – 79th CHARTER PARTY – Meridian Lions, Hampton Inn, 875 S. Allen Street in Meridian, Social 6pm $30 – Lion John Mundt at jmundt@uidaho.edu
Club Secretary.....Jan Brady janbrady1920@gmail.com 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”) “Now on twitter@boise

our website—click on this link www.boisebenchlions.com

New member Linda Wright & sponsor Larry Locklear

New member Tom Caperon & sponsor Del Motz

Sponsor Patty Frison & new member Sharon LoSasso

David Chaney–new member

C.C. Jay Lugo
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3 Bands for Blind Kids

A musical performance to benefit blind children of Idaho

The Hoochie Coochie Men

Gerry & the Dreambenders

The Mystics

Food & Drinks For Purchase

Tickets

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$20 advance or $25 at the door

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