Karen Ellis, with friend Brigid Kelly, reported on the past year of Sprouts at the Boise Family Market. In May, 2018 will start the 5th summer for Sprouts. The Market runs from May to October outside and from Nov. 1st will be indoors at 8th and Fulton. The location is too small for activities. This year they came up with a new mascot “Eggbert” and the kids had to find Eggbert in a booth and then report on that particular booth. Karen says they are looking into a permanent market building where they can actually cook on burners. They will look into vertical Hydroponic gardening when they find a permanent building. This was a very enjoyable project for the Bench Club who tried to help introduce various fruits and vegetables to the children and parents said 75% more of the Sprouts are eating more veggies because of it. See you next May!

Short crowd of 27 this week due to hunting, traveling and the flu bug. Curt Kelley made it to the club and took home the attendance drawing, but no one took home the card money. Larry Kidd once again ran a good meeting in place of traveling President Dan. He read a thank you letter from one participant of Camp Hodia. Larry Kidd also had to be the tail twister too.

Karen Wood paid bragging money to say her son had a brain tumor removed successfully.

ROAR KAREN!

Robert Schoeler has a new phone number – 208-859-1038. It will be on the new club roster.

Our Bench Lion Floyd Evans has moved to Newport, OR to be close to his daughter Debbie but will remain a Bench Lion. If you would like to correspond with him his address is 525 N.E.71st St, Apt 137, Newport, OR 97365 and his email is the same as it has been. Olie spoke to him and he is enjoying the new digs.

Darlene Storck said 8 Bench Lions packaged 1200 pounds of cheese filled croissants on Friday the 27th at the Food Bank. The Club collected 15 cans/boxes of non perishable food and $15.00 for the first meeting of the month.

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:** 11-04 Terry Brady, 11-09 Jim Kreller, 11-12 Rick Herriott, 11-16 John Howe, 11-21 Robert Schoeler

**PROGRAMS:**

**Nov. 4 – VETERANS DAY PARADE** 9:30AM – Jefferson Street at 10th– Come early to help finish decorations. Bring flags.
Nov. 08 – Speaker – Dr. Bruce Newcomb, “The Tooth at the Zoo” and Bring a Veteran to Lunch.
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
Nov. 15 – Speaker – Matthew Clark, Founding Artistic Director of the Boise Contemporary Theater
Nov. 22 – NO MEETING – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Nov. 29 – Speaker – Curt Kelley - “Are you Smarter than the Club President”
Dec. 06 – Speakers – Stephenie Grover and Cami Hill from Big Brothers & Big Sisters
Dec. 08 – CHIRISTMAS PARTY - Riverside Inn – (more info to come)
Dec. 13 – Speaker – Madeline Donfro from CATCH, an organization that works with the homeless
Dec. 20 – Entertainment - Centennial High School Choir
Dec. 27 – NO MEETING TODAY

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

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