What a great meeting! Thirty-one Lions and ten guests enjoyed the program from Rachel Myers, a registered dietitian from the Humphries Diabetes Center educating the Club on Diabetes.

This week was bring a vet to lunch and we did just that. Dwaine Hibbs brought brother-in-law Jerry Simon, Larry Locklear brought neighbor Joe Theisen, Shirley Brooks brought friend Bill Crane, Gary D’Orazio brought friends Mike Carey and Jim Brandt, M.J. Thompson brought friend Kelly McClinton, Dan Frison brought fellow real estate partner Van States, Joyce Schram brought niece Joyce Hartley, and Louie Pfleger (who was not in attendance) sent Tom Byrns, a vet and a lion prospect. Our speaker, Rachel Myers was also a navy veteran.

Great day for Happy Olsen – another 3 months free of cancer – and also won the attendance drawing. No card money was given out. President Larry Kidd gave Del Motz a Silver Centennial Award for bringing in a new member – Tom Caperon. Patty Frison gave out awards from the Sprouts Summer Project to Lions that volunteered the most – Larry Locklear and Darlene Storck. She pulled a name from the hat that contained all volunteers of Sprouts and Lynn Burks won the basket. Tonya Westenskow has resigned from the Club.

Board Meeting:
Aarda Justin explained the Club will distribute gift bags for children with cancer at St. Luke's Children's Hospital. The Club will allow up to $250 to purchase the bags for a variety of gifts our club could assemble. Acceptable items are: toys, books, games, art supplies, stuffed animals – all recently purchased. Handmade items such as blankets, tote bags, pillow cases, etc. newly made, unused, clean, free of pins and odors. Not acceptable items: latex balloons, anything with political, violent, or religious themes, handmade cards for the patients, such as valentine cards or get well cards. No gift wrapped items, no knit hats, no hand out directly to the patient. Anything used will not be accepted. Bring items to the Club and Aarda will take the items to the hospital. This will be a year round project.

The Board approved Christmas donations: Chrysalis House $500, Friendship Food Pantry $750, Sleep in Heavenly Peace $1000, Veterans half-way house Christmas party $100, Lidia and Griz $250 each & pass the hat for Lidia. Del Motz will follow up with SHIP request.

I was just notified that Ginny Foote, wife of Lion Tedd Foote, has been in the hospital. But is going home today. The results of her tests will be forthcoming. Let's keep Tedd and Ginny in our thoughts and prayers and if you can send a get well card.
Mark your calendars: Feed the Veterans on November the 21st starting at 4pm to wheel veterans to dinner. Volunteer at the Idaho Food Bank on November 27th and December 18th from 12:30 – 3:30pm. Christmas Party December 7th starting at 6pm at the Riverside Hotel. Please contact Larry Locklear or Happy Olsen if you would like to attend the Christmas Party but cannot get to the club. More info below. Board Meeting is November 13th starting at 6PM.

Gary D’Orazio is asking for winter coat donations for “Keep kids warm in McCall”. He also said any other cold weather clothing would be accepted at the Club and he will transport the items to McCall.

No meeting November 21st, December 26th
Yes we will meet on January 2nd, 2019

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: John Howe 16th;

PROGRAMS & PROJECTS:

Nov.21 – NO MEETING – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Nov28 – Speaker – Adam Schroeder – Ada County Weed and Pest Control
Dec. 5 – Speaker – Lana Weber, Idaho Conservation League
Dec 7 – CHRISTMAS PARTY – Riverside Hotel – 6PM Bar, hors d'oeuvres, & music, Buffet at 7PM. Lots of games and gifts. Free to Bench Lion Members. Guests will be charged $35.00.
Dec 8 – SOS WALK STARTING AT 10:30AM. Contact Gary D’Orazio
Dec 12- Speaker – John Bernardo, Sustainability Program Mgr. For Idaho Power
Dec 19- Centennial High School Choir
Dec 26- NO MEETING

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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”)

Club members and guests...... All Veterans