Stephanie Grover and Sam Murray brought an interesting program from Big Brothers, Big Sisters. The organization has been in Boise for 30 years and has ten staff members and at this time have 250 matches. In the past two years they have been in the top ten in the nation. They work mostly with single parents and relatives of the children and are mostly from low income families. The children are from 6 – 14 years old. The volunteers ages range from 18 to 83. They keep a close monitor on the safety of the matches and do an extensive background check on volunteers through the State, Local, National, motor vehicle department and references. At this time they are searching for male volunteers and call January “Manuary” because the ratio need is greater for male role models.

We had 38 members and one guest, Kathy Blake at the first meeting of the month and Gayle Chaney won the attendance money but no one took home the card money. President Dan gave a big roar to the club for 359 man hours in the month of November. He also said the club donated 14 pillows, 27 sheets and 2 quilts to Sleep in Heavenly Peace Beds. Happy Olsen paid $5.00 to brag that she is free and clear of cancer, but the money was for Olie who attended every session with her for moral support.

The Club collected 14 items of non perishable food and $17.00 for the first meeting of the month. Adding these to what we already had we were able to deliver 101 non perishable food items and a check for $750 to the Friendship Food Pantry which I am sure will be a big help at this time of the year. Dan Frison will be delivering a check for $500 to the Chrysalis House this week.

The Club purchased eye exams and eyeglasses for four individuals this month for a total of $100.00.

The Club will hold an Orientation of new members on the 13th of December at the Lions Foundation Building starting at 6:00pm. New members and sponsors have been notified and Dan would like an RSVP so the food can be ordered. Anyone and everyone is also invited to the orientation but please let us know. New and older Lions can always learn something new or brush up on what might have been forgotten.

Darlene Storck said December the 19th is our next date at the food bank from 12:30 to 2:30. Liz Cardinale said December 20th is Feed the Veterans day starting at 4:30pm. She can always use more help.
CHRISTMAS PARTY: December 8th at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Blvd in the Cinnabar room, upstairs by the elevator overlooking the lobby. No Host Bar and hors d'oeuvres starts at 6pm, buffet dinner at 7pm. There will be entertainment and gifts. There is NO CHARGE TO BOISE BENCH LIONS CLUB MEMBERS but any guest will pay $37.00. Please contact either Larry Locklear, 208-866-1186 or lockjaw1399@gmail.com or Happy Olsen – 208-344-9931 or olhap64@gmail.com We would appreciate your registration as early as possible. At this time we have 70 attending.


PROGRAMS:

Dec. 08 – CHRISTMAS PARTY - Riverside Inn
Dec. 13 – Speaker – Madeline Donfro from CATCH, an organization that works with the homeless plus Orientation at Lions Foundation Bldg at 6:00pm
Dec. 19 - Volunteer at Idaho Food Bank 12:30-2:30
Dec. 20 – Entertainment - Centennial High School Choir plus feed the Veterans at 4:30pm at the VA
Dec. 27 – NO MEETING TODAY
Feb.3rd-2018-Idaho E.Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Board Meeting 9 am at the Foundation Office

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