Twenty two Lions challenged the elements and attended the meeting where David McCallister from AARP brought the Club up to date on the different avenues of “fraud”. I am sure we are all aware of the dangers of identity theft & investment fraud but David covered lots more that I will try to explain. **Fake Checks** - people trying to sell merchandise on craigslist or eBay – offering to pay more than you ask so you can send them a refund of the over payment. The cashier’s check clears the bank but eventually is determined to be no good and you have no money or merchandise. **Tech Support** - We have all received an email claiming to be from Microsoft with a problem in your computer and after they “prove” there is a problem you will be left with a virus and even charge you for it. **Disaster Related Charity Fraud** - They come out of the woodwork sending emails to raise money for victims. **Grandparent Scams** - I had a call from my “grandson” saying he needed money to get home from vacation – I don’t have a grandson! Protect yourself by not carrying your PINS and passwords in your wallet or purse. Choose a different PIN for each account. Make copies of each credit card, front and back, and secure it in a safe place. Check your credit report each year from each nationwide credit bureau. For a free report go to [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) or 1-877-322-8228. Check out [aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) for more information. Very eye opening program.

Jan Shelton took home the attendance money and Shirley Brooks took home $47 of card money. Pays to fight the elements some times. Cancellation of Feeding the Vets and Hearing Screening today because of the weather. So far working at the Food Bank next Tuesday is still a go. The Club purchased eye exams/glasses for eight recipients for a total expenditure of $200.00. 157 pair used eyeglasses were collected this week.

Nice to have the tail twister LaDawn back.

I am sure you read it in the newspaper, but the Boise Family Market will move to the old K-Mart location on Americana Blvd starting next summer with free and plentiful parking.

Mark your calendar for the annual Club picnic to be on August 14, 2019 at Julia Davis.

Midwinter Convention – February 22/23 – Registration fee for Boise Bench Members will be paid out of the tail twister fund. Be sure to let Secretary Jan Brady know if you attend.

Curt Kelley needs program chairs for April, May and June. Please contact him.

Darlene Storck has February 26th as volunteering at the Idaho Food Bank from 12:30 to 2:30pm.
Del Motz said that donations for SHIP can keep coming for awhile.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS** – Nancy Anno - 28th

**PROGRAMS & PROJECTS:**

**Feb 22/23** – Midwinter Convention at the Marriott Courtyard in Meridian.

**Feb 27** – Speaker – Vicky Jekich, St. Lukes MSTI – new information on cancer

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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”)

*We have collected almost eleven miles of pennys (over $9,000.00) for the Sight & Hearing Foundation - “ENVISION”*