WE MEET AT NOON EACH WEDNESDAY AT  
CASAS MEXICO – 10332 FAIRVIEW AVENUE, BOISE, ID 83704

Another great program that brought 29 lions and one guest to hear what Kelly McDonnell had to say about the Boise Bicycle Project. They make quality refurbished bicycles and parts are available to the community at affordable prices. They provide an open workshop and have experienced mechanics to help work/learn to work on your own bicycle. There are 3 ways to fix your bike: 1. **Membership:** for as low as $50 a year, you can become a Member and use the shop whenever it is open at no additional cost. 2. **Hourly:** If not a member it costs $10/hour to use the shop. If you use specialty tools that require extra training there may be an extra cost. 3. **Work Trade:** They offer a work trade program for those without necessary funds. 1 Hr. of work = 1 Hr of shop use. In 2007 they gave out 32 bikes at Christmas. 719 bikes were given out in 2017. 4000 bikes have been given out in the past 10 years. Some are specifically built to cover the exact wishes of children from 2 to 11 years old. This year Christmas for kids will be Dec. 15. Kids {and some adults} should be referred by school or a non-profit organizations. Shop Hours Wed/Fri – 11AM – 6PM, Sat./Sun – 11AM – 5PM. They are located at 1027 S. Lusk Street, Boise. Phone (208) 429-6520.

Curt Kelley won the attendance drawing and no one took home the card money. 15 Boise Bench Lions attended the Mid Winter Convention and won the best basket contest because of the effort of Lion LaDawn Kidd. The Club received a silver Melvin Jones Commemorative Coin for winning. Curt Kelley and Bob Storm will be volunteering at the Winter Camp for the Blind this week-end. Happy Olsen has provided hand made hats and scarves to be distributed at the camp.

Eleven Lions fed 105 Veterans dinner on the 21st and seven lions volunteered at the Food Bank packaging 3600 pounds of pears for 10 1/2 hours total. Approx. 655 used eyeglasses were collected this month.
The club sang Happy Birthday to Louie Pfleger who will be 92 on Saturday the 3rd of March and several cards were given to him.

I would like to include a list of the longest Bench Lion members beginning with Louie Pfleger. - 61 yrs, Herb Kadel 57 yrs, Floyd Evans 53 yrs, Olie Olsen 48 yrs, Lavon Shelton – 45 yrs, Ken Marchetti 42 years, Gary D'Orazio and Bob Storm – 38 yrs, Tedd Foote 32 yrs, Dwaine Hibbs & Dan Frison – 30 yrs and Del Motts – 29 yrs. Lady Lions tenure: Happy Olsen 28 yrs, Sharon Marchetti – 26 yrs and Stevie Packard 18 yrs.

I have only listed the active members over 18 yrs.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tedd Foote 03/01; Louie Pfleger 03/03; Sam Storck 03/10; Larry Kidd 03/23; Gary D'Orazio 03/29; Sharon Marchetti 03/31

**PROGRAMS:**
- **Mar. 07, 2018 – Speaker** – Bart Hendricks – Director of Athletics at BSU & former football star.
- **Mar. 14 – Speaker** – Roger Sherman – Idaho Children's Trust Fund
- **Mar. 21, 2018 – Speaker** – Past Bench President Jim Kreller on Gun Control in Idaho
- **Mar. 28, 2018 – Speaker** – John P. Revier and Elli Brown from INL
- **Apr. 21, 2018 – Boise Bench Charter Party** - Riverside Hotel – mark your calendars
- **May 11-13, 2018 – Sun Valley Convention**
- **August 04, 2018 – Hit the Jackpot XXII – NEW LOCATION – NEW DATE** – 9 am tee off at Eagle Hills, Eagle Idaho.

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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”)  “Now on twitter@boise