Who are you and where did you come from? That was the topic that JuVanne Martin from the Idaho Genealogical Society tried to explain. Records of the events in the lives of our ancestors generally fall into three categories – those kept by government offices, by churches, and by individuals, businesses or organizations. Many of the key records essential for genealogical research were created by local county or city governments. County records include court, land and property, naturalization and citizenship, probate, taxation, and vital records. County courthouses are the primary repositories of these valuable records. Some courthouse records have been destroyed by floods or fires. Many were microfilmed and/or transferred to the state archives. She explained “X” and “Y”. “X” is female and “Y” is male and described several ways to get your records. Too much info for this newsletter but she can be contacted at the Idaho State Archives, 2205 Old Penitentiary Rd, Boise. The program was very informative.

Twenty seven attended to listen to another great program. Curt Kelley attended and took home the attendance drawing and Bob Storm took home $14 from the card money. Pays to come and enjoy the atmosphere, good food, good waitress, good friends and sometimes even good jokes. Sorry to report that Linda Wright has resigned from the club, she is moving to Oregon.

Liz Cardinale announced volunteer serving Veterans dinners would be February 21st at 4:30pm. Dar Storck said volunteers will be working at the Idaho Food Bank on the 23rd from 12:30 to 2:30. Shirley Brooks asked the club to bring newspapers to the meetings because they are packaging lots and lots of glasses at the Eye Bank for shipment. The Club provided 4 recipients with eye exams and eyeglasses for a total of $100.

LaDawn Kidd, acting tail twister, couldn't stump the club with songs and band names. Acting President Larry Kidd advised the club that the awards committee has made their decisions and awards are being ordered. Gary D'Orazio said the Fund Raising Committee met Monday and had some ideas but would entertain more ideas from the Club.

VALENTINES DAY is February 14th. The Club will be providing gifts for non Lion spouses and some for the Lion spouses may they be male or female. Bring your wife, husband, mother, father, girlfriend or boyfriend. If you know who please let Happy Olsen know so no one will be left out.
Remember to sign up for the Mid Winter Convention Feb. 23 – 25. Registrations are on the web or at the club.


**PROGRAMS:**

Feb. 14, 2018 – Speaker – Meg Roberts on Suicide Prevention  
Feb. 21, 2018 – Speaker – Evelyn Mason from the Gem Arts Center  
Feb. 23-25, 2018 = 39W Midwinter Convention at the new Holiday Inn in Nampa  
Feb. 28 – Speaker – Kelly McDonnell, Boise Bicycle Project  

**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......  
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