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

Our own Lion Henry Cardinale was the surprise speaker for the week. Henry has been with the club for 21 years and the Club knew little about him. Henry married Liz in 1959 and they went to college in the LA area. He started out as a box boy for the Gateway Stores, worked his way up at Safeways and then purchased his own produce open front store which he had for 6 months. Henry wanted to do more and while on vacation in Idaho decided to move to the State and eventually went to work for Intermountain Gas Company as a credit manager which he kept until retirement. He and Liz have toured Italy, Spain, Portugal, & Sicily. The couple still travel to see Jazz Festivals, starting by following Gene Harris around the Country. Henry and Liz have sorted and shipped used eyeglasses for a long while, showing up every Thursday morning (when not chasing a Jazz Festival) with helpers Ken and Sharon Marchetti and Aarda Justin. Shirley Brooks comes on Friday to pack for shipping. What used to be a hundreds operation has turned into nearly 90,000 used glasses last year. In case the club is not aware, several members go out monthly to collect the used glasses & glasses come from Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and now from New York. Don't know a lot about Henry's past, but sure know his involvement in the here and now.

Twenty six members enjoyed harassing Henry, especially Shirley Brooks who took home the attendance money. Card money stayed put again.

The Club signed a get well card for Mary Jane Thompson who had foot surgery, sang Happy Birthday to Sam Storck who turned 74 on Sunday and honored the rest of the March birthday members.

Gary D'Orazio led the club in “Irish Eyes are Smiling”.

Isn't he Italian?

President Larry reported on the Board Meeting – Received a resignation from Todd Kohler because of job commitment, & changed Edwin Marshall from Active to Affiliate member. Registration for the Mid Winter Convention attendees will be paid once the exact amount of the registration fee is separated from the meal charge. The Charter Party will be April 19th at the Riverside for a cost of $37.00. A sign up sheet will start around next week. The Sun Valley Convention will be May 24-26, and the club will reimburse each member attending $100. 2012 PIP Wayne Madden from Indiana will be the speaker. Envision will be celebrating 50 years and the Bench Club will be involved in this celebration.

Also on March 19th Hit the Jackpot Board will meet at 6:00pm at Envision. Liz Cardinale said volunteering at the VA will be March 20th. Volunteering at the Idaho Food Bank will be March 26 from noon to 2PM. (Note the change in time) Gayle Chaney is holding a hearing clinic at Envision on March 27th starting at 1:30pm.
MARCH BIRTHDAYS—Larry Kidd–23rd. Gary D'Orazo 29th, Sharon Marchetti 31st

PROGRAMS & PROJECTS:

March 20 – Speaker – Dr. Brett Shelton – Esports – biggest thing we don't know about

March 27 – Speaker – Gayle Chaney – Hearing screening

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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”)

Henry & Liz Cardinale with Bill Hallock sorting used eye glasses at the Sight & Hearing Foundation complex on Latah Street (photo taken in June 2010)