After Soccer & the Super Bowl the number 3 most popular tournament in the world is eSports! And, it is at Boise State since 2017 when they hosted competitive video game teams (eSports) as an officially sanctioned varsity activity for undergraduate and graduate students. Teams competed in the NACe regular season against member schools and selected tournaments. With more than 50 schools, BSU will compete nationally against schools like Utah, UC Irvine, Arizona State, Miami and others. Games selected for the inaugural season included League of Legends, Overwatch, Hearthstone, Heroes of the Storm and Rocket League. Other games will be added. The program and eSports Arena (Education Building) will be hosted by the Dept. of Ed. Technology with directors Dr. Chris Haskell and Dr. Brett Shelton, our program presenter today, BSU has the largest group of students on their official roster – 60 students. This is a world sport even bigger in Asia and Europe. Dr. Brett Shelton is the son of Lions Lavon and Jan Shelton and the brother of Lion Jill Shelton Wagers and the grandson of Carroll and Jeanette Shelton. Lion Carroll Shelton was a charter Member of the Bench Club. Zane Shelton, Brett's son also visited the club to listen to a very informative program. Thirty four members and two guests enjoyed the program.

Terry Brady missed the attendance drawing because he was gone last week. Card money is still growing. Lavon Shelton paid a bragging dollar announcing all of his family Lion members he is so proud of.

Sign up sheet for the Charter Party was passed to the Club.

President Larry presented Lion Dan Frison with a Certificate of Recognition for his impact as a new voice from the International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. (I can type it, I can't say it) Patty Frison passed around a thank you card from Karen Ellis who is retiring from the Boise Farmers Market Sprouts. She also passed around a sign up sheet for April to have at least 2 people available for sign up and Sprouts officially starts in May at the new location at 1500 Shoreline Drive (the old K-Mart location)

The Charter Party will be April 19th at the Riverside for a cost of $37.00. 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. 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 27 – Speaker – Gayle Chaney – Hearing screening
April 3 – Speaker – Brandie Thompson from Camp LoLo-Children
April 10 – Speaker – Mark Florance – V.P. Operations Food Services of America
April 17 – Speaker – Greg Curtis – Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District
April 19 – Charter Party – Riverside – 6pm cocktails – dinner @ 7pm - $37 Buffet
April 24 – Speaker – Colleen Braga, Ex. Dir. Boys Club of America

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