There was gold in them thar hills! That is what Eliza Schultz from the Idaho Museum of Mining told the Club. She had a video on several Idaho mines. **Pierce Mine** is the oldest in the State established in 1818 had 6000 people getting there with no roads. In 1883 Chinese worked there. The Pierce courthouse, built in 1862 is Idaho's first and is still standing and hung 5 Chinese who were accused of murdering a local business owner. It is located 30 miles East of Orofino and is the birthplace of gold mining. **Silver Valley Mine** is in northern Idaho near Kellogg/Wallace area. It started 125 years ago and is the richest primary silver producing mining district. In 128 years over 1.2 billion troy ounces of silver have been produced and more than 500,000 troy ounces of gold and over 200,000 tons of copper have been produced. In 2010 700 people worked in Silver Valley Mines. 40 years ago May 2nd marked the Sunshine Mine disaster when fire broke out underground and 91 men died of carbon monoxide poisoning because they were on the second level. **Stibnite Mine** came along during the Idaho's gold rush in 1899. In 1938 they started focusing their efforts on the Yellow Pine Pit and that operation blocked fish passage and to this day fish in the Eastern Fork of the South Fork on the Salmon River cannot swim upstream past the site. This is one of the most historic sites in all of Idaho and is rich with minerals, including gold, silver, antimony (used to create bullets) and tungsten. This was just a brief overview of a very interesting part of Idaho history.

Thirty one Lions and one guest, Janiesha enjoyed the program. Sharon LoSasso missed out on the attendance drawing and no one took home card money. President Larry #1 gave a summary of the Board meeting which included voting on two new members, requesting more fundraiser ideas, concentrate on club visitations and the Club will send President Larry to the USA-CANADA Forum in Columbus in September. Two new ramp projects were also brought up for consideration.

The next Jackpot Board Meeting will be September 18, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Foundation Building.

Darlene Storck said Tuesday, August 28th is volunteering at the Idaho Food Bank from 12:30 to 2:30.

Happy Olsen said Bench Lion volunteering at the Found Kids booth at the fair starts Saturday the 24th & 25th. If you have signed up for a shift, please show up, and if possible about 15 minutes early to learn the ropes. Early shift go in the service entrance which is to the left of the Fair Office Building.

**PROGRAMS:**

- **August 29 – speaker** - Jordan Rodriguez, Idaho Statesman's Fishing Guide
- **Sept. 5th – Speaker** – Jerry Brady, Attorney, Statesman contributor and member of Compassionate Boise
- **Sept. 12 – Speaker** – Mark Breske – Idaho State Historical Society on the new museum
- **Sept.19 – Speaker** – John Gunnerson – Boise Geothermal System
- **Sept.26 - TBA**

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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”)

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Silver Valley

“Silver Capital of the World”
1.2 billion ounces of silver since 1884.

Sunshine: 1884-Current
“Richest Silver Mine with over 367 million oz.”

Bunker Hill: 1885-1991 (Superfund Site)
“Largest underground mine”

Star-Morning: 1887/9-1990/1

Lucky Friday: 1942-Current
“One of the deepest lode mines in the US”

Stibnite

1899: Mining begins at the Stibnite-Yellow Pine.

Antimony, Tungsten, Gold, Mercury, Silver

1914: Gold and Antimony
1918: Mercury
1930’s: Bradley Mining Company and United Mercury Mining Company

1938: Open pit produces large amounts of gold.
The mining blocks fish passage salmon at East Fork of the South fork of the Salmon River.