“GONE FISHING” This guy gets paid to fish! Jordan Rodriguez is the Fishing Guide for the Idaho Statesman. He caught his first fish nearly 30 years ago in Michigan. He remembers it like yesterday. He got dressed in the wee hours of the morning and couldn't contain his excitement. Opening the night crawlers and feeling around for them among the cold, black clumps of dirt – GREAT. He sat on his mom's lap and caught sunfish from a Michigan pond with a blue & white Snoopy pole. The biggest fish caught was a sturgeon in Parma (missed the weight). Toughest fish is a Mackinaw Trout in a Michigan lake weighting 125 pounds, was 130 ft down and took 30 minutes to catch. Most memorable fish was a large mouth bass – 8 pounds caught in Idaho and possibly ten years old. Strangest fish he caught at Belize in the ocean – a Trunk Fish, has a flat hard bottom. He has even caught a very mad turtle on Lake Meade using anchovies & sardines. Now he writes for the Statesman and teaches STOP FISHING AND START CATCHING classes. To take a class use emailtightlineboise2gmail.com. Jordan answered lots of questions except telling his favorite fishing holes. Lots of interest from the Club made this another great program brought to the Club by Darlene Storck.

Thirty four Lions and one guest, Maggie Storm enjoyed the program. Dave Chaney missed the attendance drawing by “I never win anything” Larry Locklear won $20 from the card drawing.

NEW MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Induction of new members will be September 5th. Please come early. Club members please come showing your support and welcome these two new members to the Bench Lions Club.

Happy Olsen reported 36 lions and 7 guests volunteered 231 hours at the Found Kids Booth at the Western Idaho Fair and banded 1329 children. This added $1750 to our fund raising monies. Bench Lions worked 7 days and Vista Lions worked 3 days and will receive $750.

Liz Cardinale reported 6 lions served dinner to 132 veterans at the Veterans Administration on the 22nd.

Darlene Storck reported on the 28th Aarda, Shirley, Sharon L., LaDawn, The Storms, The Marchettis, Larry #3 and Dar spent 20 total hours packing 865 backpack bags for kids to have food on the week ends.

Patty Frison reported She, Tom, Aarda, & Sarah delivered one bunk bed to the Lusher family in Garden City for boys 9 & 7 yrs old. Total volunteer hours – 20.

Dan Frison reported the Club built a handicap ramp 25 years ago and now needs to be replaced. It is 28 ft. long with 2 resting places. There will be lots of landscaping to ready the area for the ramp. A September date will be sent out.

Bragging Rights: Dwaine Hibbs said his Grandson threw 5 touchdown passes and ran for 50 yards for Capital High and Larry Spencer brought Lion Larry 3A to challenge Larry Kidd's Lion Larry 1A and glared at him for the whole meeting. Who knows what will happen next!
The next Jackpot Board Meeting will be September 18, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Foundation Building.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Olsen 9/1; Warren Packard 9/2; Curt Kelley 9/10; Jay Lugo 9/11; Linda D'Orazio 9/13; Tom Caperon 9/18; Larry Spencer 9/18/ Ken Marchetti 9/20; Dan Frison 9/23

PROGRAMS:

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

Oct. 6 – Walk to End Alzheimers – Opens at 11AM, Walk 11:30 – Kleiner Park, Meridian

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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”)