September 11, 2019

BOISE BENCH LIONS NEWS

Meet at Casa Mexico every Wednesday at Noon 10332 Fairview Ave, Boise

The GOTEAM Therapy/Service Dogs — Idaho was the program today. They are a non-profit established in 2012. They are all loving volunteers who spend hours training their dogs. Once they pass the tests, they are certified and insured. The owner/dogs have to re-certify every year. They train on buses, in airports, with first responders etc. They are Red Cross volunteers. They are fairly new to the Boise area with 65 members. Most of the owners use Positive Pets dog training to get their dogs ready for the tests they need to pass. The GOTEAM will be in the Veteran’s Parade Nov 2. If invited, the owners/dogs will go almost anywhere. Lots of schools, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, the VA hospital, airports, conferences etc. The colors on their patch have meaning: Red honors our first responders, Black honors our fallen military, Blue honors our law enforcement officers and white honors the special people in our lives that are no longer with us.

Information:

- 29 members present, Lion Louis’ grandson and his two helpers.
- We serve the Veterans Wednesday September 18th at 4:00.
- We volunteer at the Food Bank Tuesday September 24th from 12-2.
- Sprout sign ups for the rest of September and October was passed around. Send pics please!
- Karen Wood had surgery. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- The board approved the purchase of a 55” flat screen for the meeting room at Casa Mexico. It will make it easier to see information presented in that format.
- Olie and Happy collected 222 pair of used eyeglasses, sorted them and delivered to Envision. Henry collected 250 pair!

More Information:

- Lion Curt got all his volunteers for program chairs. Thank you BB Lions! You are so giving!
- McCall/Donnelly vision screening Friday September 13th, 400 kids and 3 schools and enough volunteers!
- October 23rd group club picture in lobby of Casa Mexico. Wear vests, pics available for $5 for tail twister fund. Hoping to make this an annual event.
- Save the Date: Veteran’s Parade November 2nd at 10 am. Come walk with the Lions. The Meridian Lions Rodeo queens will be riding in the candy truck.
- Ask a Veteran to lunch with us at our noon November 6th meeting!
- Life is Good! What a great group of people who love to volunteer!

Speaker DeAnn Stoolman & friends
Thank you program chair Lion Sarah Kohler

Tail Twister corner:

Thanks Lion Patty (welcome back) for stepping in while TT LaDawn was in training. Many items were auctioned off. Coins, a round of golf and homemade zucchini bread!

The Frison’s went to Normandy and Patty asked if anyone knew the exact date of D-day? I believe Lion Larry L. answered: June 6, 1944

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Calendar for Programs and Projects:

- **September 13** Vision screening McCall/Donnelly
- **September 18** Ken Harris Boise Blues Society: Our Blues in the Schools (BITS) program began in 2006 and is free to schools
- **September 25** Christie King Ride for Joy a therapeutic riding program
- **October 2** Our very own Curt Kelley: Magical Mystery tour through Southern England, Ireland and Iceland
- **October 5** Alzheimer’s Walk Kleiner Park 11:00
- **October 9** Jennifer Zielinski Idaho anti-trafficking coalition/human trafficking
- **October 16** Jay Tust KTVB Sports Director Valley Athletics
- **October 23** BB first annual club photo in lobby of Casa Mexico
- **October 30** Special Guest
- **November 2** Veteran’s parade 10:00
- **November 6** Ask a veteran to join us for lunch

**September 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
- Roy Ellsworth 9/24

DeAnn with Franny

Kelli with Jamaica

Jo with Denali - apparently Denali is quite the talker so the library isn’t a good fit for her!

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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”)

Club Newsletter: Lynne Burks if you are out and about doing Lions stuff, take some pics, send them my way for the newsletter: lynne6659@gmail.com or text 208-570-0845