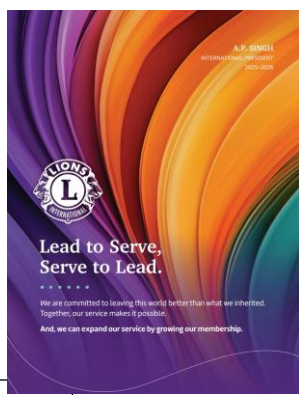


# BOISE BENCH LIONS

September 10, 2025

Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Program chair Lion Shannon, VP Cindy, Program Stu

Stu Hobson is a retired police officer from Nampa. He now volunteers at the Warhawk Air Museum and has created a presentation about the flag. He has presented at schools and asks the kids "Why do you say the pledge of allegiance?" The kids usually say because my teacher tells me to. The first verbal vow to our flag started with a civil war veteran named Col. George Balch in 1885. His version, "We give our heads and our hearts to God and our country; one country, one language, one flag." Balch also started a movement to add flagpoles in front of schools. The pledge of allegiance was originally written in August 1892 by Frances Bellamy. The students were to say, "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. In 1942, Congress officially adopted the pledge and decreed that it should be recited while holding the right hand over the heart. In 1923-24, my flag was replaced with the flag of the United States of America. In 1954, the Knights of Columbus proposed adding the words "under God". It was supported by the president and congress which made the pledge both a patriotic oath and a public prayer. Red stands for hardiness and valor, white for purity and innocence, blue for vigilance and perseverance. The stars stand for a symbol from the heavens. Stu suggested watching Red Skelton's pledge of allegiance and Robin Williams pretending to be a flag on YouTube. June 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day!

**Members:** 32

**Attendance:** Lion Rick sadly he was not present.

**Save the Date:** Lions and friends social September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mother Earth Brew Co. in Boise at 4:30.

**Help wanted:** Envision, 1090 N Cole Rd., needs help tomorrow from 10-12 to recycle eyeglasses. Please help if you can.



**October 14<sup>th</sup>** at the ID Foodbank from 12-2. Sign up with your account or call Jane at 208.830.0454 or just come on over and lend a hand. Please wear closed toe shoes.

**Zoo Boise clean-up Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-11.** Lion Larry, [newkidds@msn.com](mailto:newkidds@msn.com), needs volunteers.

**SHP Community Bed Build September 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9am. Lion Patty sent around a sign-up sheet. Email [pfrison47@gmail.com](mailto:pfrison47@gmail.com) if interested. Meet at 1100 Taylor Ave, Suite 100, Meridian.

**Park clean-up September 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 10-12 at Molenaar and Hobble Creek parks. Please wear gloves and we have some grabbers.

**Alzheimer's Walk September 27<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 at Kleiner Park.

## Calendar of Events

**September 16** – BB Lions board meeting at 6 on Teams, Lion Rick will send the link.

**September 17** – Sleep in Heavenly Peace

**September 20** – SHP Community Bed Delivery, meet at 9, 1100 Taylor Ave, Ste 100, Meridian

**September 20** – Zoo Boise Clean up from 9-11, email [newkidds@msn.com](mailto:newkidds@msn.com) if interested.

**September 22** – Molenaar and Hobble Creek Parks Clean up from 10-12, let Lion Bill, [jwsquires@hotmail.com](mailto:jwsquires@hotmail.com) you are interested in Molenaar and Lion Dennis, [burks1841@yahoo.com](mailto:burks1841@yahoo.com) for Hobble Creek. 6-10 people would be perfect. Wear gloves and we have some grabbers.

**September 23** – Lions and friends social at Mother Earth Brew Co. in Boise at 4:30

**September 24** – Jeff Tucker, General Manager ID Public Television

**September 27** – Alzheimer's Walk at Kleiner Park at 11am



**VP Cindy's Mindful Love Note:** The next time you are alone, take out your phone and record a spoken love letter to yourself. Say out loud everything that you love about yourself: your ambitions, your purpose, your strengths, ways you are kind, ways you inspire others, etc. Then listen to it! Listen to it several times over the next week. After a while you will notice something incredible. We mainly seek praise, acceptance and confirmation from external sources. What if we could hear from ourselves how awesome we are. It may just help change the way you think.



**TT Lion Angel funnies:** A man brings his best buddy home for dinner unannounced at 7:30pm after work. His wife begins screaming at him and his friend just sits and listens. Wife: "My hair and makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pajamas and I can't be bothered with cooking tonight! Why the hell did you bring him home?!" Husband: "Because he's thinking of getting married and I promised him a demo!"

A preacher was seated next to a cowboy on a flight to Texas. After the plane took off, the cowboy asked for a whiskey and soda, which was brought and placed before him. The flight attendant then asked the preacher if he would like a similar drink. Appalled, the preacher replied, "I'd rather be tied up and taken advantage of by women of ill-repute, than let liquor touch my lips." The cowboy then handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "Me too, I didn't know we had that choice."



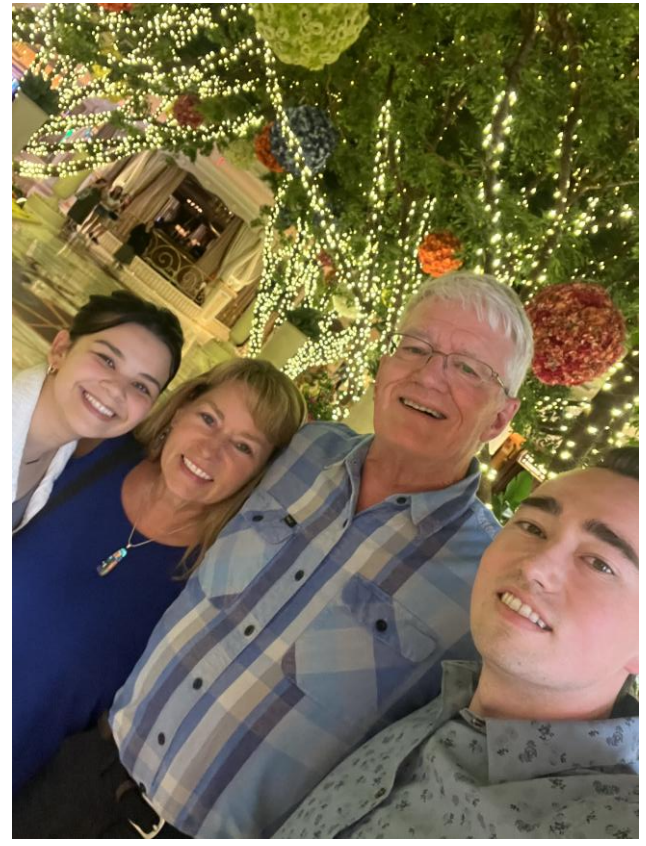
**TT Lion Angel** shared her heirloom tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, late growing plums and her homemade peach pepper BBQ sauce for a minor cost to the TT fund.



**Lions Dennis, Frank and Mary** with friend Jen served the dinner meal at Interfaith last Wednesday.



7 super lady Lions helped bag 1,800 lbs. of pinto beans and 2,500 lbs. of Roma tomatoes. The tomatoes went to the Nampa center where they were expecting around 1,000 food insecure people.



**Bragging Rights: Lion LaDawn** had her 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. Approx. 120 people attended.  
  
**Lion Gary's** grandson plays for Northwest College in the Tri Cities. They won their last game.

**Lions Jill and Scott** enjoyed some time with their son Ian and son's girlfriend Lexy. They were able to see the Eagles in the Sphere in LV. Very cool venue!

