

BOISE BENCH LIONS

December 10, 2025

Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Members: 44

Attendance: Lion Jerry sadly he was not present.



Guests: Lion Tedd's friend Donna, Lion Sharleen from the Meridian Lions, and Lion Karen's nieces Debbie and Johnna

Save the Date: Next Lions and friends social **December 16th** Proletariat Wine Co. at 4:30.



Remember to bring cash for our wonderful servers Lidia and Griz next week.

Lion Lynne, speaker Stephanie, Pres. Rick

Stephanie is the volunteer coordinator at the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Boise which serves patients who use St. Luke's Boise and Magic Valley, St. Al's, and Eastern ID Regional Medical Center. Our RMHC serves families displaced from their homes while their children need medical care. They serve children from birth thru 19. It has 48 rooms with attached bathrooms, 4 kitchens, and 4 laundry rooms. The staff/volunteers try to make the families feel as at home as possible where they can cook for themselves if they want to, there is a toy/game room and seating areas. The volunteers are trained to be a hospital volunteer as well as a volunteer at RMH. They have a remote volunteer who crochets stuffies and sends them from Michigan. The minimum age for volunteers is now 12 due to the RSV season. This is their fifth year running. In 2024, they served 1,417 families and provided nights of lodging for 8,517. Their longest stay was 365 nights with an average length of stay 10 nights. RMHC of ID was #1 in the nation with 55 McDonald's in their region where the customers rounded up at the participating McDonald's. The pull tabs bring in a large amount of money for RMHC so keep saving those tabs! Check out their website to find their wish list items if you would like to donate. They also need new clothing for adults. They have had adults show up in just their PJ's without even shoes and socks. They do take slightly used books for their shelves, new toys, money, and travel-sized toiletries.



Save the Date: January 13th from 12-2 volunteer at the ID Foodbank. Sign up with your account or call Jane at 208.830.0454. Or come on over and lend a hand. Please wear closed toe shoes.



Boise Dream Bike Project
December 13th email **Lion Esteban, esteban@envisionsight.org** if you are interested in volunteering from 12:45 – 5. He had beanies (blue or purple) made for the volunteers and club for \$15. He will bring the beanies Saturday so have your money.



Calendar of Events

December 11 – Volunteer at RMH from 10-12, lunch, baking and cleaning

December 13 – Boise Dream Bike Giveaway Project, bring money for your beanie

December 16 – Lions and friends social at Proletariat Wine Co. at 4:30

December 17 – Stephanie Rendon of Stef and the Groove singing carols

December 24 – No Meeting, Merry Christmas

December 31 – No Meeting, Happy New Year

January 7 – Melissa Davlin, ID Press Club



Pres. Rick shared this story:

At a black-tie gala in Manhattan, there to receive an award, Christian McCaffrey, the 49ers running back, stunned the room. Surrounded by billionaires and chandeliers, he skipped the scripted thanks and spoke from the heart: “If you’re blessed, you have a duty to bless others. No one should build an empire while kids don’t have a place to sleep.” If you hold more than you need, then someone is going without.” Then he acted. That same night, McCaffrey pledged \$10 million to build youth centers, clinics, and safe housing in underserved communities. No boasting, no posing-just leadership in action. His message was simple and timeless. Greatness isn’t measured by what you earn-it is measured by what you give. What Christian McCaffrey said then did that day is a reminder of the care and humanity that we Lions strive to embody.



December Birthdays:

Lidia (Casa Mexico) 12/1

Gayle Chaney 12/3

Patty Frison 12/7

Brylei Brewer 12/8

Chuck Higginbotham 12/10

Bob Brewton 12/10

Helmi Schade 12/11

Del Motz 12/12

Dave Chaney 12/18

B Barzee 12/20

Dwaine Hibbs 12/21

Rob Anno 12/21

Bill Squires 12/24

Dennis Burks 12/31

Lion Mike Gibson works for Edward Jones. He said all the Edward Jones in the area donated 1800 toys to Toys for Tots! We are a giving community!



TT Lion Angel auctioned off a couple of hoodies which were then donated to the Veterans. She also shared this funny:

All throughout dinner my wife’s best friend’s 4 yr old daughter stared at me as I sat opposite her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring. I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food, and patted my hair in place but nothing stopped her from staring at me. Finally, I asked her, “Why are you staring at me?” Everyone at the table had noticed her behavior and the table went quiet waiting for her response. Finally, the little girl said, “I’m just waiting to see how you drink like a fish.





Lion Larry K. found this Lions club in Austria.



The Kidd's in Vienna! Beautiful!



10 flaky BB Lions, one Nampa Lion and friends packed almost 2400 lbs. of instant potato flakes into 1,680 2lb bags.



3 BB Lions delivered and set up a bed in Horseshoe Bend for a 6 yr. old boy.



A few of the winners of the creative Santa's which were on the tables at the Christmas Party. **Lions Aarda, Angel** and Aarda's granddaughter made them from tree branches in her yard and they hand painted them.

Lion Susan is still taking donations of toys and gift cards for the teens to benefit 4 the Love of Kinship formerly IRAP (Idaho Relatives as Parents) organization. Please bring your donations to next weeks meeting to be delivered at their December 20th Christmas Party. Check out 4theloveofkinship.org

