

December 3, 2025

## Boise Bench Lions

Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Check out [raysforrare.org](http://raysforrare.org)

**Lion Lynne, Pres. Rick, speaker Megan**

**Members - 42**

Megan Schomer is the CEO of the nonprofit Rays for Rare formerly Corwyn's Cause. She lost her son Corwyn, which means companion of the heart, in 2016 from a rare brain malformation. When they moved to care at home, they found they were alone. No charities service families in their home. It was founded in 2017 and is the only nonprofit in ID solely focused on supporting families of medically fragile children. Those living with rare diseases, life-limiting conditions or the lasting effects of traumatic injury. Over 220 families are currently on services with a waitlist. In 2017, there were 1800 families with medically fragile children now there are over 7500! Many of these children depend on ventilators, feeding tubes and need 24/7 care. They have extended services through the age of 19. There is an 87% divorce rate with the rate going even higher if the child passes away. It is hard to fathom what these families are going through all day every day. Go to [raysforrare.org](http://raysforrare.org) and watch Grayson's story to find out. They offer 60 yearly support groups and activities which helps to reduce isolation and foster connection for the entire family. Less than half of the children go to school. The parents have lost medicaid funding and nursing hours which adds more stress to their already stressful lives. They cannot lobby but they can use storytelling to explain to the lawmakers the need for these funds. There is uplifting support available on their website from family events, house cleaning, lawn care, grocery delivery and more. Rays for Rare currently sits on a leadership committee at the children's hospital to bring palliative care for pediatrics to the valley. Rays for Rare – Light when skies are gray!

**Attendance - Lion LaDawn** sadly was not present



**Guests - Lion Bob's wife Maggie** and her sister Barbara who is a Lion.

**ID Foodbank Volunteer - December 9<sup>th</sup>** from 12-2.

**Boise Bicycle Dream Bike Giveaway -** half of the volunteers are the BB Lions. They were blown away by our response. **Lion Esteban** ordered BB Lions Beanies for \$15 from **Lion Megan's** company "In the Bag". Please bring your money to the next meeting or to the project Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Ronald McDonald House volunteer -** December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. **Lion Sharon L.**, [losassos@gmail.com](mailto:losassos@gmail.com) could use one more baker and as many cleaners who would like to come.

**Bring your unwrapped toys** to the Christmas party Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>. They really need gift cards and sports balls for the teen age group. **Lion Susan** will continue collecting the toys until the last in person meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be giving them to [4theloveofkinship.org](http://4theloveofkinship.org).





# Calendar of Events



- December 6** - BB Lions Christmas Party - The Riverside NorthStar Room
- December 9** - Volunteer at the ID Foodbank 12-2
- December 10** - Ronald McDonald House, Stephanie, Volunteer Coordinator
- December 11** - Volunteer at RMH, we need a baker and cleaners 10-12
- December 13** - Boise Bicycle Dream Bike Giveaway, BB Lions Beanies \$15
- 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** - Idaho Press Club, Melissa Davlin



### Pres. Rick's quotes of the day on Christmas:

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love, generosity, and goodness. It illuminates the window of the soul. Thomas Monson  
 The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of the holidays. W.C. Jones  
 Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection. Winston Churchill

### November Fitness prizes:

- Lion Shannon - socks
- Lions Dan and Toni - Christmas ornament
- Lion Sharon L. - bath bomb
- Lion LaDawn - hand lotion
- Lion Jill - Red Robin dessert
- Lion Darlene - notepads
- Lion MJ - hand sanitizer
- Lion Gayle - Red Robin
- Lions Aarda, Dave, Patty, Suzanne - money



### TT Lion Angel shared a funny:

Aids warning! To all of you approaching 50 or have reached 50 and past, this is especially for you. Senior citizens are the nation's leading carriers of Aids! Yes, Aids.  
 Hearing aids  
 Band Aids  
 Walking Aids  
 Medical Aids  
 Government Aids  
 Most of all, monetary aid to their kids.  
 Not forgetting HIV (Hair is Vanishing)



The BB Lions helped fill the Nyssa School Districts order for almost 2,000 toys for the Toys for Tots program at the Astegos warehouse in Nampa.

**Lion Dan** delivered 63 dozen cookies to Mercy Kitchen for serving at Interfaith on Wednesday.



Lion Gary visited Lion Dwaine at his memory care facility.





The BB Lions donated \$500 to Envision's building fund for their ongoing remodel.



Ten terrific BB Lions, 1 Nampa Lion and Leya bagged 1,000 5lb. bags of sweet potatoes.



The Muir's and the Christenson's happened to come across the San Diego Lions Club while there for the BSU game.



9 BB Lions loaded the trailer for more Sleep in Heavenly Peace deliveries.



This crew made yummy chocolate dipped Oreo turkey cookies.



This crew made broccoli cheddar soup and cookies for the families at RMH.



This crew made ravioli lasagna, garlic bread and salad at RMH.



This crew made chili and cornbread.



This crew made yummy cookies.



While the Frison's were in TX at their families ranch, they did some "dumpster diving" for pull tabs for RMH.



The BB Lions delivered 70 scarves to City of Lights, and a senior center.

