

BOISE BENCH LIONS

January 14, 2026

Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Program chair Esteban, speakers Kate and Greg, Pres. Rick

Greg Wenner from GOODHEART Technology spoke how they are “Empowering Nonprofits with Tech”. Greg has a master’s in IT management and uses that knowledge to help several nonprofits in our area. He explained managed service providers, MSP’s, are a third party that helps companies with technology. They try to prevent problems before they happen with monitoring and automation. Some of the reasons MSP’s fall short for nonprofits: They are built for for-profit businesses, not nonprofits; their pricing models don’t match nonprofit budgets; they have limited understanding of nonprofit workflows. Good heart tech is a nonprofit built specifically to serve nonprofits. They have 100% free support without upsells or strings and education-first approach that empowers the businesses they support. They act like a partner not a vendor. They have many services available and many for-profit and nonprofit partners. Our very own Envision is one of their nonprofit partners. They have no operational costs, 100% volunteers who are passionate about the cause, deep integration with the MSP community, trusted in nonprofit and cybersecurity communities, recurring revenue from for-profits (automation), and strong vendor connections which equals free MSP tools. Quick cybersecurity tips: multi-factor authentication everywhere protects against 99% of attacks, use a password manager, unique passwords, slow down and verify emails, links, and attachments, keep devices and apps updated, backup your data regularly. **Check out their website: goodhearttech.org**



Members: 48

Attendance: Lion Toni but sadly she wasn’t present last week.

Guests: Lion LaDawn brought Charlye Hahn from 4theloveofkinship.org. Charlye and her husband Bob are planning to join the club.

Save the Date: Next Lions and friends social January 20th at White Dog Brewing at 4:30.

Bragging Rights: The Locklear’s welcomed their new granddaughter who is so special to their family!



Save the Date: February 10th 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.

Vision and Hearing Screening at Sage International January 28th and 29th. Email **Lion Curt**, kelleycurt@gmail.com, if you are interested in volunteering.

The BB Lions will start cooking and serving at the new Interfaith Sanctuary location in February if all goes as planned. Stay tuned!



Calendar of Events



January 20 – Lions and friends social at White Dog Brewing at 4:30

January 21 – Annie Garrett, Homesteading Idaho

January 27 – Volunteer at Ronald McDonald cooking lunch, sweets and cleaning

January 28 - Marialsmeria Moreno and Mari Ramos, ID Hispanic Foundation

January 28 and 29th – Vision and Hearing Screening at Sage International School of Boise

Pres. Rick's Quotes of the day on January: The cold of January cannot freeze a warm heart filled with hope.

The beauty of January is that it teaches patience in cold times and hope in short days.

January shows us that small steps taken today can lead to big changes tomorrow.

January whispers, "Let go of the past and embrace what's to come."



January Birthdays:

Theresa Thornton 1/6

Terry Christenson 1/14

Colleen Lashley 1/15

LaDawn Kidd 1/26

Jan Shelton 1/28

Amaya Donahue 1/30

Tips from an airport baggage handler: 4 wheels! We will roll your bag instead of throwing it. Extra credit: luggage that also has a handle on the bottom between the wheels.

Hardshell is better for withstanding weather. Avoid ABS plastic, polycarbonate is a good choice.

Never use plastic/saran wrap on your luggage.

Don't overstuff. This causes zippers to break and belongings get lost.

Make sure you use TSA approved locks on luggage.

Make sure anything fragile or liquid is in a Ziploc or sealable bag.



Lion Rick inducted our new Lions **Tristan and Lisa Fluharty** with their sponsor **Lion Dan Frison**. Welcome to the BB Lions!

Lion Aarda stood in for **Lion Angel** who is down south enjoying the sun. She auctioned off the Lions monopoly game. **Lion Toni** is the new winner of the game.





Lion Henry's sons Chris and Greg helped at the ID Foodbank.



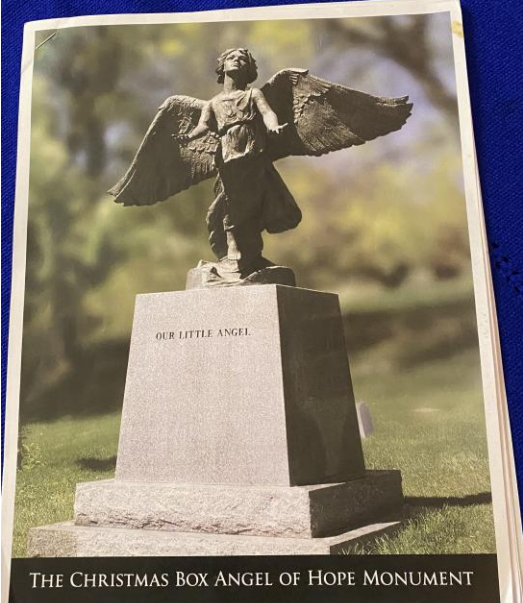
9 BB Lions, Lion Henry's 2 sons and Lion Arden from the Nampa Lions packed 14, 875 lbs. of oranges into 5 lb. bags.



Lions Kari, Larry and Debbie packing the different sized oranges.

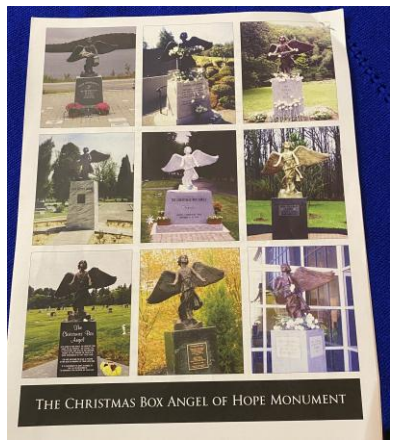


Lion Cindy and hubby hanging with Ryan at the Wheel of Fortune studio. They also were at the taping of the Pop Culture Jeopardy.



The Valley Mountain and Eagle 616 Lions worked together to get this beautiful Angel monument into a park in Eagle.

Save the Date for possibly cooking and serving at the new Interfaith Sanctuary location on State St. in February. We are hoping to start a dedicated once a month cooking and serving on the third Friday of each month. The first shift is from 11-3 with 4 volunteers cooking and the second shift is from 3-7 with 6 volunteers serving. **Lion Patty** will be sending around a sign-up sheet at the meeting, or you can email her at pfrison47@gmail.com to sign up.



THE CHRISTMAS BOX ANGEL OF HOPE MONUMENT