

BOISE BENCH LIONS

January 7, 2026

Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Program chair Lion Esteban, speaker Melissa, Pres. Rick

Melissa Davlin is the president of the ID Press Club. What is the ID Press Club? It is a professional organization for journalists across ID. The first version was founded in 1936 with the current club founded in 1965. The members are from print, television, radio and online outlets. Their current priorities are free trainings on best practices in media, open government advocacy, scholarships for students (they try to connect students with career journalists in our area) and mid-career reporters, an annual contest and banquet to recognize best in ID journalism. They have many challenges: shrinking newsrooms and shrinking budgets, news deserts in rural areas, corporate owners outside of ID, public trust, misinformation, algorithms, and artificial intelligence. She said to be very careful with AI as it is not always what you think it is. There are many competing narratives with information at people's fingertips. ID is seeing fewer local journalists for many reasons but mainly salaries. A ton of institutional knowledge retired at the same time. There has been a big surge in online media. The Bright Spots: new nonprofit outlets, increased collaboration between competitors, VOCES internship of ID which invests in ID's future journalists, support for public media after the Corporation for Public Broadcasting cuts. **Coming soon:** the ID Reports podcast wherever you get your podcasts. **Check out their website:**

idahopressclub.org.



Members: 53

Attendance: Lion LaDawn but she was gallivanting around Austria the last week the club met.

Guests: The Frison's brought their neighbors Tristen and Lisa Fluarty. **Lion Sharlene** a Meridian Lion who will be transferring to the BB Lions brought her friend Sue.

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



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.

Camp Rainbow Gold supports childhood cancer, which is a cause of Lions, sent a thank you note for our \$250 donation.

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



Calendar of Events

January 13 – Volunteer at the ID Foodbank from 12-2

January 14 – Good Heart Tech, Greg Wenner

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: The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched-they must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. Winston Churchill

In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity. Albert Einstein

Nothing is impossible. The word itself is I'm possible. Audrey Hepburn



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

TT Lion Angel auctioned off 4 handmade cutting boards from **Lion Dan Frison**.

Funnies: A fart can be quiet, a fart can be loud, some leave a powerful poisonous cloud.

A fart can occur in a number of places and leave everyone there with strange looks on their faces.

But farts are all bad, is simply not true. We must never forget...Sweet old farts like you!



Lion Esteban got one.

More winners on page 3.



Lion Gayle our Health and Fitness Guru gave the December awards:

Lion Patty – hand mask

Lion Jill – hot/cold eye pads

Lion MJ – fan/earplugs/candle

Lion Aarda – fitness trainer/squeezeball

Lion LaDawn – packing list/earplugs/cards

Lion Suzanne – bath bombs

Lions Sharon and Henry – notebook

Lion Toni – sachet

Lion Shannon - candle

Lion Curt and Pat arriving in Sydney Australia at the end of their cruise.





The serving crew at the 4 the love of kinship breakfast.



Lion Dennis as Santa with Charlye. Santa was able to give all the children gifts after they ate breakfast which was cooked and served by the BB Lions.



Lion Susan gave Charlye Hahn, 4 the love of kinship, the gifts and gift cards the club donated.



Lions Gary, Dwaine and Bob at Dwaine's memory care center.



Lion Frank and friends serving at Interfaith. Lion Frank is the new chef at the new Interfaith. The club plans to support him. More to come.



The Frison's, their goddaughter and fiancé delivered and set up a bed. The BB Lions have delivered 347 beds to date.

Lions Darlene, Dan, Rick, Curt and Gayle – money
Lion Jerry – earplugs
If you want to join the health and fitness group email **Lion Gayle**, dgchaney7273@gmail.com. You pay \$20 and submit your fitness, mental health and social outings to Lion Gayle. You can earn 1 pt. per day and win prizes for participating.



The Frison's and Lions Larry S. and Dennis delivered and set up 2 single beds. The oldest boy had a great time helping the guys set up his bed and his brothers.

