

# BOISE BENCH LIONS

February 18, 2026 Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Efren and Chris from the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI) spoke about their community partnership gardening project. Why this project matters? It will create meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities, promotes independence and confidence, and builds inclusive community spaces. One of their clients who attends the assessment and training center, said he couldn't garden anymore due to his vision. Chris gave him some basil seeds to plant in their indoor planter. He watched the seeds grow and took care of the plant. The dream is to bring a little of the garden back to his home and help him to realize he can regain, reframe and retain life skills. The goal is to build more planters with participant involvement that can be used outside in their courtyard. The planters will be raised, modular boxes with fabric grow pots. They are wheelchair-accessible with adapted techniques for vision loss. They will be moved around to find the best design that works for the area. They would like to build 25 planters with more flowers and aromatic plants and more herbs. In year one, they hope to get the infrastructure and planting with expansion and enhancements. This will all be scalable depending on partner support. Why should we partner with them? Because we support inclusive, skill-building programs and it creates a visible community partnership. This sounds like a new project for the BB Lions. Check out their website to learn more: [icbvi.idaho.gov](http://icbvi.idaho.gov)



**Members:** 41

**Attendance:** Lion Sharon L. won the money! She was hearing screening for the club.

**Need for speaker chairs starting in April:** Email Lion Darlene, darlenesam76@gmail.com to pick a month.

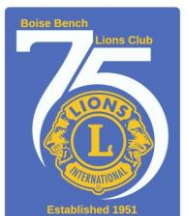
**Save the Date:** Next Lions and friends social March 12<sup>th</sup> at Lost Grove Brewing, 1026 S La Pointe St at 4:30.

**Lion Esteban** set Saturday March 21st for another Ronald McDonald cooking and baking volunteer time. Text him if you are interested 208.602.6340.

**Save the Date: March 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 toed shoes.

**Envision change of time for** recycling of eyeglasses on Thursday the 19th from 1-3. Please bring newspapers to pack the glasses if you have any.

**Check out the new 75<sup>th</sup> BB Lions** logo, please send your name and size to Lion Lynne to get a new shirt with the new logo.



## Calendar of Events



**February 21** – Serving at the new Interfaith Sanctuary location from 8-11am

**February 24** – Cook lunch, bake and clean at the Ronald McDonald House from 10-12

**February 25** – Neighborhood Works and Eat Smart Idaho

**March 4** – 4 the love of kinship – Charlye Hahn

**March 10** – Volunteer at the ID Foodbank from 12-2

### Pres. Rick's Quotes of the Day on Listening:

Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply. Stephen Covey

Every person you meet knows something you don't; learn from them. H. Jackson Brown Jr.

One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say. Bryant McGill

To listen well is as powerful a means of influence as to speak well.



### February Birthdays:

Mary Morin 2/9

Shawn Paul 2/9

Stevie Packard 2/14

Tristan Fluharty 2/15

Angel Wohlschlegel 2/17

Sharon LoSasso 2/19

Nicole Jenkins 2/21

Nancy Anno 2/28

Todd Plimpton 2/28

**Lion John** stepped in as TT while **Lion Angel** is sunning in the south: A teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to gather the building materials for his home. The little pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said, "Pardon me sir, but may I have some straw to build my house?" She asked the class, "What do you think the man said?" Little Johnny raised his hand and said very matter-of-factly, "I think the man said, "Well, I'll be damned a talking pig!"



### Vision and Hearing Screening completed at Sage International School of Boise.

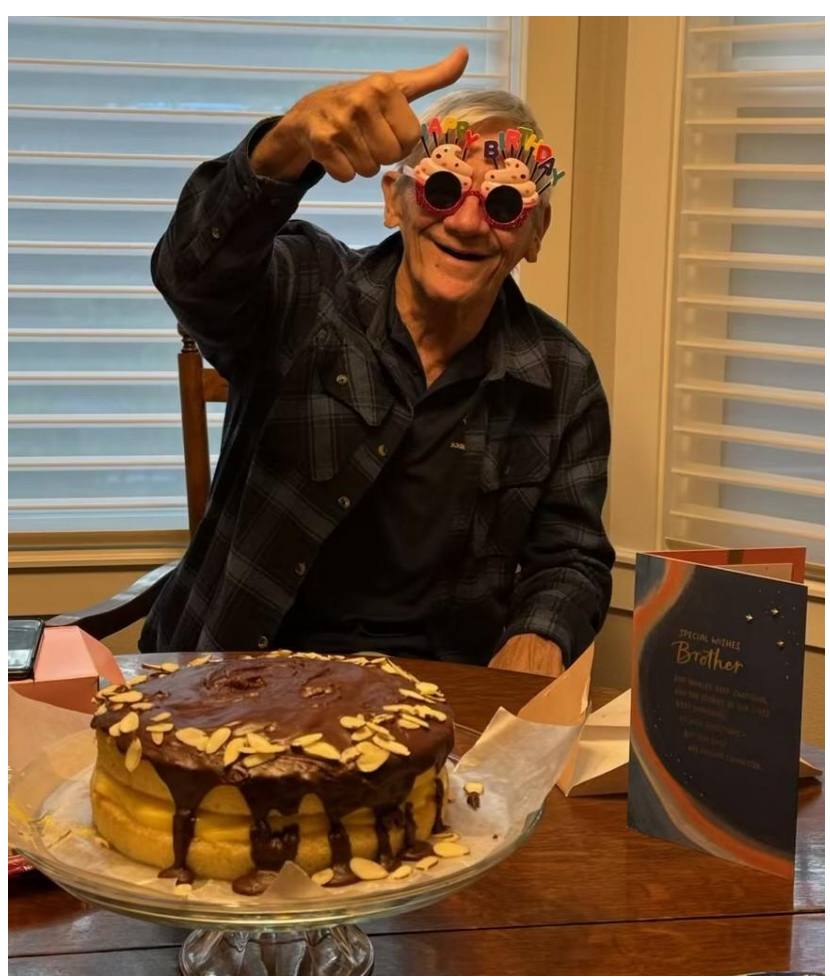
98 students for hearing with 2 referrals and 90 students for vision with 10 referrals.

Way to go BB Lions!

**Pres. Rick** inducted our new member **Lion Lila Garvin** with her sponsor **Lion Jill**.  
**Welcome to the BB Lions!**



**Lion Aarda** and her daughter **Lion Angel** at Harquahala Peak in AZ. An abandoned observatory site.



We lost a beautiful kind soul yesterday, **Lion Ken Marchetti**. He was a Lion for 22 years. He will be truly missed. Please keep Lion Sharon and their family in your thoughts and prayers!



Another goofy cactus, an octopus.

**Lion Darlene's** grandson Will came for a visit. He got to see some reptiles, but toys are always a must see.



Chris from ICBVI brought an example of a planter and fabric pot they plan to use in their courtyard.

