

BOISE BENCH LIONS

February 4, 2026 **Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon**



Pres. Rick, speakers JoAnn and Jon, program chair Lion Karen

Jo Ann is the volunteer service coordinator for the ID State Veteran's Home here in Boise. There are 3 other homes located in Pocatello, Post Falls and Lewiston. The Boise location is under construction to provide single suites for their residents. There are 80 veterans living in the home until construction is complete, hopefully in 2 yrs. When construction is complete, they will have 120 veterans living there. They serve veteran's ages 55-100's. Their residents don't usually have family who come to visit them, so they started the Veteran's Enrichment through Sponsorship program basically Adopt-a-Veteran. There are many volunteer opportunities from visiting with a Veteran, volunteering at their canteen, and taking a Veteran shopping. Jon, one of their volunteers, has been listening to many of the veterans who tell their stories. One veteran spent 14 yrs. fighting the global war against terrorism. When you adopt a veteran, you are helping to combat loneliness, make him/her feel appreciated, give him/her something to look forward to, and help to fill the long hours of the days. The program asks for a one-year commitment to give continuity with engagement to your veteran. From corresponding with your veteran, stopping by the home now and then for a visit, send cards over the holidays, provide a personal birthday gift or Christmas present if you can, aid in obtaining personal items, except for toiletries that are provided by the home. Join the volunteers in accompanying your veteran on outings planned by the home. Ask questions and give your veteran an opportunity to tell their story. Well-behaved pets are also welcome visitors.

Check out veterans.idaho.gov



Members: 43

Attendance: Lion Henry won the money!

Guest: Lion Jill's friend Lila Garvin joined us and turned in her application! Yahoo!

Need for speaker chairs starting in April: Lion Darlene will pass around suggestions, tips and the signup sheet next week. Be thinking of some speaker ideas. The BB Lions are known for their amazing speakers.

Save the Date: Next Lions and friends social February 12th at Split Rail Winery at 4:30.



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.



BB Lions Charter date is May 28, 1951, the 75th anniversary which equals 75 service projects this year. Email **VP Cindy**, cbschreiner@gmail.com with your ideas.



Envision needs our help to catch up with recycling eyeglasses tomorrow, Thursday from 10-12.



Calendar of Events



February 10 – Volunteer at the ID Foodbank from 12-2

February 11 – 75th Anniversary information day, come with new project ideas

February 12 – Lions and friends social at Split Rail Winery at 4:30

February 18 – ID Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

February 20 – Serving at the new Interfaith Sanctuary location, if all goes as planned

February 25 – Neighborhood Works and Eat Smart Idaho

Pres. Rick's Quotes of the Day: On Unity and Teamwork

We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided. JK Rowling

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team. Phil Jackson

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses or the problems of modern society. Vince Lombardi

Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean. Ryunosuke Satoro



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 LaDawn stepped in as TT while **Lion Angel** is sunning in the south:

Answers on page 3:

1. Who was the first pro football player and how much was he paid?
2. Which became the first domed stadium?
3. Which teams have won the most Super Bowls?
4. Can women play in the NFL?
5. Who was the first woman official?



Lion LaDawn

auctioned a fun interactive card game called Taco, Cat, Goat, Cheese, Pizza. Our speaker Jon is the proud owner.

Please keep **Lion Larry Dold** in your thoughts and prayers while he goes through chemo. So far, he has been feeling pretty good but because his body is immunocompromised, he will be staying away from large group settings. He welcomes the members reaching out to him for a chat.





The Frison's, the Burks' and Lion John delivered and set up 3 single beds through the clubs partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The club has delivered over 300 beds.



Boise Bench Lions Dinner for 10 fundraiser:

The dinner for 10 will be prepared by our own **Lion Chef Frank**. It will be served in his backyard in Eagle during the warmer months. The winner picks the date and the 9 other dinner guests. There will be 5 courses with wine pairings. 100 tickets at \$50 each is a great price for a lovely meal. If you would like a ticket, you can text/call 208.599.0271 or email **Lion Dennis** at burks1841@yahoo.com. He can add your tickets to your monthly bill.



Jon is one of the amazing ambassadors at the Veterans Home. He serenaded us with a fun jingle thanking the Boise Bench Lions for letting them speak at our meeting.



Football trivia answers:

1. Pudge Heffelfinger, \$500
2. Louisiana Superdome
3. Patriots and Steelers, 6 each
4. Yes, but they haven't.
5. Sarah Thomas

