

# BOISE BENCH LIONS

March 11, 2026 **Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon**



**Speaker Elaine, program chair Lion Linda, VP Cindy**

Elain Clegg is the CEO for Valley Regional Transit. Who is VRT? The regional public transportation authority for Ada and Canyon counties. In 1973, the Boise Urban Stages began providing fixed route bus service in the city of Boise. In the 1990's, Treasure Valley Transit began providing bus service in Canyon County. In 1999, Ada and Canyon boards voted to merge the two organizations, creating ViaTrans later VRT. VRT services: fixed route – a transit service that operates on a set schedule along a predetermined route with designated stops. Demand response – a curb-to-curb service within a defined service area where trips can be booked in advance or same day. VRT on demand – demand response service open to the public with service currently in Canyon County. VRT access – complimentary ADA paratransit service for persons with disabilities within 3/4 mile of fixed route service. VRT beyond access – service for older adults and persons with disabilities outside VRT access service area. They have seen quite an increase in the use of VRT from 2021 to 2024. A few facts: 36% of Treasure Valley residents can't drive due to age or disability, \$14,900 is the annual cost of a vehicle in ID, VRT serves over 1M people to the general public and through qualified ride programs, congestion mitigation: if VRT moved the same number of riders as Spokane Transit we would remove 9M cars a year from the roadways. Elaine shared a story about a grandmother who lives in Canyon County who doesn't drive. Her family is in southeast Boise, and they didn't have time to drive out to CC to pick her up. She uses VRT to visit her family once a week. Check out [valleyregionaltransit.org](http://valleyregionaltransit.org) for more information.



**Members:** 41

**Attendance:** Lion Cindy won some money.



**Need speaker chairs for June, August, September and October Email Lion Darlene,**  
darlenesam76@gmail.com to pick a month.



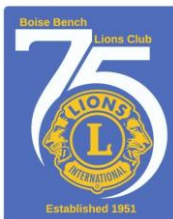
**Save the Date:** Next Lions and friends social March 12<sup>th</sup> at Lost Grove Brewing, 1026 S La Pointe St at 4:30.



**Save the Date: April 14th** from 12-2 volunteer at the ID Foodbank. Sign up with your account, the link is on our website or call Jane at 208.830.0454. Or come on over and lend a hand. Please wear closed toed shoes.



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



**It is far away but we will need many volunteers for the upcoming September Sporting Clays fundraiser. Once we have a date please add it to your calendar.**



## Calendar of Events



**March 12** – Lions and friends social at Lost Grove Brewing on La Pointe St. at 4:30

**March 18** – American Red Cross, Mandi Porta

**March 20** – Volunteer at Interfaith Sanctuary 11-3 and 3-7

**March 21** – Volunteer at RMH from 10-12

**March 25** – Trees Inc., Lance Davison

### Pres. Rick's Quotes of the Day on his horoscope for Friday March 6:

Your actions will result in rewards. Lend a helping hand as a volunteer or donate to a cause, and the returns will be greater than you expect. Listen with an open mind, but make choices with facts, figures and your reputation in mind. Doing what's right will raise your profile and offer insight into who you want on your team or what team you want to be on.



### March Birthdays:

Tedd Foote 3/8

Larry Kidd 3/23

Jim Beitz 3/27

Sharon Marchetti 3/31

**Tail Twister Lion Angel shared a funny:** When Forest Gump dies, he stood in front of St. Peter at the pearly gates. St. Peter said, "Welcome Forest, we've heard a lot about you." Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now must give people an entrance exam before we let them in." "Okay," said Forest. "I hope it's not too hard. I've already been through a test. My momma used to say life is like a final exam." "Yes, Forest, I know. But this test only has three questions. 1. Which two days of the week begin with the letter T? 2. How many seconds are in a year? 3. What is God's first name?" "Well sir, the first one is easy. Which two days of the week begin with the letter T? Today and tomorrow. St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have a point. I give you credit for that answer." "The next question," said Forest, "How many seconds in a year? Twelve" "Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused. "Yes, sir. January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>..." St. Peter interrupted him. "I see what you mean. I'll have to give you credit for that one too." "And the last question," said Forest. "What is God's first name? It's Andy." "Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. "How did you come up with Andy?" "I learned it in church. We used to sing about it." Forest broke into song, "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own." St. Peter opened the gate to heaven and said, "Run, Forest, Run!"



**Lion LaDawn** lost her nephew who was all about kindness and service. Her picture is "Cleaning for Connor". Send your pics of kindness and service to Lion Lynne 208.570.0845 for the newsletter.



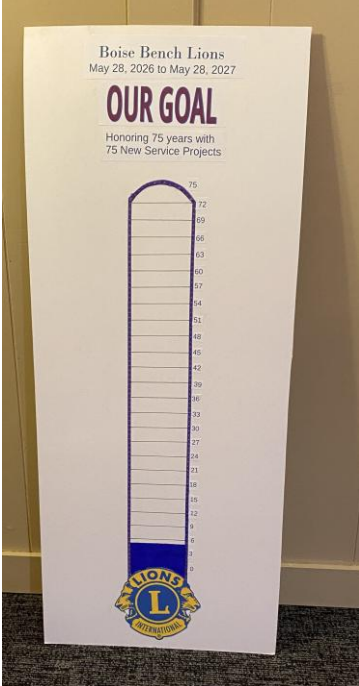
**Lions Dan, Patty, Lisa, Tristan and John,** delivered and set up 3 beds. That makes 357 beds for the BB Lions. A great partnership with SHP.



**Lion Jan Shelton** and her friend, Loring, jet boating in New Zealand.



BB Lions honoring 75 years with 75 new projects, May 28, 2026, to May 28, 2027. We will have a training at the April 1st meeting to show how to enter your service activity information or you can send your information to **Lion MJ** our service chair at 208.559.7136 and she will enter it for you.



**Newcomer's Orientation March 18th at 6:30 on Microsoft Teams.** **Lion Rick** will send out the link and **Lion Curt** will answer all your questions about the BB Lions and Lions International.

**We need volunteers for the upcoming Gunfighter Skies event at Mountain Home AFB May 17th for 3 shifts from 10-12, 12-2, and 2-4.** A minimum of 4 volunteers with a maximum of 6. We will be cooking and keeping things stocked in the VIP tent on the runway during the show. You may meet pilots and the mayor of Mountain Home is a Lion.



14 BB Lions, 1 Nampa Lion and **Lion Henry's** sons Chris and Greg helped others pack 1,520 bags of dehydrated potatoes. Way to go BB Lions!



**Lion Toni** received her membership key for bringing in 2 members. **Lion Henry** received his membership advancement key for bringing in 5 members and **Lion Dennis** received his builder key for bringing in 10 members.