

BOISE BENCH LIONS

March 25, 2026 **Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon**



Pres. Rick, Speaker Mike, Program chair Lion Linda

Mike from the nonprofit Trees Idaho, formerly the Treasure Valley Canopy Network, spoke about urban forestry. Trees Idaho works with communities, organizations and residents to plan for, plant and care for trees that clean our air and water. One of their many programs is the Elaine Clegg City of Trees Challenge which started on Arbor Day in 2020. Since that day, there have been 20,468 urban trees planted and 235,000 seedlings planted. You can become a tree captain with a little training to help your community identify tree planting sites, help participants with selecting the right tree for their home, educate about young tree care, volunteer at spring and fall tree planting events. They have a free tree program scheduled for Spring of 2026 for Caldwell, Nampa and portions of Meridian. Go to their website: treesidaho.org to see if you qualify. Trees Idaho is working with Treefort and will be tabling there along with the Farmer's Market and Earth Day. They started a community tree care program as well. Go to the website to submit an application. There is a large treasure valley tree selection guide on their website. They have an inventory of 45,000 trees with classes 1, 2 and 3 by height. They have cared for 85-90,000 trees in the public areas. Check out their website for many volunteer opportunities.



Members: 52

Attendance: Lion John



Guest: Lion Tedd's friend
Donna

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

Save the Date: Next Lions and friends social April 9th at Rolling Hills Vineyard Urban Tasting Room at 4:30 in Garden City, 52nd street.



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.



If you signed up to bring cupcakes for Siena Elementary, please only bring 1 dozen April 1st. Thank you!



Lion Mike confirmed **September 25th** for the Sporting Clays fundraiser. Please add this to your calendar as we will need many volunteers to run this event. Check out caldwellshotguncomplex.com



Calendar of Events



April 1 – Lion Portal, service activities, Boise Bench website, Lions Lynne and Curt

April 7 – Volunteer at RMH from 10-12

April 8 – Alzheimer’s Assoc., Emma Taylor

April 9 – Lions and friends social at Rolling Hills Vineyard at 4:30

April 14 – Volunteer at the ID Foodbank from 12-2

April 15 – ID Community Foundation, Lion Evin Bask

April 17 – Volunteer at Interfaith Sanctuary

April 22 – Type 2 Diabetes, Lion Megan Little

April 29 – Scouting America, Lion Esteban Galan

Pres. Rick’s Quotes:

Time and Truth – two constants you can rely on. One shows up for the first time every time while the other never leaves. Matthew McConaughey

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic. Dave Barry

The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to the other creatures; but the fact that he can do wrong proves his moral inferiority to any creatures that cannot. Mark Twain



March Birthdays:

Tedd Foote 3/8

Larry Kidd 3/23

Jim Beitz 3/27

Sharon Marchetti 3/31

Tail Twister Lion Aarda auctioned off one of **Lion Dan’s** cutting boards.

Riddles: 1. What goes thru cities and fields but never moves?

2. What others use more than you?

3. What has hands but cannot clap?

4. What cannot talk but replies when spoken to?

5. What has a neck but no head?

6. What goes up but never comes down?



67 dozen cookies for Interfaith Sanctuary. Good job BB Lions!



Lion Joyce is the proud owner of this beautiful cutting board made by **Lion Dan**.



The Muir's in Palm Springs where it was 105 used the tram to the top of the mountain to hike in cooler temps.



BB Lions delivered and set up another bed to help get 358 kids off the floor so far.



Another group of **BB Lions** served at the Ronald McDonald House.



- Riddles answers:**
1. Roads
 2. Your name
 3. Clock
 4. Echo
 5. Bottle
 6. Age



A group of **BB Lions** preparing and serving at Interfaith Sanctuary.



Lion Larry Dold ringing the bell for his cancer free diagnosis. He plans to come back in a few weeks.

Lion Zoie Koci is excited to share that she is beginning an incredible new journey! She is moving to Phoenix for the next year as she prepares to attend Creighton University's accelerated nursing program, which begins this August. She is moving this month to get established and prepare for the program. Zoie embodies what it means to serve. She is proud to be a Lion and is eager to stay connected by visiting Lions Clubs throughout Phoenix. While pursuing her studies, she plans to give back by serving alongside Saint Vincent de Paul and supporting their free clinics for low-income families in need of healthcare. While we will certainly miss Zoie here in the Treasure Valley, we couldn't be prouder of her dedication, compassion, and drive. She is already looking ahead to returning home to serve our community as a healthcare professional and as a proud Boise Bench Lion. Zoie, we are cheering you on every step of the way!

