

# BOISE BENCH LIONS

**April 1, 2026 Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon**



Helping others is eggs-actly what we do.



**Members:** 52

**Attendance:** Lion Toni

**Guests:** Lion Henry's sons Greg and Chris. His daughter, **Lion Laura**, is already a member.

**August is all we have left for speakers** email **Lion Darlene**, darlenesam76@gmail.com.

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

**Lion Mike** confirmed **September 25<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://caldwellshotguncomplex.com)

**Flock Cancer is May 9<sup>th</sup>**; the BB Lions have been asked to be crossing guards again this year on Harrison Blvd intersections. Text **Lion Toni**, 208.850.2255 if you are interested in volunteering.



**Lions Lynne Burks and Curt Kelley** walked through the Lion Portal and the Boise Bench Lions website.



Go to [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org), in the upper right-hand corner click Lion Portal. You will need your member number to log in for the first time. You can text Lion Lynne, 208.570.0845, or email Pres. Rick, [voge408@msn.com](mailto:voge408@msn.com) or email Lion Curt, [kelleycurt@gmail.com](mailto:kelleycurt@gmail.com). LCI, Lions Clubs international, has global information on the Home page when you scroll down. It is quite impressive the amount of people our organization serves around the world. Click My Club and you will see your information. Click Members, you can click on whichever member you would like to find an email address and phone number if they have one. Up at the top, click service, then click create service activity. The goal is to enter 75 or more service activities to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lion MJ Thompson, [mjtmjexpress@yahoo.com](mailto:mjtmjexpress@yahoo.com), is our Service Chairperson. She would be happy to enter your service project information if you want to send it to her. Log in, see all the details you need to enter or just enter them while you are there. You can upload pictures as well. She checks regularly to see if more information is needed and to complete the service project.

Check out [boisebenchlions.org](http://boisebenchlions.org). A big Thank You to Lions Curt and Rick for keeping our website up to date and full of great information. If you think of something that should be on the website, just let them know. Our website is always evolving. Under the members heading is a password protected page, reach out to Lions Curt, Rick or Lynne if you would like the password.

Check out the new Snake River Lions, District 39W, website at [snakeriverlions.org](http://snakeriverlions.org). All clubs are represented on the map if you want to learn more when they meet to make a surprise visit.



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## Calendar of Events



**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 in Garden City 52<sup>nd</sup> St.

**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

**May 9** – Flock Cancer Crossing Guards on Harrison Blvd., reach out to Lion Toni

## Pres. Rick’s Quotes: On Spring

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world. Virgil Kraft

Spring is a lovely reminder of how truly beautiful change can be. Unknown

Spring is far more than just a changing of the seasons; it’s a rebirth of the spirit.  
Toni Sorenson

Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s Party!” Robin Williams



## April Birthdays:

Randy Broesch 4/6

Rick Vogel 4/8

Clarissa Lucas 4/8

Keith Quatraro 4/10

Kimberly Kaiser 4/17

Sharleen McIntire 4/17

Bailey Reese 4/22

Cliff Ogborn 4/30



**Tail Twister Lion Angel:** A nun badly needing to use the restroom, walked into a local Hooters. The place was hopping with music and loud conversation and occasionally the lights would turn off. Each time the lights would go out, the place would erupt into cheers. However, when the revelers saw the nun, the room went dead silent. She walked up to the bartender and asked, “May I please use the restroom?” The bartender replied, “Ok but I should warn you that there is a statue of a naked man in there wearing a fig leaf.” “Well in that case, I will just look the other way.” said the nun. So, the bartender showed the nun to the back of the restaurant, a little later the lights went momentarily out. After a few minutes, she came back out and the whole place stopped just long enough to give the nun a loud round of applause. She went to the bartender and said, “Sir, I don’t understand. Why did they applaud for me just because I went to the restroom?” Well, now they know you are one of us,” said the bartender. “Would you like a drink?” “No thank you, but still, I don’t understand.” said the puzzled nun. “You see,” laughed the bartender, “every time someone lifts the fig leaf on the statue, the lights go out. Now, how about that drink?”

## Bragging Rights:

**Lion Olie** said a few Lions went to **Lion Sharon M’s** house to celebrate her birthday. Pic pg. 3

**Lion Cindy’s** grandson won his team’s basketball game at the buzzer with his shot. Wow!

**Lion Rick’s** granddaughter’s volleyball team the ID Crush won the Pacific Northwest qualifier in Spokane. They won all their matches and will represent ID in nationals in Florida in June. See pic on page 3.



**Lion Rick's** granddaughter top row far left of the ID Crush Volleyball team who will be going to nationals representing ID in June in Florida. Way to go girls!



**Lion Darlene** took the pic of the Lions who celebrated **Lion Sharon M's** birthday.



**Lion Dennis** delivered **Lion Stevie's** new 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirt.



9 BB Lions helped the Treefort Green Team pick up micro trash at Julia Davis Park. Lions Lisa and Tristan worked the morning shift.



**Lion Rick** donated gallons of laundry detergent to the Ruth Melichar Bird Center on behalf of the BB Lions. He also helped pack "Boodle" boxes for the cadets at West Point. His grandson is there now. Boodle is the cadet term for care packages. Notice he has his Lions pin on.

July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

**LIONS ENVISION SIGHT COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT**

<b>PERSONAL ASSISTANCE</b>		
Sight Restoring Surgeries Provided		6
Surgery Funds Distributed:		4,849.51
Hearing Aids Provided		11
Hearing Aid Funds Distributed:		\$2,760.00
<b>EYE BANK</b>		145
Humanitarian Eye Donors		194
Corneas Provided for Transplant		
<b>VISION AND HEARING COMMUNITY SCREENINGS</b>		4,836
Individual Screenings		222
Volunteers		267.5
Volunteer Hours		770
Referred		44
Event Days		
<b>IDAHO LIONS VISION CLINIC</b>		
Optometric Patients	260	
Glasses Dispensed	439	
<b>RECYCLED EYEGLASSES</b>		24,220
Donated Glasses Recycled & Distributed		
Distribution Locations: Corpus Christi, Owyhee Community Health, Interfaith Sanctuary, St. Luke's Meridian & Boise ICU's, Genesis, Nicaragua, Artisans for Hope, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Tanzania, Boise Public Library		

**29,706 # LIVES ENHANCED**

Lions Envision Sight shared their community impact report. 29, 706 lives enhanced! Well, done Envision!

**New BB Lions Officers 2026-2027/Vote April 29th**

- Cindy Schreiner – President    Esteban Galan – 1<sup>st</sup> VP
- Mike Gibson – 2nd VP    Cliff Ogborn – Treasurer
- Dennis Burks – Secretary/admin secretary
- MJ Thompson - Club Service Chairperson
- Curt Kelley – Marketing/Communications
- Larry Kidd – Lion Tamer
- Angel Wohlschlegel and Aarda Justin – co-chairs Tail Twister
- Kim Kaiser – Board Director (2 yr. term)
- Karen Newton-Hensley – Board Director (2 yr. term)
- Sharon LoSasso – Board Director (2 yr. term)

