

BOISE BENCH LIONS

September 9, 2026 **Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon**



VP Esteban, docent in training Lori, speaker Deb, program chair Lion Jackie

Deb Eisinger has been a docent at the Wassmuth Center for 14 yrs. She spoke to us about Polly Bemis, an ID Pioneer. Polly was born in China then sold by her family as a teenager. She was smuggled into the U.S., as it was illegal to bring a Chinese woman into the U.S., to Portland, OR and then was moved to the ID Territory, now Warren, ID. She was known as a poker bride, but she wasn't. She married Charlie Bemis and they were together until his passing. He ran a saloon and he protected her from unwanted advances. Polly took in laundry from miners and ran a boarding house which Charlie built for her near his saloon. She was a hard worker, homey, approachable and had a great sense of humor. She was a small woman but held her own in a totally male community. It was written she went 5 yrs. without seeing another woman. Her intrepid spirit made her unforgettable. She was full of dash and charm and firm in what she believed in. She was her own human rights advocate. She died in Grangeville and was buried in Grangeville in 1933 at the age of 80. In 1987, the cabin known as the Polly Bemis House was restored. Polly's body was reburied on the grounds by the cabin which became a museum in 1988. Check out wassmuthcenter.org for tours, volunteer opportunities, and more information.



Members: 48

Attendance: Lion Toni Ward

Guests: Lion Larry Hunt from the Emmett Lions brought **Lion Corey Clyne** from the Fort Boise Garrison Lions Club Branch and **Lion Arden** from the Nampa Lions.

Boise Hive 3907 W Custer Dr, field trip/orientation has been moved to September 11th from 9:30-12:30.

The club donated \$250 to the **Sydney Nova Scotia Canada Lions Club** which was visited by **The Chaney's**.



Save the Date: October 13th 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 close-toed shoes.

Sporting Clay event September 25th at 9am at Caldwell Gun Club we are at 17 sponsors! Great job everyone! The more sponsors the more money comes to our amazing club. **We have 23 shooters. Let's get the word out for more shooters. Sign-up sheets are coming soon for the day of the event.**



Calendar of Events



September 11th – Field trip/orientation at Boise Hive from 9:30-12:30

September 13th – End of Summer Party at Lion Kim's from 4-8pm (check out the flyer on pg.3)

September 16th – Boise Police Department K9 Officer

September 18th – Serve at Interfaith Sanctuary, email Lion Patty, pfrison47@gmail.com

September 23rd – National Federation of the Blind, Ramona Walhof

September 23rd – Envision Tour at 1:30 after the meeting

September 29th – Volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House from 10-12

September 30th – Lions information day, Lions Cindy and Lynne

VP Esteban's quote: A sealed letter in an envelope marked "to the Boy Scouts," tucked inside another envelope labeled "in the event of my death."
"Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and, when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best." Lord Robert Baden-Powell



Tail Twister Lion Angel funnies: A farmer was milking his cow. He noticed a bug around the cow's head and watched it go right into the cow's ear. He didn't think much about it until that same bug squirted out with the milk and into the bucket. It went in one ear and out the udder.

If you watch Jaws backwards, it is a heartwarming story about a shark who gives arms and legs to people who need them.



September Birthdays:

Curt Kelley 9/10

Jay Lugo 9/11

Cyprus Van Inwegen 9/12

Larry Spencer 9/18

Lisa Fluharty 9/22

Dan Frison 9/23

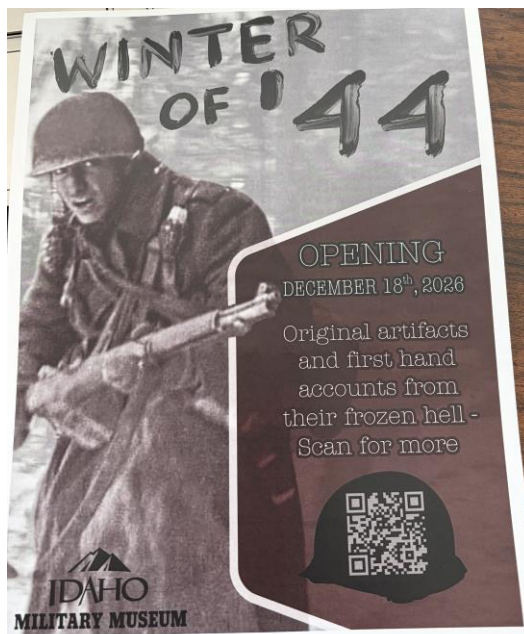
Roy Ellsworth 9/24

Frank Kalange 9/27

Carolina Ramos 9/27



The Fort Boise Garrison Lions Club Branch is working with the ID Military Museum to bring the Winter of '44 to the museum on December 18th. Scan the QR code on the flyer for more information.



Next week: Please bring more items for the VA pantry which is at risk of closing to next Wednesday's meeting.

Lion Patty shared we received a check from Greensquared.com for \$16. More tech stuff was recycled and not in the dump!



Lion Curt and his wife Pat stood on the equator in Quito Ecuador on their way to the Galapagos Islands.



Lion Rick and his wife Julie with Tatoosh Island in the background. It helps navigate the entryway to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

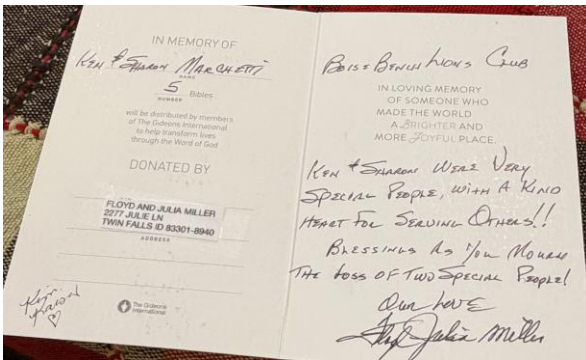


Lion Sharon Marchetti

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/idahopress/name/sharon-marchetti-obituary?id=62356793>



7 BB Lions had fun working at Zoo Boise last Friday. Lion Rich apparently got a new nickname "Clawman".



PID Floyd Miller and Lion Julia from the Twin Falls Lions Club donated 5 bibles to their church in honor of **Lions Ken and Sharon Marchetti**. A beautiful gesture from long time Lions friends.



Lion Kim invited all BB Lions to her home for an End of Summer Party. See the flyer for all details and please rsvp.



7 BB Lions, 1 Nampa Lion and friends bagged 7,200 lbs. of peaches.