



We Serve



April 2025

DG John Hand - "Opening New Doors"

I have an ask of you this month, but first I have some good news: last week it was my great pleasure to sponsor a new Lion into the Meridian club. It took time, to be sure, and we talked on several occasions—but when she handed in her application, it was worth every minute.

She is an unlikely candidate: a recent college graduate, new to a professional career, no family connections to Lionism. But what a gem! Starting a dialogue and getting to “The Ask” is the hardest part. Like any skill, it takes a little practice, but it means everything.



So far this year we have nearly 120 new members in our District. ***This is great!***

Of our thirty clubs, twenty of you have added new members - ***again, this is fantastic news!***

At a district level, membership is interesting to watch and important to track—it’s also part of your District Governor’s job!

But the more important perspective is within YOUR club. ***Every new member brings fresh perspective, renewed energy and unique skillsets***; they will push back on “but we’ve always done it this way” inertia; they will invite a new circle of family and friends into our clubs; and they will develop NEW traditions.

Here is my ask: before June 30, will you start conversations with two people and then ASK them to consider joining your Lions club?

Thank you, John.
(208) 869-8007

DGE Peggy Hess

39 W is moving up and out. We are growing. Hope you are all coming to Sun Valley. CC Lion Betty has a lot of great things planned for us.

As for the up coming changing of the guard in July, Lion John and I are working to keep our momentum going in growth. We need more members. We grow or we die.

We still need some help. I have 4 great Global Team members who need some help. John, Lisa, Marie, and I would like to get a team for each so that we have a continuation over the years and so members don’t have to travel so much. Esteban Galan is Global Membership Chairman, Kary Mavencamp is Global Extension Chairman, Pat Bishop is Global Leadership Chairman, and Larry Locklear is the Global Service Chairman and they all need help. If you are interested in helping any of these awesome Lions, please let me know.



DGE Peggy Hess
peggjess@pmt.org
208-670-5545



MD 39 CONVENTION NEWS !!

Our Multiple District 39 convention will be here before we know it! Important registration dates are quickly approaching:

April 14- Early Registration deadline for Lions and Leos

April 17- Last Guaranteed Date to Register for Lions and Leos

If you have not booked your hotel room please, do not delay. Please, don't forget to mail in your registration form. Thank you!


A special edition of the MD 39 newsletter with convention information was emailed on April 7. Please, email md39newsletter@gmail.com if you did receive it and would like a copy.

Our MD 39 convention committee looks forward to seeing you!


Warm Regards,

Lion Council Chair Betty

Registration Form



MD 39 Convention
 "Planting & Harvesting the Seeds of Lionism"
 Council Chair Betty Simpson
 May 2-3, 2025
 Sun Valley Inn Sun Valley, ID



LION/LEO: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 CLUB: _____
 FIRST TIMER: _____

LION/LEO/GUEST: _____
 CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____
 OFFICE: _____

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 14, 2025

EVENT	COST	NUMBER	TOTAL
Paint n Sip	\$25	_____	_____
Friday Evening	\$15	_____	_____
Leo Friday Evening*	\$0	_____	_____
Saturday Registration & Breakfast	\$35	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$40	_____	_____
Leo Saturday Registration & Lunch*	\$0	_____	_____
Saturday Evening	\$80	_____	_____
Leo Saturday Evening*	\$0	_____	_____
TOTAL		_____	_____

After April 14


EVENT	COST	NUMBER	TOTAL
Paint n Sip	\$30	_____	_____
Friday Evening	\$20	_____	_____
Saturday Registration & Breakfast	\$40	_____	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$45	_____	_____
Saturday Evening	\$85	_____	_____
TOTAL		_____	_____

The first 23 Leos registered are being sponsored by the Burley Lions Club


Any Dietary Restrictions _____

Friday Night - Hors d'oeuvres
 Saturday Registration - White Cloud Continental Breakfast
 Saturday Lunch - Sun Valley Chicken Salad with Potato Chips & Grapes, Angel Food Cake
 Saturday Dinner - Mixed Green Salad, Prime Rib with Baked Potato & Green Beans, Sun Valley Cheesecake

Make checks payable and send registration forms to:
 Lions Multiple District 39
 c/o Jennifer Weeks
 PO Box 615
 Star, ID 83669




MD 39 Convention
 "Planting & Harvesting the Seeds of Lionism"
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Hello Lions,


We look forward to seeing you at our 2025 MD 39 Lions Convention, "Planting and Harvesting the Seeds of Lionism" in Sun Valley Idaho May 2-3. The committee has been working hard since September to bring you what we hope will be a memorable weekend. You will receive more exciting detailed information in April.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS Sun Valley Inn, 1 Sun Valley Rd, Sun Valley, ID 83353; 800-786-8259
 Ask for the "Idaho Lions Convention" discount. Early Registration \$195 plus taxes and fees; Late Registration will be normal room rate (subject to change due to availability)



Friday Night—Yee Haw, It's Harvest Time


Come enjoy a relaxing night of Paint n Sip before the festivities begin. Gather with fellow Lions as we are guided through step by step how to paint this marvelous Lion relaxing in a field of flowers while enjoying a beverage from the no-host bar. No experience necessary.



Raffle/Silent Auction

We have decided to do things a little bit different this year. We are asking clubs to bring one or two items they would like to be part of the raffle prizes instead of raffle baskets. We will gather the items on Friday night and make them into 4 or 5 larger raffle baskets.

A preview of one of the centerpieces that will be up for silent auction.



PID Ron Keller and Lion Kitty Keller

Ron Keller from Millersport, Ohio, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022. He served on the Lions Membership Development committee for two years, and was Chairperson for one year.

Director Keller has more than 35 years experience as a government administrator and event coordinator. He is currently retired. He last served as Cultural Arts and Events Manager for the City of Columbus where he managed city staff, drafted city legislation, oversaw purchasing of equipment and supplies for events, and served as a liaison to civic and community leaders in Columbus' urban neighborhoods. One of his most notable projects was redesigning a public subsidy mechanism to make it easier for minority nonprofits to apply and receive city services within their neighborhoods.

"Tentative MD 39 Convention Agenda."

Friday, May 2			"Yeehaw, it's harvest time!" (Overalls/Jean's, Casual)
4:00-5:00pm	39E Cabinet Meeting	Limelight A	
4:30-7:00pm	Registration	Promenade	
5:00-7:00pm	Paint n Sip	Boardroom	
5:00-9:00pm	No Host Bar	Promenade	
6:30-7:00pm	Meet & Greet Social	Continental	
7:00-9:00pm	Hors d' Oeuvres, Trivia Contest, Live Music Sponsored by Envision	Continental	
Saturday, May 3			PCC Doug Beehler, Master of Ceremonies
7:30-9:00am	Registration (Business Casual/Lions Attire)	Promenade	
7:30-9:30am	Continental Breakfast Assorted Pastries & Fruit, Juice, Coffee, Tea	Continental	
8:30-10:00am	Welcome – CC Betty Simpson Pledge – PCC Greg Torgesen Code of Ethics – Billie Wood & Rose Jensen PID Ron Keller	Continental	
9:00-9:20am	Leo Breakout Session #1	Boardroom	
	MD 39 Report – CC Betty District 39E Report – DG Lisa Allen District 39W Report - DGE Peggy Hess Envision Report – Lois Sutton, PCC Jay Lugo Helen Keller's 100 th Anniversary video – Esteban Galan		
10:00- 10:15am	Break		
10:15-10:35am	Leo Breakout Session #2	Boardroom	
10:15-11:30am	Voting Information Lions Project for Canine Companions – Sarah Haberthur LCIF – CC Betty Simpson, PCC Cliff Hart Heart of a Lion – CC Betty Simpson, PDG Lyndon Rinehart, Rick Shurtleff	Limelight A	
11:30-11:50am	Voting	Boardroom	
11:30-12:00pm	Lunch Invocation – PID Floyd Miller Patriotism Essay winners – PCC Bob Saunders	Continental	

1:30- 1:45pm	Break	
1:45-3:30pm	Parade of Checks Canva & AI – PDG Kathy Donahue Celebration of Life – PCC Joyce Saunders, Scholarship Club Lion & Leo Service ideas – Kitty Keller MD Diabetes – VDGE Lisa Geir	Continental
2:30-3:00pm	Leo Breakout Session #3	Boardroom
3:30-3:50pm	Hands on Service Project	Limelight A
3:50-4:30pm	Scholarship Club Meeting	Boardroom
4:00-6:30pm	Time on your own	
6:30-7:00pm	Social Time & Music	Continental
6:30-9:00pm	No Host Bar	Promenade
7:00-9:00pm	Banquet (Dress is Idaho Fancy) Invocation – PID Floyd Miller Dinner MD & Other Awards Raffle & Silent Auction Winners Election Results – PDG Craig Parrish & PCC Jim Spanberger International Guest Speaker – PID Ron Keller	Continental
Sunday, May 4		
8:00-9:00am	PDG Association Meeting No Breakfast Served	Boardroom

MEMORIAL AT MD39 LIONS CONVENTION

Lions,

We will be holding a memorial service at the MD39 Lions Convention, May 3, 2025. Please send me information about any Lions who pass away this year. We would like to honor all who may have been Lions prior to their passing, but not a current Lion. It would be great if you have a picture, or an obituary.

Please let us know: Name of Lion

Birth date and death date

Lions Club name

How many years a Lion

Offices held, passion, hobby

Please send this as soon as possible. Please send by April 29, 2025 to:

Joyce Saunders

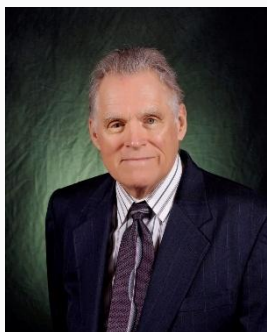
Bobjoy17@msn.com

307-884-6262

713 Alpine Way #7285

Star Valley Ranch, WY 83127

39W DIABETES CHAIRMAN



Have you heard the song, "I've Been Everywhere." It was made famous by Johnny Cash ... personally, I prefer the Hank Snow version. I'm about to add a few lyrics, so sing along.

"I've been everywhere ... Caldwell, Emmett, Weiser, Mountain Home, Burley, Nampa, Boise, Boise, Meridian, Council. And coming up ... Kuna, Payette, Rupert and, hopefully, many other stops along the way.

OK, not even the late, great Johnny Cash or Hank Snow could fit those towns in a tune, but I have appreciated the reception I have received in all of these towns. I would like to speak to all clubs in District 39W and convey why diabetes is so important to Lions. The best way to contact me is by email (ctmalloy@outlook.com).

DONATE LIFE MONTH

It's Donate Life Month; the following article was published in the Idaho State Journal of Pocatello on March 25th.

The Yes Idaho Donate Life Coalition Encourages

Idahoans to Celebrate April as National Donate Life Month

April marks National Donate Life Month (NDLM), a time to honor organ, eye, and tissue donors, celebrate lives saved through donation, and encourage individuals to register as donors. The Yes Idaho Donate Life Coalition is joining the nationwide effort to raise awareness and inspire more people to give the gift of life.

Currently, more than 100,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, while thousands more require tissue and cornea donations to restore health and sight. One donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance the lives of over 75 people through tissue donation.

“National Donate Life Month is an opportunity to recognize the power of organ and tissue donation and the incredible generosity of those who choose to save lives,” said Alex McDonald, a member of the Yes Idaho Donate Life Coalition. “We encourage everyone to learn about donation, share their decision with loved ones, and register as a donor.”

Last year in Idaho, 55% of individuals obtaining or renewing their driver’s license chose to save lives by having a heart placed on their license. Thanks to the generosity of Idahoans, there were 73 organ donors, resulting in approximately 292 lives saved—each donor saving an average of four lives.

Additionally, 351 individuals became cornea donors, restoring vision for approximately 702 recipients. Tissue donation also had a significant impact, with 191 tissue donors providing skin, tendon, and bone grafts to help improve the lives of up to 14,325 people. Each tissue donor can benefit as many as 75 individuals in need. The Idaho Lions Eye Bank provides corneas for transplant in its service area and is supported in part by Lions in Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon, such as the Boise Bench, Boise Vista, Nampa, Caldwell and Emmett Lions Clubs.

Registering as an organ, eye, and tissue donor is simple and can be done online at www.yesidaho.org or through the DMV when obtaining or renewing a driver’s license. Every registration brings hope to those waiting for a second chance at life.

For more information contact:

Alex McDonald

alex@envisionsight.org

801-599-9937

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1B6e7Vdcbm/>

The details provided above were sourced from the [Lions Multiple District 39-Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon](#) Facebook page.



LEO
CLUB
AWARENESS
MONTH
APRIL 2025



LEADERSHIP * EXPERIENCE * OPPORTUNITY

Caring for our Environment

April:
It's Environmental Month.
It's Friends and Family Month.

CHALLENGE:

Go to a Park. Have Fun.

Take away 3 pieces of rubbish each time.

Put in Household bin.



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NEWSLETTER INFO

Greetings, 39W Lions!

Have you recently completed an exciting project or have an event on the horizon? We want to hear about it! Submit your details, and we'll feature it in our upcoming Newsletter. Enhance your story with a couple of photos for greater impact.

Please provide articles as Word documents or similar text files. Keep your submissions brief and limit photos to two per article. The deadline for newsletter submissions is the first Wednesday of each month.

*Ensure you have consent from a parent or guardian for any photos featuring children.

For club members not receiving the newsletter who wish to subscribe, direct them to email our team at 39WLionsnews@gmail.com.

Warm regards,
Lions Billie Wood and Rose Jensen
Payette Syringa Lions Club

CLUB NEWS

COUNCIL LIONS

The Council Lions started off our new year on St Patrick's Day, with a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner prepared by Lion Matrion. And we had a blooming shamrock to add a touch of the auld sod.



RUPERT LIONS

Rupert Lions had their Charter Party on Saturday, April 5th, with great food and a great crowd of over 50. We thank everyone who attended and hope they had a good evening.

Our newest project is making first aid kits from glass cases.



BOISE BENCH LIONS

Vision and Hearing screenings at Cole Valley Christian School were completed in 1 day, instead of the usual 2 or 3 days! The addition of the new Maico audiometers was a game changer. The Boise Bench Lions have been screening there for over 20 yrs. A big thank you to 10 Boise Bench Lions, nurse Brooke and school volunteers who helped make it happen.

The club provided 62 dozen home baked cookies to accompany the Wednesday dinners that the club helps prepare at Interfaith Sanctuary. The Ronald McDonald house also had a meal prepared and cleaning done by the club.



The club had a crazy sock contest and Lion Ken Marchetti won with a pair of very hairy socks.

The club reached an historic milestone in recent history with 86 members at the end of March (largest club in 39W?!)

We have been donating aluminum cans to the Idaho Humane Society for a couple of years. Cans can be dropped off at Pacific Recycling and they pay directly to the Humane Society, overall, the program has raised over \$7600 from all sources. Anyone, group, company or whomever can participate. Sadly, we lost Lion Liz. She was a wonderful person, a devoted mother, wife, & Lion who gave so much to her community. She will be sorely missed. RIP Lion Liz.

The club also had a “Wear a shirt that makes you happy day.” Just keep on smiling.

Curt Kelley

Boise Bench Lions

www.boisebenchlions.org

208 859 3642

WEISER LIONS



The Weiser Lions Club recently celebrated their 95th Charter Party with Lions and community members in attendance. The club was chartered in 1930 with 22 members.

Weiser Lions look forward to continuing to do volunteer service for many more years.

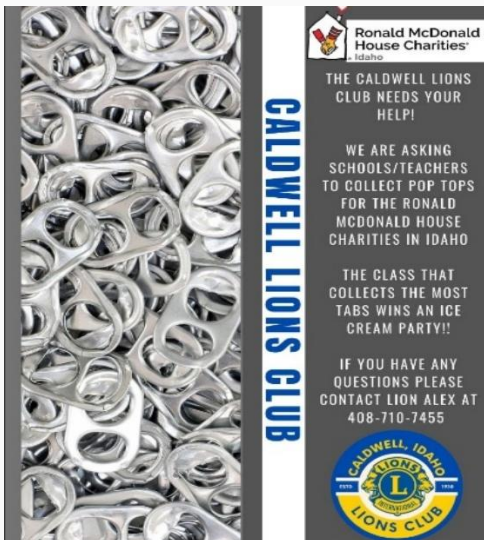
The club has begun doing concessions at the home, baseball, Varsity & JV games. They recently purchased six, dozen, Girl Scout cookies which they donated for refreshments at a local, Dolly Parton Imagination Library event. A monetary donation was also

made to the community Easter egg hunt to purchase prizes for the event to be held on April 19.

CALDWELL LIONS



We love to support the Caldwell Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Sydnee Rattan, Erica Larsen, and Heather Johnson were pleased to receive our big check. This summer's theme is Color Our World. Last year they had 1738 people sign up for this successful program



Caldwell Lions Giving Back!

Caldwell Lions are proud to share one of our special service projects that gets children involved in giving back!

We partner with local grade schools to collect aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, helping families in need while teaching kids the power of community service and kindness.

Every little tab adds up to make a big difference!

A huge THANK YOU to all the students, teachers, and families who support this project! Keep saving those tabs!

STAR LIONS

The flock has arrived in Idaho and is ready to help the Star Lions Club with their flocking fundraiser which starts tonight.

Flockings have begun in Star, Idaho. Don't be surprised if our Lions Club "flock tamers" show up at your house to leave a little surprise.

You can still order your flock by visiting our website site: <https://starlionsinternational.org/youve-been-flocked>

Thanks for the wonderful support. ❤️❤️
Happy Flocking 🥰🥰🦩🦩



The details provided above were sourced from the [Lions District 39W Share and Discuss](#) Facebook page.

EMMETT LIONS



Past president Larry Hunt presented a check to the Squaw Butte Retired Educators today for the purchase of books for the Black Canyon High School Library.

Emmett Lion's Club & O'Reilly Auto Parts Presents


Emmett City Park
19th
July 2025

EMMETT

★ Show & Shine ★

EmmettShowandShine.com

O'Reilly AUTO PARTS




Boise Belles

GROCERY OUTLET

NAPA AUTO PARTS

CLASSIC VINYL

- ★ Parking Starts @ 6am
- ★ \$10 Pancake Breakfast @ 7am
- ★ \$10 BBQ'd Burgers & Hotdogs @ 11
- ★ Classic Vinyl's Playing in the bandshell @ 11:30
- ★ Silent Auction all day
- ★ Raffles
- ★ Pin Stripe Artists
- ★ Sponsor Awards
- ★ Pinup Contest
- ★ Presidents Choice Award





Cruise Night 2025

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with exciting rides!

19 July

Washington Ave
Emmett, ID 83617
6pm-9pm
1990 and older
Register all day at the Show & Shine

www.EmmettCruiseNight.com



The details provided above were sourced from the Emmett Lions Club Facebook page.

TWIN FALLS LIONS



**CASH PRIZE
\$150**

TEAMS: 1-4 PLAYERS
\$15 A PERSON/\$60 FOR TEAM OF 4
ALL TEAMS GET THE SAME 750-PIECE PUZZLE
MAX TEAMS ARE 21 SO SIGN UP EARLY
LOCATION: 756 FALLS AVE TWIN FALLS

TO SIGN UP OR FOR QUESTIONS
EMAIL: TWINFALLSLIONS39W@GMAIL.COM
OR CALL/TEXT KATE: 208-421-9681

**TWIN FALLS LIONS CLUB
PUZZLEPALOOZA**

April 26th, 2025
1PM-4PM

GET A TEAM TOGETHER AND COME JOIN
A FUN AFTERNOON OF COMPETITION
AND SUPPORTING THE TWIN FALLS
LIONS CLUB.

SPONSORED BY



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CREDIT UNION**

HOSTED BY BLACK DRAGON GAMES




VALE LIONS

Annual Vale Lions Easter Egg Hunt

April 19, 2025
Starts at 1:00 PM
Wadleigh Park
300 Main Street South
Vale, Oregon

~Anyone interested in donating please
contact Vale Lions (541) 709-5870




MOUNTAIN HOME LIONS

2ND ANNUAL



**LIONMAN
KIDS TRIATHLON**

**AGES
3-18**

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE
A T-SHIRT, MEDAL
SWAG BAG & HOT DOG LUNCH





PRICE
\$15 CASH
\$16 CARD

**SATURDAY
MAY 31, 2025**

TIGER FIELD
1600 EAST 6TH SOUTH
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO 83647

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ONLINE AT
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4/1 OR 4/29 FROM 3-6
OR 4/12 FROM 11-1



MIDVALE LIONS

You're invited to our festive

**MIDVALE LIONS
CLUB
CHARTER
PARTY**

Saturday, April 19
@ 6pm at the
Midvale Veterans
Memorial Hall
60 Depot St.
MIDVALE, ID
\$25/PERSON
Please RSVP to
(208)550-0446 by
April 5



HOMEDALE LIONS



HOMEDALE LIONS CLUB

MEAT RAFFLE

RAISING MONEY TO HELP OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

DISASTER RELIEF • VISION • YOUTH PROGRAMS
HUNGER • COMMUNITY SUPPORT

WE SERVE

LIONS CLUBS SERVED MORE THAN 530 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE LAST YEAR ALONE!

RAFFLE EVENT INFO

The Homedale Lions Club will be purchasing a beef and pig at the 4H auction in August. The winner of the meat raffle will receive their meat in early September and will have the opportunity to choose their preferred cut and wrap options. To purchase tickets, please contact any member of the Homedale Lions Club or use the Venmo code provided, ensuring to include "Meat Raffle" in the description.

@HomedaleLionsClub-HomedaleLion

\$50
TICKET



\$50
TICKET

venmo

Drawing Date: July 4th, 2024

The details provided above were sourced from the Homedale Lions Facebook page.

PARMA LIONS



Join the Fun at
the Parma Lions
Charter Party!



Saturday April 19, 2025

Party Theme: American Tourist
Dress appropriately - or not!

No host bar 5:00 Dinner by Tamara 6:00


\$35 per person

\$15 Our World-Famous Nose to Nails Raffle

305 Bates St, Parma (Community House)

Please RSVP by April 11: Pat Rohwer 208-722-6761;
pat@bardiamond.com; Text 208-340-1011


MERIDAN LIONS



MERIDIAN LIONS
Golf Scramble


OCT. 3RD
2025

FRIDAY
9 AM




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IDAHO DIABETES YOUTH PROGRAMS

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more info ↓



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charitygolftoday.com/meridianlions2025



LAKEVIEW GOLF CLUB AT 4200 WEST TALAMORE BLVD, MERIDIAN, IDAHO, 83646

Save the Date

April 19th	Parma Lions Charter Party
April 19th	Midvale Lions Charter Party
April 26th	Twin Falls Lions Puzzlepalooza
April 12th - May 15th	Star Lions "You've Been Flocked"
May 2nd - 3rd	2024-25 MD 39 Lions Convention
May 31st	Mountain Home Lions Lionman kids Triathlon
July 19th	Emmett Lions Show & Shine car show

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