

NORTHSIDE LION



April/May 2022

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Bill Kelton



We are in the process of planning and organizing a successful 29th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022, in the Midland Park Mall. Lion Mark Singh has e-mailed a copy of our playbook with fundamental organizational information for our members to review.

Our February 1st meeting with the Midland Park Mall management team members was very successful. They support our *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser and have cooperated to allow our ticket sales and coordination with Midland Mall merchants. Printed tickets have been distributed to members. We ask that all members review the playbook and sell tickets aggressively to promote this effort.

Lion Donald McConnell was our guest speaker at our Thursday March 24th meeting providing information about the effort to organize a zone-wide Pancake Jamboree to continue the successful Midland Downtown Lions Club Pancake Jamboree. The Midland Downtown Lions Club has informed our zone committee that they no longer have the capacity for this fundraising effort by themselves.

The present effort, as envisioned by the zone committee, will allow all Zone One Lions Clubs to participate in the Pancake Jamboree and receive an equitable portion of the proceeds for their individual club causes and activities. Our club will support the zone committee's efforts and participate in upcoming planning, organization and work.

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APRIL & MAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

4/14	Tom Miller, Family Promise
4/28	Business meeting
5/12	Adriana Aguilar, Rays of Hope
5/26	Business meeting

NEW MEMBER



Lion Mark Singh presents a new member packet to Lion Tom Ochs.

Lion Tom Ochs became the newest member of the Midland Northside Lions Club on March 24. Lion Mark Singh, a longtime friend, was his sponsor. Tom has agreed to head our club's committee to work on the joint Lions Pancake Jamboree.

Tom was born in Chicago and came to Midland in 1970. He studied business and hotel restaurant management at Texas Tech University and worked at Hilton hotels in Lubbock and Odessa. He was the owner of Sidekicks & Legends Restaurant from 1991 until July last year when he closed it and retired. He provided the homestyle potatoes for our Breakfast fundraiser for about twenty years. He also provided the chocolate and carrot cakes, that were always a big hit, at our annual *Roar with Laughter* fundraiser from the inception of that event. In recognition of his support for our club and for the Midland community, our club awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Tom in 2020.

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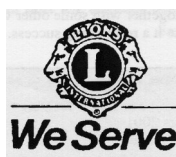
We are pleased to announce that Tom Ochs is our newest Northside Lions Club member. Lion Ochs joined our club at our regular meeting on March 24th. He owned and operated Sidekicks and Legends Restaurant in Midland before his retirement. He has supported our Lions Club and its fundraising efforts for about twenty years. Please give Lion Ochs a heartfelt welcome. We are happy to have Lion Ochs onboard.

The Northside Lions Club members have voted to extend the current slate of club officers for an additional year. Plans for installation banquet currently scheduled for June 23, 2022, are in progress. As club president, I wish to say that it is an honor to serve with this club.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Plans are going well for our 29th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser on April 30 at Midland Park Mall. We have twelve presenting Sponsors and more than ten co-sponsors. Texas Roadhouse has agreed again to provide the sausage biscuits, Charley’s Philly Steaks the scrambled eggs, Fuddrucker’s the cookies and Chick-Fil-A the fruit. Jerry Morales at Mulberry Café has agreed to give us the potatoes. In addition, Gandy’s Dairies will donate the milk and Pepsi will donate orange juice.

West Texas Radio Group will be doing free advertising for us on their three stations and Permian Basin Office Products has already printed the tickets and will be printing posters. Lion Dan Corrales is trying to see if we can get a TV sponsor and he will be featuring the event on our Facebook page. We expect that Midland Reporter-Telegram will mention the event in their Community Roundup and perhaps include an article.



PROGRAM CHAIRS

April	Bill Kelton
May	Mike Seerey
June	Dan Corrales
July	Dr. Rob McGuire

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Joel Kuykendall



Well, looks like spring is just around the corner. A good time for Lions to start emerging from our winter dens and becoming more active in the warmer weather. Unfortunately, as it seems the case during the last few years, we find ourselves again in difficult and uncertain times in our country and around the world. Gas prices are at an all-time high, as is inflation. And people are struggling to get by. Having said that, as Lions this is an opportunity for us to step forward and serve those in need once again. Instead of letting these hard times get us down, let us look upon this as an opportunity to let our light shine forth even brighter.

Just a few ideas in regards to potential service, if there are people in our community who are in serious need of gas money for every day needs such as doctors visits, job, school or other important needs, it is a good time for Lions to have a fundraiser to donate to people to help with their needs in this time. Or to even provide a ride or carpool. Also a good time for Lions to have food drives or fundraisers to help people buy food which is also increasing rapidly in price. With so much darkness around us let us not concentrate on the negative but as Lions let it be a bright beacon of light and hope shining through this darkness to help others in need.

On a more positive note, our membership in 2-A1 is continuing to improve. Currently we have 6 drops but an increase of 12. Current membership stands at 1,062. Good job, A1 Lions! But let's not rest on our oars. Let's keep recruiting and serving. After all, more Lions equals more service!

One last topic before I close. Our district convention is on April 1-2, 2022. We have three great speakers lined up. First, our own Past Council Chair and TLC 1st VP Tom Blase to discuss the ongoing renovation and expansion of the Texas Lions Camp. Second, Lion Thomas Martin is going to discuss the wonderful work being done at Canine Companions for Independence. And last, but certainly not least, Texas Lions' own Past International Director Mike Butler to discuss Texas Lionism. Please see the information and sign up sheet in the district newsletter, online or on my Facebook page. I'll look forward to seeing everybody there! Roar!

CLUB NEWS



Tim Stallard, shown at right in the picture above with program chairman Lion Mark Singh, was our speaker on February 10. Tim is a longtime college and professional level tennis coach. Since 2015 he has been the Executive Director of the Bush Tennis Center, which occupies 35 acres in northwest Midland. The facility was built on land donated by Henry Resources and with huge financial support from Jim Henry. When the other phases are completed, it will be the second largest tennis facility in the country. An indoor stadium is being constructed that will house five basketball courts and a 12,000 sq. ft. high-performance training facility. The club started to make plans for our Breakfast fundraiser. Midland Park Mall approved having West Side Lions doing free vision screening at the event.

At the business meeting on February 24, the club agreed to donate \$200 to Bush Tennis Center. Most of the time was spent making plans for the *WE SERVE Breakfast*. The goal is to raise \$9,000.

The scheduled meeting on March 10 was canceled because of Spring Break and Tom Miller was re-scheduled to be our speaker on April 14.

At the business meeting on March 24, the current officers were re-elected to serve from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Lion Frank Stowers agreed to organize the Installation Dinner and Lion Mark Singh agreed to arrange an Installing Officer. Lion Donald McConnell, from Midland West Side Lions Club, spoke about the plans for the Texas Lions Camp, where he is a Director. He also spoke about a proposed joint Zone Lions Pancake Jamboree to be held at the Midland Downtown Lions Club building on September 24. On a recommendation from Lion John Wojtkun, the club agreed to contribute \$1,000 to LCIF and honor Aaron Battles with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Aaron is the owner/manager of Texas Roadhouse in Midland and he has been a big supporter of our fundraisers.

NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



During his visit to our club on March 24, Lion Donald McConnell, District 2-A1 newsletter editor, presented Lion John Wojtkun with a chevron and certificate for 15 years of Lions membership.

Lion John has been an outstanding member of our club, serving as Treasurer since shortly after he joined. Part of the time he was Secretary/Treasurer. He has also been our Scholarship committee chairman and, until Lion Rob McGuire joined, also our Eyeglass chairman. For his outstanding service, Lion John has been honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions Clubs International, a Jack Weich Fellowship from the Texas Lions Camp and a Marshall Cooper Fellowship from TLERC. John is the owner of the Liberty Tax Service franchise in Midland.

SMILE

Having dialed a wrong long-distance number, a woman frantically demanded, "Is June there?" A man's voice replied, "No, madam. I don't know where you are, but it's still May here."

Headmaster: "You're twenty minutes late again. Don't you know what time we start at this school?"
Student: "No, sir, you're always hard at work when I arrive."

First Russian: "In America people are so honest, you can hang your watch on a lamppost and come back in three weeks and it would still be there."
Second Russian: "Really, the watch will still be there?"

First Russian: "Nyet, not the watch, the lamppost will still be there."

Father: "Son, do you realize when Lincoln was your age he was already studying to be a lawyer?"
Son: "Right, and when he was your age, he was already President of the United States."

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Bill Kelton
Vice President	Frank Stowers
Secretary	Don Eckerty
Treasurer	John Wojtkun
Immediate Past President	Dr. Brian Flowers

Membership	Dr. Brian Flowers
Attendance	Bill Kelton
<i>WE SERVE Breakfast</i>	Mark Singh
Chaplain	Frank Stowers
Drinking Fountain	Dr. Tom Ready
Eyeglass	Dr. Robert McGuire
Lions Camp	Bill Kelton
Newsletter	Mark Singh
Pancake Jamboree	Tom Ochs
Peace Poster Contest	Don Eckerty
Public Relations	Dan Corrales
<i>Roar with Laughter</i>	Mark Singh
Scholarship	John Wojtkun
Social Media	Liz Lazcano
Website	Mike Seerey
Youth Exchange	Frank Stowers

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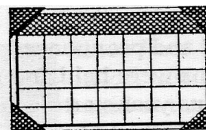
Peace cannot be achieved by violence. It can only be attained through understanding.
 Ralph Waldo Emerson

In rivers, the water that you touch is the last of what has passed and the first of that which comes: so with present time.
 Leonardo Da Vinci

Civilization is the encouragement of differences. Civilization thus becomes a synonym of democracy. Force, violence, pressure, or compulsion with a view to conformity, is both uncivilized and undemocratic.
 Mohandas Gandhi

I am lazy. But it's the lazy people who invented the wheel and the bicycle because they didn't like walking or carrying things.
 Lech Walesa

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



April 1-2
 District 2-A1 Convention
 San Angelo, TX

Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
 Zone 1 meeting
 West Side Lions Club building

Saturday, April 30, 7 to 10 a.m.
 29th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast*
 Midland Park Mall food court

June 24-28
 104th Lions International Convention
 Montreal, Canada

Saturday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.
 19th annual *Roar with Laughter* hilarity revue
 Hispanic Cultural Center, 1311 E. Wadley



Happy Easter!

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Midland Northside Lions Club meets on the second and fourth (except in June, November and December) Thursdays of the month at 7:00 a.m. **in the Rotary Community Room in the Cowden Dining Hall at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX 79705.**