

NORTHSIDE LION



October/November 2023

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Frank Stowers



Fall is upon us which, for the Midland Northside Lions Club, means *Roar with Laughter* Hilarity Revue is near (Saturday, October 21st). As always, Lion Mark has things well under control. The revue includes comedy, juggling, magic, singing and dancing provided by David Hurta, Phil Newell, John Wojtkun, Jr.,

Hispanic Cultural Center dancers, Chris Crawford, Dana Ritter & Patsy Allen, Doug Lunsford, Bronson Chadwick, Dr. Robert McGuire and Lion Mark Singh and *The Silent Heckler*. Our next meeting on Thursday, 10/12 provides the last scheduled meeting before the revue for any last minute needs. Meanwhile, please continue selling sponsorships and tickets to make this event even more successful.

Another Lion activity occurs on Friday, 10/13 and Saturday, 10/14 that I encourage all Midland Northside Lions Club members to attend. This is the date of our 2-A1 District Meeting at Homewood Suites (1401 Tradewinds Blvd in Midland). The meeting is hosted by the Midland West Side Lions Club. Advance registration is \$30/person or \$35 at the door. Advance registrations can be made by calling Lion Kathy McConnell at 432-638-1070 or mailing your check to the Midland West Side Lions Club, P.O. Box 5536, Midland, TX 79704. Friday night is Bingo night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday begins with registration from 7:30-8:30 and the business meeting begins at 8:45. Meeting concludes with lunch. Please make every effort to attend.

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OCTOBER & NOVEMBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

10/12 Planning for *Roar with Laughter*
 10/26 MISD bond presentation
 11/9 David Sanchez, Supt., Midland Parks
 11/23 **No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!**

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



Midland College Financial Aid Coordinator Meredith Walker, Lion Mike Seerey, Lion John Wojtkun, Midland College President Dr. Damon Kennedy and Lion Mark Singh at the presentation ceremony.

Midland Northside Lions Club presented checks to the new Midland College President, Dr. Damon Kennedy, on August 21—\$1,500 for an immediate scholarship award and \$2,500 to the Midland Northside Lions Club Scholarship Endowment. The endowment now has a balance of about \$40,000. Rebecca Bell, MC's Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, and Meredith Walker, Financial Aid Coordinator, also attended.

Midland College selected Marcus Avila for the immediate scholarship. Marcus is an IT student and native Midlander who works full-time at Hilliard Office Solutions. He resumed his studies after suffering from cancer and recovering from it. He and his wife Ana have a young son.



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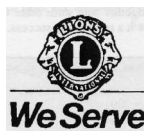
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At our last meeting, Marcus Avila became the newest member of the Midland Northside Lions Club. Marcus also is the recipient of our Midland College scholarship. We are excited to have Marcus join us and look forward to seeing his continued growth as a Lion and as a MC student. The club also was presented an opportunity to consider, that being a Charter Partner with the Boy Scouts for a new Cub Scout troop. Additional diligence/information is required prior to moving forward with consideration of this request.

Upcoming programs for the club include on October 26th a presentation by a member of the MISD Cabinet on the components of the proposed school bond that is before the community in the election on November 7. For our November 9 meeting, Lion Dan Corrales has arranged for David Sanchez to speak about Midland Parks Department and on December 14, Lion Don Eckerty will be providing the club with highlights of his recent photo safari to Africa.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Our 20th annual Roar with Laughter fundraiser is almost here—October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hispanic Cultural Center. As usual, we will have a talented group of performers, most of whom have done the show for many years. Lion Doug Lunsford, Immediate Past President of the Midland Downtown Lions Club, will be making his debut at the show and telling jokes. We have lost a couple of sponsors but we are grateful to have two new ones—Classic Honda of Midland and Midland College Foundation. West Texas Radio Group and Townsquare Media will be running radio ads for us during the two weeks prior to the event. Lion Aaron Battles, in addition to being the emcee, will provide brownies and cookies, and Lion John Wojtkun will contribute the water, coffee and soft drinks. Please spread the word to your social media contacts.



PROGRAM CHAIRS

November	Dan Corrales
December	Don Eckerty
January	Mark Singh

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Chris Maxwell



I am hoping that we start seeing some cooler temperatures soon and, even more important, some rain. This is clearly one of those years for the record books.

We are now two months into this new Lions year, and I hope that you and your club are doing well. Hopefully your club is looking into some new service projects and adding some new members to help work them. I think of these new service projects bringing in new members like the whispered voice in the 1989 Kevin Costner movie, Field of Dreams, “If you build it they will come”. Think of this as that “little whisper” in your head to promote new club projects and when you’re talking to your friends, family, and coworkers, ask them to join your club or help with a project. We are the ones that will need to make these changes in our clubs that will affect our communities and the world. As in our International President Dr. Patti Hill’s new slogan “Changing the World” and we can Change the World through our Service Projects by helping others.

Our District meeting is coming up soon and we would like to have all our clubs represented. The meeting will be in Midland on Oct 13th and 14th. The 13th will be Bingo night and finger foods and then the general meeting and lunch on Saturday. You can find the registration form on our district website www.txlionsdistrict2a1.com. Our hosts for the meeting will be the “Magnificent” Midland West Side Lions Club.

At this meeting, we will have a special session on Club Service projects. We will have a few special presenters discussing actual service projects and then we want to hear about your club’s service project(s) or perhaps a future one that is planned for your community. This way we can all learn from each other and hear some new ideas and different approaches that we can take back and share with our clubs. You are a key person for this meeting, and I sure hope that you can come join us. We will have fun, eat some good food and learn some more ways to fulfil our Lions motto WE SERVE!

Events on the Lions Club Activity Calendar: **September:** Encourage Peace - Get started with Peace Poster Contest kit and Peace Essay. The last day to order the kit is Oct 1st . **October:** October is World Sight Day- go to Lions International and see project ideas for Vision. **November:** World Diabetes Day is November 14th, go to Lions International and see project ideas for diabetes.

CLUB NEWS

Youth Exchange Chairman Lion Frank Stowers introduced Ezekiel Bajomo and Landen Dickens (picture and story in Northside Scrapbook) on August 10 to tell us about their youth exchange trips. In addition, Lion John Wojtkun introduced Marcus Avila as the candidate for our scholarship at Midland College.

At the business meeting on August 24, Treasurer Lion John reported that we had about \$2,450 in our administrative account and about \$50,000 in our Activities account. The club agreed to contribute \$1,000 to LCIF for Maui disaster relief and also for a Melvin Jones Fellowship for David Hurta. A second amount of \$1,000 to LCIF was also approved for a Melvin Jones Fellowship for John Wojtkun, Jr. David and John have helped us greatly with our fundraisers for many years



In the absence of Program Chairman Lion John Wojtkun on September 14, Lion Frank introduced Meredith Walker and Irma Bueno from Midland College Financial Aid department. Meredith recently replaced Erin Casey-Richardson as the Financial Aid Coordinator and Irma is her assistant. Meredith said that Midland College now has about 5,200 students, most of whom need some financial support. She mentioned that the new early pre-K program is now in operation. Lion Don indicated that he had delivered Peace Poster contest kits to five schools—Trinity, St. Ann’s, Bowie, Goddard and Bynum.

At the business meeting on September 28, Marcus Avila joined the club. He was sponsored by Lion John. Brad Connel, the local Field Director of Boy Scouts of America, spoke about the program and asked the club to consider sponsoring a Cub Scout troop. There would be cost of \$100 per year. Much of the meeting was devoted to making plans for our upcoming *Roar with Laughter* fundraiser.



NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



Ezekiel Bajomo and Landen Dickens, both now seniors at Trinity School, made PowerPoint presentations on August 10 about their Lions Youth Exchange trips during the summer. Midland Northside sponsored Ezekiel to go to Belgium for four weeks while Northside and Midland West Side jointly sponsored Landen to go to Italy for three weeks. Both trips included a youth camp and a family stay. Ezekiel’s camp included 34 students from 19 countries while Landen’s included 14 students from 8 countries. Both of them said that it was a wonderful experience and thanked the club for sponsoring them. Please read their articles in the August issue of the District 2-A1 newsletter.

SMILE

Two tourists decided to stop in Waxahachie for lunch, but they argued about whether it was pronounced WAXahachie or WaxaHACHIE, so one of them asked the woman at the counter, “Could you tell us where we are, but say it slowly?” She looked at them carefully and said, “Mack-Don-alds.”

A 50 year old woman told her husband, “I would like to be 10 again” so he took her to see an animated movie. She said, “That was fun, but it’s my dress size that I want to be 10 again.”

Credit manager: “Are you going to pay us something on your account?” Customer: “Sorry, I can’t right now.” Credit manager: “If you don’t, I’ll tell your other creditors that you paid us in full.”

A traveler was going through Arizona and said to a native, “Looks like you don’t get any rain here.” The native replied, “I wouldn’t say so. You know the story about Noah’s ark when it rained for forty days? Well, we got a half inch then.”

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Frank Stowers
Vice President	Dan Corrales
Secretary	Don Eckerty
Treasurer	John Wojtkun
Immediate Past President	Bill Kelton
Membership	Dr. Brian Flowers
Attendance	Frank Stowers
<i>WE SERVE Breakfast</i>	Mark Singh
	Aaron Battles
Chaplain	Bill Kelton
Eyeglass	Dr. Robert McGuire
Lions Camp	Bill Kelton
Newsletter	Mark Singh
Pancake Breakfast	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

WORDS OF WIT AND WISDOM

The greatest pleasure I have known is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident.

Charles Lamb

In a successful marriage, there is no such thing as one's way. There is only the way of both, only the bumpy, dusty, difficult, but always mutual path.

Phyllis McGinley

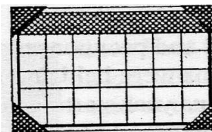
Good government obtains when those who are near are made happy, and those who are far off are attracted.

Confucius

Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

Henry Van Dyke

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, October 7, 8:30 a.m.
Midland West Side Busting Hunger Clay Shoot
Midland Shooters Association Shotgun Range

Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14
2nd District Cabinet meeting
Homewood Suites, 1401 Tradewinds, Midland

Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.
20th annual *Roar with Laughter*
Hispanic Cultural Center, 1311 E. Wadley

December 14, 7:00 p.m.
Northside Lions Club Christmas dinner
Gerardo's Casita?

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 7 to 10 a.m.
31st annual *WE SERVE Breakfast*
Midland Park Mall food court



Happy Halloween!

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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.**