

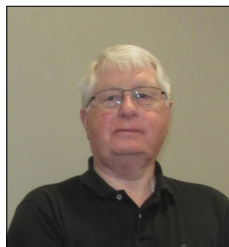
NORTHSIDE LION



April/May 2023

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Bill Kelton



Our 30th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023, in the Midland Park Mall. Lions Mark Singh and Lion Aaron Battles are serving as Event Co-Chairs. We had a successful meeting with the Midland Park Mall Marketing Manager on January 31st to

plan and coordinate the event, and we plan to visit the mall stores and other Lions Clubs in Midland in April to publicize the event. We ask that all members review our playbook, sell tickets and sponsorships to support for this event.

The Lions International Youth Exchange Program will resume this year with Lion Mark Singh managing our District efforts and Lion Frank Stowers managing our club's participation. We will host three European students (all girls) from Italy, hopefully Germany and another country. Three students from this District have been accepted by Belgium, Germany and Italy. We commend Lion Mark Singh for his efforts on behalf of the District and Lion Frank Stowers for his efforts on behalf of our club!

A peace poster made by Samantha Pirela, a 5th grade student at St. Ann's Catholic School, won the District 2-A1 Lions Peace Poster contest this year. Although Samantha's poster did not win on the state level, we congratulate Samantha for her efforts and talents, and we also congratulate Lion Don Eckerty for his efforts and all students who submitted a peace poster this year!

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APRIL & MAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 4/13 Planning for *WE SERVE Breakfast*
- 4/27 Business meeting
- 5/11 Lee Anne Sconiers, Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center
- 5/25 Business meeting

YOUTH EXCHANGE



Midland Northside Lions Club is sponsoring Ezekiel Bajomo, a junior at Trinity School, on the Lions International Youth Exchange program this summer. Jointly with the Midland West Side Lions Club, the club is also sponsoring Landen Dickens, a junior at Trinity School. In addition, Midland West Side is sponsoring Adam Bourland, a junior at Texas Leadership Charter Academy and a member of the scout troop affiliated with the club. Ezekiel has been accepted to go to Belgium, Adam has been accepted to go to Germany, and Landen has been accepted to go to Italy.

We are planning to host three 16, 17 or 18 year old non-smoker girls in Midland from July 1 to 22. The host families will be Violet and Lion Mark Singh, Kim and Lion Frank Stowers, and Kris and Rod Curtis. They all live in Midland. So far, we have accepted a girl from Italy, and are expecting one from Germany and the third from another country, probably in Europe.

We did not have a youth exchange program for the past three years because of COVID, but we are hoping for success this year, even though youth camp fees and airfares are higher.

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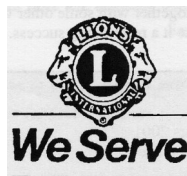
We have nominated club officers for the upcoming Lions year, starting July 1. Lion John Wojtkun will continue to serve as club treasurer and Lion Don Eckerty will continue to serve as club secretary. Lion Frank Stowers, our current vice president, was nominated to serve as president. We did not have a nominee for vice-president at the meeting, but afterwards Lion Dan Corrales, who had to miss the meeting because of a business emergency, volunteered to fill that position. Voting will take place in April, and the officer transition process will conclude with ceremonies at our installation dinner on the fourth Thursday of June.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your club president.

EDITOR’S NOTE

We are only weeks away from having our 30th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* in the food court of Midland Park Mall. Lion Aaron Battles is doing a great job organizing the food and drinks. He arranged for Coca-Cola to give us the orange juice. In addition, Gandy’s Dairies will donate the milk again.

Town Square Media and West Texas Radio Group have both agreed to give us radio advertising and NewsWest9 TV ads. We are expecting a new mascot, WhataGuy, from Whataburger. Curby, the recycling robot, is expected to be there. The Hispanic Cultural Center will be in full force from 9:15 to 10:00. Midland West Side Lions Club will once again be doing free vision screening and we will have at least 20 door prizes. Lion Dr. Rob McGuire will be playing his guitar and singing and DJ John Wojtkun, Jr. will be coming from San Angelo.



PROGRAM CHAIRS

May	Bill Kelton
June	Dr. Brian Flowers
July	Mark Singh
August	Frank Stowers

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Carole Ann Brown



Thanks to all the attendees for coming to our 2-A1 Lions District Conference! We had a wonderful speaker, PID Sam Lindsey, from Waco.



Congratulations to District Secretary Lion Helen Wilde for receiving one of our District’s two International President’s Leadership Awards. And congratulations to Lion Mark Singh from Midland Northside Lions Club, the District Youth Exchange Chairperson for approximately 15 years, for receiving the District’s second International President’s Leadership Award!



Both of these Lions representing our district are very well deserving! They SERVE and have a great Legacy in our District!



Lion Donald McConnell from Midland West Side also received a Lions Presidential Appreciation Award for our District!

Big Spring, Midland, and Sweetwater Lions have been very busy as Lions and making a wonderful Legacy for our District. Thank you!

Lions University will be in San Angelo on June 10th at 9:00 a.m. at 1442 Edmund Blvd. at the First Assembly of God Church. This is very important for all Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to get their updated training! This year is especially important as entry into the LCI portal is TOTALLY changing! All Lions are welcomed to this University! All officers must be entered before 6/05/2023 to LCI under new Portal!

Texas Lions’ Legacy is We Serve!

CLUB NEWS



Nathan Knowles, shown with Program Chairman Lion Mark Singh, was our speaker on February 9. He is the Director of Operations at Christmas in Action. The program was started in 1972 and has completed more

than 15,000 projects including 845 last year. They help old and needy people with home maintenance, repairs or minor construction projects. They have an annual budget of about \$750,000, 60% of which comes from individual contributions. The club agreed to donate \$200 each to Christmas in Action and Mission Center Adult Day Service. On behalf of the Texas Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center, Lion Mark presented a Marshall Cooper Fellowship certificate to Lion Dr. Rob McGuire in recognition of his services to that organization over many years.



At the business meeting on February 23, the club discussed the Breakfast fundraiser and youth exchange. Lion Mike Seerey reported that our domain registration needed to be renewed at \$250 for two years. He agreed to handle this, using the club's credit card.



Ben Wall, shown with Program Chairman Lion Aaron Battles, was our speaker on March 9.

Ben is the Executive Director of Opportunity Tribe. The organization helps to avoid students dropping out of school. It targets the worst performing students in failing schools, from grades 2 to 12. Students who reach grade 9 are encouraged to become counselors. They currently serve 800 students in 17 schools and they have 400 volunteers. Programs include Fun Clubs, Fun Academy summer camp and Op Camp for at-risk 5th to 8th graders.

At the business meeting on March 23, in addition to discussing nominations of officers, the meeting discussed various aspects of our Breakfast fundraiser, agreed to donate \$200 to Opportunity Tribe, and heard an update from Lion Mark on the youth exchange program.

NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



Art teacher Amanda Lunson posed with Max Merritt (2nd), Ruby Lamonica (1st) and Amir Larbi (3rd) as the students held up their winning posters at Trinity School in the 34th annual Lions International Peace Poster contest. The theme was "Lead with Compassion." The first prize was \$50, second \$30 and third \$20, all in Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Ruby's poster went to the District 2-A1 contest but did not place among the top three. Samantha Pirela from St. Ann's School won first place at the district and went on to the MD2 state contest. Samantha was awarded a check for \$150.

SMILE

A ship sank and three men made it to a desert island. The first one immediately sank to his knees and prayed to be rescued from the island. The second one also knelt and prayed to be saved. The third one said, "I gave \$1 million to my church last year and I pledged \$2 million this year. Don't worry, they will find me."

Lady of the house: "You already know everyone who has been invited to the party. I want you to stand at the front door and call the guests' names as they arrive."

Butler: "Very well, madam. I've been wanting to do that for years."

Middle age is when you have a choice of two temptations and you choose the one that will get you home earlier.

"Who's that man?" asked the teacher.
 "That's my grandfather. He lives with us."
 "Is he on your mother's side or your father's side?"
 "Sometimes he sticks up for her, sometimes for him."

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
WE SERVE Breakfast Mark Singh
 Aaron Battles
 Chaplain Frank Stowers
 Eyeglass Dr. Robert McGuire
 Lions Camp Bill Kelton
 Newsletter Mark Singh
 Pancake Breakfast Tom Ochs
 Peace Poster Contest Don Eckerty
 Public Relations Dan Corrales
Roar with Laughter Mark Singh
 Scholarship John Wojtkun
 Social Media Liz Lazcano
 Website Mike Seerey
 Youth Exchange Frank Stowers

WORDS OF WIT AND WISDOM

No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.

Calvin Coolidge

History is the record of an encounter between character and circumstance.

Donald Creighton

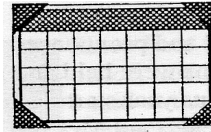
We have all got our "good old days" tucked away inside our hearts, and we return to them in dreams like cats to favorite armchairs.

Brian Carter

Human felicity is produced not so much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that occur every day.

Benjamin Franklin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, April 1
 District 2-A1 Convention
 San Angelo at Pearl on the Concho Hotel

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

May 18-20
 Texas State Convention
 Fort Worth, TX

July 7-11
 105th Lions International Convention
 Boston, MA

Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.
 20th annual *Roar with Laughter*
 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.**