

NORTHSIDE LION



June/July 2021

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Dr. Brian Flowers



Hello again, Midland Northside Lions and friends! This will be my last newsletter article as president, and I have been so honored and so humbled to have served in that role for the past two years. I wish I had time or space in this article to give each of you the thanks you deserve

for making these two years absolutely incredible! Together we as an organization have gone through changes of our meeting venue, a global pandemic, an economic downturn for our area, severe weather, and personal tragedies, yet somehow through the commitment to service exhibited by each of you, we are emerging into the "new normal" stronger for it. Our fundraisers have exceeded the goals we have set, and we have used that money to help so many in our community and around the world! You have all had such a tremendous impact, and I am thankful for my time getting to serve you as president.

With that said, I am so excited for Lion Bill Kelton to become the new president. Getting to know him at our meetings has truly been a blessing and I am supremely confident that he will be an exemplary president. I will do anything I can as a past president to help out, and look forward to continuing to work on all the projects in which our club engages.

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JUNE & JULY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

6/10 Samantha Carrell, Boys & Girls Club
6/17 **7:00 p.m. Installation Dinner**
7/8 Lori Wesley, Museum of the Southwest
7/22 Business meeting

WE SERVE BREAKFAST



Midland Northside Lions Club held our 28th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* (formerly called Bunny Breakfast) at the Midland Park Mall food court on Saturday, May 8. The turnout was disappointingly low at 200, but we served a hearty breakfast of sausage biscuits from Texas Roadhouse, scrambled eggs from Charleys Philly Steaks, potatoes from Sidekicks & Legends, fruit from Chick-Fil-A in the mall, and cookies from Fuddruckers, together with milk, juice and coffee. Because of COVID concerns, we offered dine-in, take-out and curbside pickup options.

Thanks to twelve Presenting Sponsors and several Co-sponsors and other contributors, in addition to ticket purchasers, we were able to raise \$12,424. Thanks also to our advertising sponsors, Midland Reporter-Telegram, West Texas Radio Group and Permian Basin Office Products.

Thanks to many prize donors, we were able to give out 40 door prizes worth a total of about \$3,000. We had several volunteers helping, including PDG Carolyn Keskitalo, Debbie Ervin, Susan Singh and her sons Calvin and Isaac, Lion John's grandson, Lion Mike's brother, and three MC students.

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For our meeting on June 10th we will have the new director of The Boys and Girls Club to share with us about the direction of that program. Our installation dinner will be June 17th at 7:00 at Sidekicks & Legends Restaurant at the Claydesta Towers. I hope all of you can make it and that you and significant others can meet as we welcome in and support the officers for 2021-2022!

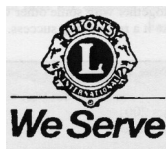
Sincerely thank you all for your continued support. It means the absolute world to all of the Midland Northside Lions, and the impact you have on the world is immeasurable. It has truly been an honor to serve you, and I cannot wait to continue to serve with you! Thank you!

EDITOR’S NOTE

Thanks to all our members, spouses, friends and other volunteers, sponsors, contributors, and ticket purchasers who combined to make our 28th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* a success. We hope that COVID concerns will be long gone when we do our 29th annual event in the spring next year.

We are planning to have our 18th *Roar with Laughter* hilarity revue fundraiser on Saturday, October 16 at the Hispanic Cultural Center. We already have ten acts lined up for the event, including PDG Marshall Cooper from Lubbock and our club member Lion Don Warren from Weatherford.

I want to give a special welcome to the club to Lion Bilal Shahid, who became our newest member on May 27. I met him in the Midland Park Mall about four years ago and he has been replacing watch batteries for me. He has been a regular supporter of our fundraising efforts. He and his wife Sana have two young children.



PROGRAM CHAIRS

June	Lion John Wojtkun
July	Lion Mark Singh
August	Lion Brian Flowers
September	Lion Mike Seerey
October	Lion Don Eckerty
December	Lion Bill Kelton

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Glenn Shepard



Despite a disappointing COVID-19 pandemic and the “Big Freeze” of this past winter, District 2-A1 closed out District Governor Glenn Shepard’s tenure on a high note. Our District Convention was held at the Concho Pearl in San Angelo on May 8th.

Our guest speaker PID Kembra Smith from Georgia was optimistic in her theme of “Serving with Diversity and Kindness.” PID Kembra was a real pleasure to get to know, and she was very complimentary of her tour of our Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and enjoyed the sights of San Angelo to include ASU, Old Fort Concho, the river walk, and the beautiful old buildings and their histories.

The necrology service narrated by PDG Frank Berthold was especially poignant as we remembered a number of our fellow Lions we’ve lost these last two years, including our own PIP Ebb Grindstaff.

A high point of our day was the surprise visit of PDG Joyce Downie. Joyce has experienced some serious health issues the past year, but it was good to welcome her and her husband for even that brief time with us. On behalf of Texas Eye Bank, PDG Russell Livingston presented Joyce with a beautiful Lion plaque with the district’s thanks for her many years of service.

Our district raffle of a Green Mountain Pellet Grill netted a profit of more than \$4000 and caused some good-natured ribbing when PID Kembra drew your District Governor’s name, much to his delight and his wife’s astonishment!

One date to remember is June 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. when there will be Lions University for new club officers and new Lions. Other Lions are welcome too. The event will be at First Assembly of God, 1442 Edmund Blvd., San Angelo. The training is free, refreshments will be provided for breakfast, and attendees will get their own lunch. For more info, contact 1st VG Carole Brown #325-340-8652.

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 officers:
 DG Joel Kuykendall-Mason
 1st VP Carole Anne Brown-East San Angelo
 2nd VP Chris Maxwell-Sweetwater.

Thank you for the honor to serve you in 2020-2021.

CLUB NEWS

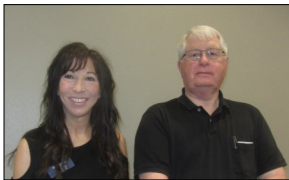


Paul Colwell, shown at left with Program Chairman Lion Frank Stowers, was our guest speaker on April 8. Paul is the director of Marketing and Business Development

at The Springboard Center, which offers a substance recovery program and treats mind, body and spirit. It has onsite living facilities for men at 200 Corporate Drive in Midland and offsite facilities for women. People needing help or information can text “promise” to 50700. The club agreed to donate \$200 to the Springboard Center. The club also finalized the election of officers with Lion Bill Kelton moving up to President and Lion Frank Stowers coming in as Vice President.

At the business meeting on April 22, plans were finalized for the 28th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser. The Installation Dinner was scheduled for June 17 instead of June 24, with PDG Carolyn Keskitalo as the installing officer.

The business meeting on May 13 reviewed the Breakfast and, despite a few problems, members declared it a big success. We will not plan to have a curbside pickup option next year. Lion Don reported that the Peace Poster entries that went to the district contest were obtained from the Governor and will be returned to the schools.



Lisa Bownds, shown with Program Chairman Lion Bill Kelton, was our guest speaker on May 27. She is the Executive Director of Reflection Ministries. She

spoke about human sex trafficking. She said that it is a \$150 billion/year industry and the Permian Basin is among the top five regions in the country; 85% of victims are born in USA and 36% are male; 46% are sold by their parents. The club agreed to donate \$200 to Reflection Ministries.



The club accepted Bilal Shahid as a new member. He was sponsored by Lion Mark Singh. Bilal is a businessman who has lived in the Midland area for 12 years, owns Jewel-ry Pagoda in the Mall,

and wants to give back to the community.

NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



Curby –the talking recycling robot from the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission– was a new entertainer at the *WE SERVE Breakfast*. He stayed curbside most of the time and greeted people, and was clearly a hit. The picture above also shows a member of the Hispanic Cultural Center Ballet Folklorico. HCC mariachi singers and dancers entertained for about 40 minutes. This picture and four others were featured in the Midland Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday, May 11.

As usual, DJ John Wojtkun, Jr. did a great job with the music and announcements. Phil Newell (The Merry Phlangster) entertained the kids with his juggling, and mascots Rocky from Midland Rockhounds and Lady Liberty from Liberty Tax Service were also part of the entertainment.

SMILE

Judge: “How did you happen to hit the other car?”
 Motorist: “It was entirely my back seat driver’s fault. He fell asleep.”

Junior was studying fractions all week at school. He watched as his father finished a heavy meal and then loosened his belt. “Look. Mom,” he said. “Pop just moved his decimal point over two places.”

The teacher wrote on the blackboard, “I ain’t had no fun all summer.” “Now, Johnny,” she said, “What shall I do to correct this?” Johnny answered, “Get a boyfriend.”

A lawyer was playing golf when he was hit by a ball. When the player came over, the lawyer said, “I am a lawyer, and this will cost you \$5,000.” “I’m sorry, said the golfer, “but I did say ‘fore.’” “Okay, I’ll take it,” said the lawyer.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

WORDS OF WIT AND WISDOM

The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else to do.

Galileo

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

Mark Twain

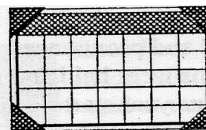
If you are not an idealist by the time you are twenty you don't have a heart, but if you are still an idealist by thirty you don't have a head.

Randolph Bourne

Yesterday is a canceled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is ready cash—use it.

Kay Lyons

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, June 5, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Lions University for new club officers and members
First Assembly of God, 1442 Edmund, San Angelo

Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m.
Midland Northside Lions Club Installation Dinner
Sidekicks & Legends Restaurant

June 25 to 29
103rd Lions International Convention
Virtual. Go to LCI website to register.

Saturday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.
18th annual *Roar with Laughter* hilarity revue
Hispanic Cultural Center, 1311 E. Wadley

Saturday, April 30, 2022, 7 to 10 a.m.
29th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast*
Midland Park Mall food court



Happy Fourth of July!

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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.**