

NORTHSIDE LION



August/September 2021

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Bill Kelton



Hello, Northside Lions Club members and friends! This is my first letter to you as club president, and the first time I have the opportunity to express my vision for the club for the upcoming year and for the success of the events that we sponsor.

Midland Northside Lions Club has a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. I am the incoming president, Frank Stowers is serving as vice-president, Don Eckerty continues as club secretary and John Wojtkun serves as our treasurer. The success we have enjoyed during the last two years has been directly attributable to Frank, Don and John, who have served as Lions faithfully, and to our outgoing president Dr. Brian Flowers.

We wish to recognize and thank Lion Dr. Brian Flowers for his leadership during the last two years particularly in view of the challenges we faced. We have had changes in our meeting locations, changes to in-person meetings and adjustments to meetings by Zoom on the internet, changes in the schedule and management of fundraising events because of the pandemic and economic disruptions, changes to existing Lions Club institutions we support and as well as challenges and adjustments on the personal level. Through all of this turmoil we, as a club, have met and exceeded our goals. **Thank you, Brian, for your commitment and leadership!**

Our recent fundraising event, *WE SERVE Breakfast*, formerly called *Bunny Breakfast*, held in the Midland Park Mall on May 10th, was very successful.

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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8/12 Sarah Anderson, Midland Scuba
8/26 Business meeting
9/9 David Day, Teen Challenge
9/23 Business meeting

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Lions Don Eckerty, Frank Stowers, Bill Kelton, John Wojtkun and Dr. Brian Flowers with PDG Carolyn Keskitalo.

Midland Northside Lions Club held our annual Installation Dinner at Sidekicks & Legends Restaurant on June 17. PDG Carolyn Keskitalo installed the officers for Lions year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022: Bill Kelton, President; Frank Stowers, Vice President; Dr. Brian Flowers, Immediate Past President; Don Eckerty, Secretary; and John Wojtkun, Treasurer. PDG Carolyn outlined the duties of each officer after giving a history of the Lions organization, specially mentioning the inclusion of women members in 1988 and acceptance of China as a member nation, now one of about 200 countries.

Most of the club members and their spouses were present together with guests Steve and Michelle Rodriguez. Restaurant owner Tom Ochs prepared a delicious dinner of chicken cordon bleu with cherry cheesecake for dessert. The restaurant is closing on July 31, so this was the final event there for the club and, in fact, for the public.

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The event, now in its 28th year, is a tribute to all who helped and participated. Despite the pandemic and economic concern, it succeeded and surpassed expectations. We look forward to the potential this event can offer us as a club in the future to meet the goals and objectives of Lions organization.

Our other yearly fundraising event, Roar with Laughter, a comedy and entertainment program, is scheduled for this fall. Cancelled last year at the height of the pandemic, it will be back with the enthusiasm it has engendered in the past.

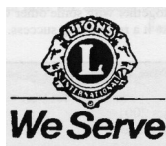
We want to welcome a new member, Bilal Shadid. Bilal is the owner of Jewelry Pagoda in the Midland Park Mall. He has been a supporter of our Lions Club and our fundraising efforts in the past, and a wonderful and productive new member for our club projects and efforts. **Please make a Texas-sized effort to welcome him!**

I ask for your commitment and help to continue our successful tradition as a club. It will be an honor to serve you.

EDITOR’S NOTE

I want to thank our club for naming me a delegate to the virtual Lions Clubs International Convention on June 25 to 29. The event had been scheduled to be held in Montreal, Canada but was changed to virtual because of COVID concerns, especially impacting international travel. It was broadcast mainly from Lions headquarters in Oak Brook, IL with videos from all over the world. The new International President is Douglas X. Alexander, the first Black President of our organization, from Brooklyn, NY.

Our 18th *Roar with Laughter* hilarity revue fundraiser will be at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 16 at the Hispanic Cultural Center. We have eleven acts scheduled, plus a surprise guitarist during the intermission.



PROGRAM CHAIRS

August	Lion Brian Flowers
September	Lion Mike Seerey
October	Lion Don Eckerty
December	Lion Bill Kelton

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Joel Kuykendall



Well, we are one month into the new Lions year already. I'm happy to report that we have several new members. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Past District Governor Keith Perrine, five clubs that were under suspension

have now been restored. And we are working now to remove four more from suspension. With the new members and the restored Club I am happy to report the District 2 - A1 is now above 1,000 members and gaining. Good work, West Texas Lions!

A quick reminder that there is a \$30 incentive for each Lion that recruits a new member that stays in good standing for a year. Remember, more members equals more service.

Speaking of service, in this day and age of economic uncertainty, instability and viruses, our service is more important than ever! Whether it be collecting food items for families and children who cannot afford them, helping local kids with school clothes and supplies, taking food to shut-ins, simply listening to somebody who needs someone to talk to, or helping low-income families pay a bill or two for a month, there are many ways in which Lions Club members can serve our community. The Lions of District 2-A1 have always been outstanding in doing so. I am confident we will continue to do so in these tumultuous times.

And on that note, our district service project this year is going to be collecting necessary items for those in need in the cities that host our district meetings. For our First District Cabinet meeting in Mason on August 21, I am asking all those who attend to bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items to be donated to the Mason Food Bank.

Together we, as Lions, are making a difference in our communities, as We Serve Around the Clock Around the World.

CLUB NEWS



Samantha Carrell, shown with Program Chairman Lion John Wojtkun, was our guest speaker on June 10. Samantha is the Executive Director of Boys & Girls Club of the Permian Basin with three clubs in Odessa and two in Midland. They serve about 4,000 children ages 6 to 18 as a place to learn and grow. The annual budget is about \$3 million. The club agreed to donate \$200 to the organization. The club also agreed to donate \$500 to TLERC and to order four Lions International Peace Poster kits. Lion Mark Singh was named a delegate to the virtual 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention.



Lori Wesley, shown with all the members who attended the meeting on July 8, was our speaker and Lion Mark Singh was the Program Chairman. Lori is the Executive Director of the Museum of the Southwest. She spoke about the \$5.5 million renovation project at the children's museum, the museum's permanent art collection, Christmas at the Mansion, the planetarium, and pending repairs to the parking lot. She mentioned the Summer Lawn Concerts and said that Septemberfest will be held this year only on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The club agreed to donate \$200 to the museum.

At the business meeting on July 22, the club agreed to donate \$1,000 to LCIF and recognize Lion Frank Stowers with a Melvin Jones Fellowship and also donate \$1,000 to the Texas Lions Camp with a Jack Weich Fellowship for Lion Mark Singh. The club will participate in the Midland College Activities Fair on September 1. Detailed plans were discussed for our 18th *Roar with Laughter* hilarity revue.

NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



At the Installation dinner on June 17, Lion Mark Singh took the opportunity to thank Tom Ochs for his friendship and for all the support he has given the Midland Northside Lions Club over almost twenty years. Tom is retiring and closing his restaurant, Sidekicks & Legends, at the end of July. It was formerly called Bless Your Heart and was located in the Claydesta Center when Tom started to help the club with potatoes for the *Bunny Breakfast* (now called *WE SERVE Breakfast*) fundraiser. He also provided the cakes for all seventeen previous *Roar with Laughter* fundraisers. The club awarded Tom a Melvin Jones Fellowship last year.

SMILE

Three intoxicated women in a bar are talking about a friend who is trying without success to have a family. The first says, "I believe she is impregnable." The second says, "I think she is inconceivable." The third says, "No, she is unbearable."

Golfer: "Notice any improvements since last year?"
Caddy: "Polished your clubs, didn't you?"

The woman lay crying on her psychiatrist's couch. "We were married thirty-five years before he died," she said, dabbing away a mournful tear. "Never had an argument in all those years." "Amazing," said the doctor. "How did you do it?" With a surprised expression, she answered, "Maybe it was because I was six inches taller and sixty pounds heavier."

"Read all about it! Fifty people swindled," yelled the newsboy. Curious, a businessman bought a paper and looked through it. He said, "There's nothing in here about 50 people being swindled." The newsboy called out again, "Read all about it! Fifty-one people swindled!"

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

Membership	Lion Dr. Brian Flowers
Attendance	Lion Bill Kelton
<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

I endeavor to be wise when I cannot be merry, easy when I cannot be glad, content with what cannot be mended and patient when there be no redress.

Elizabeth Montagu

People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.

Isaac Asimov

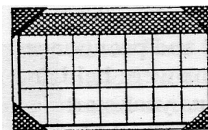
Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use.

Emily Post

The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards.

Anatole France

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



August 20-21
First District 2-A1 cabinet meeting
Mason, TX

Tuesday, October 5
Zone 1 meeting
West Side Lions Club building

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

Dec. 10-11
Second District 2-A1 cabinet meeting
Sweetwater, TX

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



Have a great summer!

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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.**