

NORTHSIDE LION



December 2022/January 2023

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Bill Kelton



We participated in the *Lions Pancake Breakfast*, held on September 24, with other Zone One Lions Clubs. Our club members sold almost \$2,000 in tickets, and participated in preparing and serving food to the patrons. The Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville, eyesight screening and eyeglass recycling programs and other traditional Lions benevolences have received substantial support from this event. It is anticipated that the *Lions Pancake Breakfast* will be an annual Zone One event. Lion Tom Ochs coordinated our club's efforts and has participated in discussions with other clubs to evaluate the results and consider suggestions for improvements and overall efficiency to insure future success. We thank Lion Tom Ochs for his efforts!

Our annual *Roar with Laughter* hilarity revue was held on October 15. This year's receipts exceeded \$9,100! Lion Mark Singh has coordinated and managed the *Roar with Laughter* hilarity revue for several years. The successful results are a testament to his management skill. We congratulate Lion Mark Singh for his effort and project management!

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Carole Anne Brown, a member of the East Angelo Lions Club, was our guest on November 10. District Governor Brown outlined her observations concerning the clubs in District 2-A1, stated her desire to increase membership through recruitment and retention of existing members, and complimented our club for its effectiveness and success.

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DECEMBER & JANUARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 12/8 7:00 a.m. Gary Gerhard: Pearl Harbor
- 12/8 7:00 p.m. Christmas dinner
- 1/12 Nadine Hill and Cindy Klatt, Mission Center Adult Day Care
- 1/26 Business meeting

ROAR WITH LAUGHTER



Midland Northside Lions Club held our 19th annual Roar with Laughter hilarity revue fundraiser on October 15 at the Hispanic Cultural Center. It was an excellent comedy/variety show. About 125 people attended and we raised \$9,106. Lion Aaron Battles was our emcee and also provided delicious refreshments from Texas Roadhouse. Lion John Wojtkun provided the soft drinks and water. There were drawings for 22 door prizes.

Shown above are three of the acts— Patsy Allen and Dana Ritter from Odessa (banter and singing), Lion Dr. Rob McGuire (songs, some funny, some folksy), and David Hurta (standup comedy). The other performers were Lion Mark Singh and *The Silent Heckler* (comedy presentation), Bronson Chadwick (comedy magic), Chris Crawford from San Angelo (standup comedy), Hispanic Cultural Center Ballet Folklorico dancers (dances), Phil Newell (juggling), Angel Ortiz from Odessa (standup comedy), and John Wojtkun, Jr. (songs). PID Marshall Cooper from Lubbock had to cancel at the last minute, but Angel Ortiz made his debut instead. As usual, John Wojtkun, Jr. brought his sound system from San Angelo. Each act was allocated ten minutes and we finished before 10 p.m. for the first time.

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PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

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The Lions Peace Poster contest has produced four winning posters this year from Goddard, Trinity, Bynum and Saint Ann’s Schools. District Governor Brown attended the ceremony at Bynum School, and took the four first place Peace Posters to San Angelo for District level evaluation to determine the Peace Poster winner to proceed to state competition. We congratulate Lion Don Eckerty for his effort and excellent management of the project!

We are hopeful that the Lions International Youth Exchange program will proceed after three years of COVID disruptions. Northside Lions Club is planning to sponsor two students for our 2023 exchange program. Lion Mark Singh is managing the effort for the District and Lion Frank Stowers for our club. We commend Lion Mark Singh on his efforts to organize this year’s program!

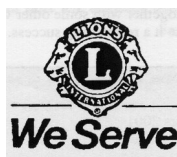
Please remember our Christmas dinner and meeting for members, spouses and invited guests scheduled at Gerardo’s Casita on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 PM. Lion Dr. Robert McGuire will play his guitar and lead the singing. Please plan to attend!

It has been an honor to serve with this club. It is our members who make it a success. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Thanks to all performers, members, spouses, friends and supporters who, together with our Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsors, made our 19th annual *Roar with Laughter* hilarity revue fundraiser a roaring success. It was a pleasure working with Liz Rodriguez and the Hispanic Culture Center to have the event again at their facility.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a successful and prosperous New Year!



PROGRAM CHAIRS

December	Don Eckerty
January	Bill Kelton
February	Mark Singh

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Carole Ann Brown



2-A1 Lions Serve with heart and “Together”! Our Lions have been working very hard and leaving memorable Lions Legacies all over our large district. During Halloween many children and families were blessed and given a great time at our Lions Club Lighthouse for the Blind Halloween Carnival. And

so many Lions from the different clubs in San Angelo came out to help. Together we Serve!

What talent our kids have in our District with all the Peace Posters that were entered. The 2-A1 winning poster that was sent to State was done by 11 year old Samantha Pirela from St. Ann’s School, sponsored by Midland Northside. Thank you for all the Lions who worked hard in working with the schools and art teachers on this wonderful program.

I enjoyed visiting Midland Westside Lions Club and was amazed at all the programs the club participates in. Seeing their wonderful building and grounds was very special. Their club works with the scouts. I also got to speak at the Midland Northside Lions Club and got to see the wonderful lion water fountain they donated to the special needs park. They invited me to go to Bynum School for the Peace Poster ceremony and see the dozens of posters that were entered, they were awesome! While in Midland, I got to stay and volunteer at TLERC. Thank you, PDG Russell Livingston, for volunteering at TLERC. We do need more Lions to help!

All clubs, please remember that there will be a total Lions Clubs International dues increase of \$7.00 beginning July 1, 2023. The total dues increase will take place over a three-year period with the initial increase of \$3.00 starting July 1, 2023, then another \$2.00 starting July 1, 2024, and finally another \$2.00 starting July 1, 2025.

As our Lions International President Brian Sheehan and wife Lori travel in November, they started in Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Taiwan, Korea, and are now traveling to the Philippines! They are spreading Lions Service all over the world! What are you doing on your block, community, work area, family, and town to bring in new Lions to Together We Serve? What is your Texas Lions Legacy? Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas Holiday!

CLUB NEWS

The meeting on October 13 finalized plans for Roar with Laughter. Lion Tom Ochs gave a report on the Pancake Breakfast on September 24. He said that 567 people ate indoors and 184 were served at the drive-thru. Proceeds were about \$9,000 but final figures were not available yet. Our club received \$462 from pre-sales of tickets and sponsorships. Lion Mark said that Midland Northside and West Side Clubs were planning to sponsor a total of four students to go to Europe next summer on the Lions International Youth Exchange program and we are planning to host three girls in Midland in July. Lion Don said that five schools were doing the Peace Poster contest. The club agreed to donate \$1,000 to LCIF to help with disaster relief.

At the business meeting on October 27, members pronounced the *Roar with Laughter* fundraiser a success, but said that the image on the screen was too small for people at the back of the room to read. The club agreed to donate \$500 each to Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and West Texas Lions Eye Bank.



District Governor Carole Ann Brown made her official visit to the club on November 10. She talked about membership, emphasizing “More hands, more service,” and global causes—diabetes, vision, environment and childhood cancer. She gave out tickets to be sold for the district raffle and presented Lion Mark Singh with a 30 years membership chevron. She mentioned the next two district cabinet meetings, commended Lion Don Eckerty for his work on the Peace Poster contest, and said that she was happy that the Midland clubs did the Pancake Breakfast in September as a zone project. After the meeting she went with some of the members to the Peace Poster presentation ceremony at Bynum School and then she visited the Chris Davidson Opportunity Park to see the lion drinking fountain that our club had donated in 2020.

NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



In the picture above, Art teacher Renee Nix poses with the winners of the 34th annual Lions International Peace Poster contest at Goddard Junior High School - Sophia Martin (3rd), Oluwatomiye Toriola (2nd) and Zoey Forehand (1st). The theme was “Lead with Compassion.”

The contest was also held at Trinity School where Ruby Lamonica placed first; St. Ann’s School where Samantha Pirela was the first place winner; and Bynum School where Grant Westmoreland place first. The four first place posters have been sent on to PDG Keith Perrine for the District 2-A1 contest. At each school, Northside Lions Club awarded Barnes & Noble gift certificates, \$50 for first, \$30 for second and \$20 for third.

SMILE

Little Jimmy’s mother was a widow. The gentleman calling on her was anxious to get along well with Jimmy. He asked, “What do you think of me?” Jimmy said, “I will tell you after Christmas.”

“Hey, Ernie, are you wearing a hearing aid?”
 “Yes, the very latest model. I can hear a bird a hundred yards away. I can recognize the tinkle of a bell across the street.”
 “What kind is it?”
 “Half past five.”

Man: “Did you know that women use about 30,000 words a day and men use only about 15,000?”
 Woman: “That’s because we have to repeat everything.”

A man called the IRS and said, “I’m sorry, but I think that I may be calling with the stupid question of the day.” The tired agent replied, “I think you may be too late for that.”

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
 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

The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitude.

William James

Life is like a game of cards. The hand that is dealt you represents determinism; the way you play it is free will.

Jawaharlal Nehru

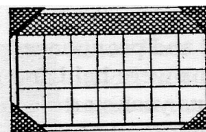
Rare is the person who can weigh the faults of others without putting his thumb on the scales.

Byron J. Langenfield

Two and two the mathematician continues to make four, in spite of the whine of the amateur for three, or the cry of the critic for five.

James McNeill Whistler

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Thursday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.
 Northside Lions Christmas Dinner
 Gerardo's Casita

Saturday, January 14, 2023
 Third District 2-A1 (Mid-winter) cabinet meeting
 San Angelo at Pearl on the Concho Hotel

Saturday, April 1, 2023
 District 2-A1 Convention
 San Angelo at Pearl on the Concho Hotel

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 7 to 10 a.m.
 30th annual WE SERVE Breakfast
 Midland Park Mall food court

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



Merry Christmas!

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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.**