

NORTHSIDE LION



February/March 2023

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Bill Kelton



We concluded a very successful 2022 with our annual Christmas Party on Thursday evening, December 8th, at Gerardo's Casita Restaurant here in Midland. We all had a wonderful time as we celebrated the Christmas season and upcoming New Year.

I was graciously awarded the prestigious Jack Wiech Fellowship Award during ceremonies at our Christmas Party. The award is bestowed as recognition for my support of the programs and services of the Texas Lions Camp. I am honored to receive such an award.

It was also announced that Lion Dr. Rob McGuire had received the PID Marshall Cooper Silver Vision Fellowship Award for his tireless efforts with the Lions Children's Vision Program and Vision Clinics. We congratulate Lion Dr. Rob for his dedication to service in our Vision Program and Clinics and for the receipt of this well-deserved award.

The Lions Peace Poster contest produced four winning posters this year from Midland area schools. The posters were submitted to District Governor Carole Ann Brown to determine the final Peace Poster winners. A poster made by Samantha Pirela, a 5th grade student at St. Ann's Catholic School, won the District Contest. Samantha's poster was submitted for state-wide competition. We congratulate Lion Don Eckerty for his efforts and all students who submitted a peace poster this year!

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FEBRUARY & MARCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 2/9 Nathan Knowles, Christmas in Action
- 2/23 Business meeting
- 3/9 Ben Wall, Opportunity Tribe
- 3/23 Business meeting

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Midland Northside Lions Club held our annual Christmas dinner at Gerardo's Casita restaurant on December 8. Members, spouses, and special guests enjoyed fellowship and a chicken and beef fajitas buffet.

Guests included Mary Lou Cassidy, Phil Newell, David Hurta and his wife Melanie, Bronson Chadwick and his wife, and Steve and Michelle Rodriguez. Mary Lou, Phil, David, Bronson and Steve have helped us for many years with our *Roar with Laughter* fundraiser. In fact, David has performed all nineteen years. Steve and Phil also regularly help us at our *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser.

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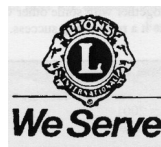
Efforts are underway for our 30th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 29, in the Midland Park Mall with Lions Mark Singh and Lion Aaron Battles serving this year as Co-chairs. We will meet with Heather Anderson, the Midland Park Mall Marketing Manager, to plan and coordinate this fundraiser. We ask that all members review our playbook and attend the upcoming meetings to prepare for this traditionally successful event.

Northside Lions Club has traditionally sponsored and hosted exchange students for the Lions International Youth Exchange Program; however, the program was suspended for three years due to COVID restrictions and uncertainty. The Youth Exchange Program is scheduled to resume in 2023 with Lion Mark Singh managing District 2-A1 efforts and Lion Frank Stowers managing our club’s participation. The student selection process is now underway. 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!

We look forward to a successful year in 2023. As always, it is an honor to serve as your club president.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Midland West Side Lions Club will be sponsoring Adam Bourland, Midland Northside Ezekiel Bajoro, and the two clubs jointly, Landen Dickens for the youth exchange. They will be applying to go to Germany, Belgium and Italy, respectively, during the summer. We also plan to host three 17 or 18 year old non-smoker girls in Midland from July 1 to 22. Lion Mark and Violet Singh and Lion Frank and Kim Stowers will be two of the host families.



PROGRAM CHAIRS

February	Mark Singh
March	Aaron Battles
May	Bill Kelton
June	Dr. Brian Flowers
July	Mark Singh
August	Frank Stowers

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Carole Ann Brown



Happy New Year to each of you, hope it is filled with blessings. For all who attended the 2-A1 Lions Mid-Winter Conference, I would like to thank our speakers Lion Mark Singh, who taught us about our 2-A1 Lions Youth Exchange. It was very interesting, important, and informative about the procedures and his personal experiences about Lions Youth Exchange, thank you! And PDG Chris Gunstream from 2-S1, who spoke to us about procedures of Global Membership approach and bringing new members into our clubs! And thank you to each of our Lions who took time out of their lives to attend the bingo and meeting, thank you very much!

After speaking with the different clubs and hearing what is being accomplished from the different clubs for their communities, I totally agree with our International President Brian Sheehan: Together We Can, not alone!

I was honored to give a wonderful 60-year Lions Membership Chevron to East Angelo Lions Club Member Lion Tommy Beauchamp for his 60 years in Lions Club. Congratulations, Sir!

I was also honored when I visited North by Northwest Lions Club to present Lion Delarence DeWitt his 50 year Lions Chevron. He is such an inspiration to all Lions. Congratulations, Sir!

I would like to thank all who participated in the Peace Poster Contest throughout our district! Each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will get a check from our district! The 1st place poster was sent to state for competition, and we have not heard who won state as yet. The winner of the state contest poster will be sent to international! Our District 1st place winner went to Samantha Pirela, 5th grade at St. Ann’s Middle School in Midland. Our 2nd place Peace Poster 2-A1 District Poster winner went to Estrella Paredes, 8th grader from Junction Middle School! Our District 3rd place Peace Poster Contest Winner is Emerie Mize, 8th grader from Sweetwater Middle School! Congratulations to all who participated! Lions, these are our future, hopefully you have taught them that We Serve!

How many Lions have you brought into your club, how many people have you invited to come to visit your club or join your club? 2-A1 Lions, what is your Lions Legacy?

CLUB NEWS



Lion Gary Gerhard, shown with Program Chairman Lion Don Eckerty, was our speaker on December 8. He is a member of Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors. He gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941, where 2,400 Americans died. He showed several photos of his father and other servicemen. The club agreed to donate \$200 each to the 13 local charitable organizations that we annually support, plus Midland College Support Our Students.



Cindy Klatt and Nadine Hill, shown with Program Chairman Lion Bill Kelton, were our speakers on January 12. Nadine is the Executive Director and Cindy is a Board member of Mission Center Adult Day Care. The Center has a staff of seven, including two LVNs and a part-time RN, and they serve clients over the age of 18 from 7:00 to 5:30 Monday to Friday. In addition to providing day care activities, they provide medical oversight, meals and nutritional services, transportation and respite care. Base cost to clients is \$80 per day or \$70 per half day. Lion John announced that the Midland College Chaps Connect club fair would be on January 24.

At the business meeting on January 26, program chairs were selected for the next seven months, Lion John gave a report on the MC club fair, and Lion Mark gave a report on the District Mid-winter Conference in San Angelo on January 14, as well as on the Youth Exchange program where three students have been selected to go Europe. The rest of the meeting focused on plans for our *WE SERVE Breakfast* on April 29. The club agreed to keep the price at \$6 per person. A meeting has been scheduled with Midland Park Mall.

NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



Lions John Wojtkun and Don Eckerty posed with the winners of the 34th annual Lions International Peace Poster contest at St. Ann's School - Samantha Pirela, the first place winner, Nora Bradford, second, and Saxon Seguin, third. The theme was "Lead with Compassion." Art teacher Marcia Crowder put on a very impressive presentation ceremony. The first prize was \$50, second \$30 and third \$20, all in Barnes & Noble gift certificates.

Samantha's poster went on to the District 2-A1 contest together with the first place posters from Trinity, Goddard and Bynum Schools. Samantha was the district first place winner.

SMILE

A man bought a parrot at an auction after some lively bidding. "I suppose this bird does talk," he said to the auctioneer. The auctioneer replied, "Of course, he's been bidding against you for the last ten minutes!"

The man stood at the bar for hours telling the bartender about his great exploits. The bartender finally asked, "Is there something you can't do?" The man answered, "Yes, I can't pay the check."

Jim rushed into the drugstore and asked for something to cure hiccups. The pharmacist poured a glass of water and threw it into Jim's face, and asked, "Well, you don't have the hiccups now, do you?" "No," shouted Jim, "but my wife out in the car still does!"

An old man signed up for a senior aerobics class. He showed up, and twisted, and gyrated and jumped up and down, and sweated and bent and pulled. And by the time he got his shorts on, the hour was over.

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
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 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

There is luxury in self-reproach. When we blame ourselves, we feel no one else has a right to blame us.

Oscar Wilde

Temptation usually comes in through a door that has deliberately been left open.

Arnold H. Glasgow

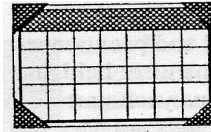
A life spent in making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent in doing nothing.

George Bernard Shaw

No person can be a great leader unless he takes genuine joy in the successes of those under him.

W. A. Nance

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 Valentine's Day!

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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.**