

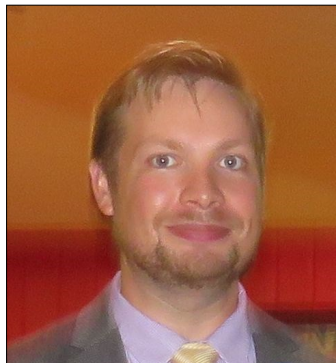
# NORTHSIDE LION



April/May 2021

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Dr. Brian Flowers



Hello again, Midland Northside Lions and friends! Spring has officially sprung, and it seems like the world has some degree of hope to returning to the previous normal. Teaching responsibilities always make for this time of year to be a bit hectic, but I am thankful to take a

few moments to sit down and catch up with what is happening in our club.

New officer elections are coming, and I am excited to move into my new role past-president (though I think you will still have to endure one more newsletter article from me). Lion Bill Kelton is set to become the new president, and I look forward to serving with Bill as I am supremely confident he will lead this club with aplomb. I also want to thank the other members who have agreed to serve in new roles, or continue to serve in their current roles

For our meeting on April the 8<sup>th</sup> we will have Paul Colwell from The Springboard Center speaking to us about the wonderful services that The Springboard Center provides to members of the community who battle with substance addiction. Our monthly business meeting will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and I hope that each of you will be able to attend as we finalize plans for the annual "WE SERVE" Breakfast.

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## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Leonardo Motta and Kelby Laing visited the club on Feb. 11.

Leonardo Motta and Kelby Laing received Midland College scholarships from the Midland Northside Lions Club's Scholarship Endowment at the college. The scholarships were awarded out of the earnings of the endowment, which has a balance of more than \$33,000. The students were recommended by the club.

Leonardo and Kelby are both first year students and are taking engineering courses from Dr. Brian Flowers at Midland College. Leonardo is from Brazil while Kelby is from Canada.

Our club contributes \$2,500 per year to this endowment and also gives out a direct scholarship of \$1,500 per year. We usually have a check presentation ceremony in August where our President hands over the funds to the President of Midland College, Dr. Steve Thomas.



## APRIL & MAY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 4/8 Paul Colwell, Springboard Center
- 4/22 Business meeting
- 5/13 Business meeting
- 5/27 Lisa Bownds, Reflection Ministries

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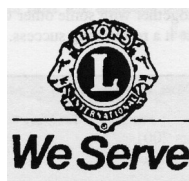
Speaking of the WE SERVE Breakfast, I hope each of you will continue to support us by selling or buying tickets. We have received many sponsorship gifts, and I am thankful to each and every one of them for their financial support. In case you were unaware, the event will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Midland Park Mall Food Court. There will still be an option for carryout, but we would enjoy seeing you should you want to come in and eat.

Thank you all for your continued support, both financially and emotionally. Your support makes all the work we do possible, and you actively make the Permian Basin (and the world) a better place!

**EDITOR’S NOTE**

We are making a lot of progress with plans for our 28th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* (formerly called Bunny Breakfast) on May 8. We have twelve Presenting Sponsors and about ten Co-sponsors. I especially want to thank them, our advertising sponsors, and our restaurant sponsors—Texas Roadhouse, Sidekicks & Legends, Charley’s Philly Steaks, Fuddrucker’s and Chick-Fil-A in the mall.

Because of COVID-19, we will still serve the food in take-away containers, and we will offer a curbside pickup option in addition to dine-in and take-out. We are also limiting the entertainment, but we will have DJ/announcer John Wojtkun, Jr. together with two or three mascots, juggler Phil Newell, and the Hispanic Cultural Center mariachi group. Something new this year will be Curby—the talking recycling robot. We will also have at least 25 door prizes. The drawing will take place after the event and winners will be notified by phone.



**PROGRAM CHAIRS**

April	Lion Frank Stowers
May	Lion Bill Kelton
June	Lion John Wojtkun
July	Lion Mark Singh

**GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE**

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Glenn Shepard



How is everyone? Hope everybody had a wonderful Easter weekend. Freda and I had a quiet weekend at home this year. Had a great church service Sunday. It was good to see everyone.

Good news: our Covid numbers have come down. Last Friday our number for Runnels county was down to one active case. I hope this is happening all over our district. If these numbers continue to go down I am hoping we can have a good district convention on May 8th in San Angelo at the Concho Pearl Motel.

If you have not had the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for the more than a \$1,300.00 Jim Bowie Prime Plus wood pellet grill, you will still have a chance to purchase one at the convention. The grill package includes a cover, tools, pans, apron, pellets, oven mitt, pizza oven, rotisserie and more. Tickets cost \$5 each or 5 for \$20 or 15 for \$50. We will have the drawing at the conclusion of the convention. You need not be present to win.

Hope to see everyone at our District 2-A1 Convention on the 8th of May in San Angelo.

Reminder: All clubs need to have elections of officers for the new Lions year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and report it by April 17.

**CLUB NEWS**



Joan Huff and Tracy Renton (shown with Program Chairman Lion Mike Seerey) were our speakers on February 11. Tracy spoke about Senior Life Midland and its programs while Joan focused on Meals on Wheels, especially its Texas Size Garage Sale fundraiser. The club agreed to donate \$200 to Senior Life Midland.

At the business meeting on February 25, plans for our 28th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* (formerly called Bunny Breakfast) were discussed. The date of May 8 was confirmed with Midland Park Mall. We are planning to have dine-in, take-out and curbside pickup options. We also reviewed our club website [www.midlandnorthsidelions.org](http://www.midlandnorthsidelions.org) which Lion Mike Seerey has started. Lion Tom Ready gave a report on the lion drinking fountain project. Since then, Lori Wesley, Executive Director of the Museum of the Southwest, has informed us that they have not made a final decision.



We had our meeting on March 11 by Zoom since the Cowden Dining Hall was closed for spring break. Program Chairman Lion Dan Corrales introduced Adrian Carrasco, who is the owner of Premier Energy Services and a Trustee of Midland College. Adrian spoke about

his participation at Midland College and plans for new or expanded programs, including training plumbers, cooks and dental hygienists.

At the business meeting on March 25, the club agreed to drop Ben Murrell as a member at his request. Lion Bill Kelton agreed to become our President starting July 1 and Lion Frank Stowers agreed to be our Vice President. Lions Don Eckerty and John Wojtkun will continue as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. We also discussed the upcoming Breakfast fundraiser.

**NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK**



Chris Whigham, President of West Texas National Bank, and Lion Frank Stowers pose with Lions International Youth Exchange students Hanna Hieronymus from Germany, Anita Morelli from Italy and Maria Marcet Montero from Spain, at the bank in July 2019. The students spent three weeks in Midland. Lion Frank and his wife Kim, together with Lion Mark and Violet Singh, and Dr. Michael and Gire Dragun were the three host families. Midland Northside and West Side Lions Clubs sponsored students to go to Belgium and Germany. Unfortunately, the youth exchange program was cancelled in 2020 and this year because of COVID.

**SMILE**

Teacher: "Are you acquainted with Shakespeare?"  
 Student: "Not personally, but he's a great friend of my brother."  
 irate teacher: "Shakespeare has been dead for centuries."  
 Student: "He has? My bother will be surprised."

The day he got married was really embarrassing. The minister said, "If anyone does not agree with this marriage, speak now or forever hold your peace." He turned around, and her family had formed a double line.

A middle-aged English teacher was reviewing present, past, and future tenses. She posed the question, "I am beautiful' is what tense?" A student raised her hand: "Past tense."

An Irishman walks into a bar in Cork city and asks the barman, "What is the quickest way to Dublin?" "Are you walking, riding or driving?" asks the barman. "Driving," says the man. "That's the quickest way," says the barman.

**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**

*What is memory? Not a storehouse, not a trunk in the attic, but an instrument that constantly refines the past into a narrative, accessible and acceptable to oneself.*

Stanley Kaufmann

*The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.*

Alice Walker

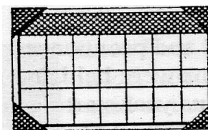
*The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts: to return love for hate, to include the excluded, and to say, "I was wrong."*

Sydney J. Harris

*The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense.*

Tom Clancy

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



Saturday, May 8, 7 to 10 a.m.  
28th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast*  
Midland Park Mall food court

Saturday, May 8  
District 2-A1 Convention  
San Angelo, TX

Thursday, June 24, 7 p.m.  
Midland Northside Lions Club Installation Dinner  
Sidekicks & Legends Restaurant

June 25 to 29  
Lions International convention  
Scheduled in Montreal, Canada. Will be virtual.

Saturday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.  
18th 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.**