

NORTHSIDE LION



June/July 2023

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Bill Kelton



Our 30th annual WE SERVE Breakfast fundraiser was held Saturday, April 29 in the Midland Park Mall with Lions Mark Singh and Lion Aaron Battles serving as Event Co-Chairs. The management of Midland Park Mall was particularly helpful and assisted our efforts enthusiastically.

We wish to thank all members who sold tickets and sponsorships and who participated in the fundraising event. As a result of your efforts, our fundraising event proceeded smoothly and our revenue exceeded last year's revenue. This outstanding effort and participation make our fundraising events successful each year they are held.

The Lions International Youth Exchange Program has resumed this year. We are looking forward to hosting two European students, Louane Guibert from France and Emma Lolli from Italy. Lion Mark and Violet Singh and Lion Frank and Kim Stowers will be two of the three host families. Rod and Kris Curtis will be the other host family.

Three students from our District have been accepted for the Youth Exchange Program. Ezekiel Bajomo will travel to Belgium, Adam Bourland will travel to Germany and Landen Dickens will travel to Italy for three to four weeks this summer. Our club is sponsoring Ezekiel Bajomo, and is jointly sponsoring Landen Dickens with the West Side Lions Club. West Side is also sponsoring Adam.

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JUNE & JULY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 6/8 Karl Boroski, Rope Youth
- 6/22 **7:00 p.m.** Installation Dinner
- 7/13 Emma and Louane, exchange students
- 7/27 Business meeting

WE SERVE BREAKFAST



Midland Northside Lions Club held our 30th annual WE SERVE Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 29 in the Midland Park Mall food court. We served a hearty breakfast to 280 people, provided great entertainment, and had a drawing later for 32 valuable door prizes. In addition, Midland West Side Lions Club provided free vision screening. We raised \$13,084.

Lion Aaron Battles did a great job organizing sausage biscuits from Texas Roadhouse, scrambled eggs from Charley's Philly Steaks, potatoes from Mulberry Café and Bubba's, fruit from Chick-fil-A, and cookies from Fuddruckers, together with orange juice from Coca-Coca. Gandy's gave us the milk.

The entertainment included DJ John Wojtkun, Jr. and Lion Dr. Rob McGuire, Hispanic Cultural Center groups, juggler Phil Newell, and mascots Rocky from Midland Rockhounds, Andy Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse, Latte the Cow from Midland County and Lady Liberty from Liberty Tax Service.

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We know the experiences of the exchange students will provide lasting memories, mutual friendships and broadened horizons for all involved. 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!

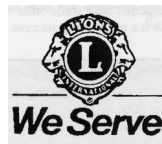
Our officer transition process will culminate with our Lions Club Installation Banquet on June 22 at 7:00 PM at Gerardo’s Casita at 2407 North Big Spring Street. PDG Armando Subia will serve as the installation officer. Lion John Wojtkun and Lion Don Eckerty will continue to serve as club treasurer and as club secretary respectively. Lion Frank Stowers will be installed as club president, and Lion Dan Corrales will be installed as vice-president.

I look forward to working with our new officers in any way possible to provide continued success of the club. It has been an honor to serve as club president for the past two years, and I thank each member for his contributions, cooperation and effort during my time as president. The effort and participation of each of our members is the quality that has brought us success.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Thanks to members, family and friends who made our Breakfast fundraiser another success. Thanks also to the food and drink sponsors, advertising sponsors, door prize donors, and especially the attendees, entertainers, 12 Presenting Sponsors and 12 Co-sponsors, in addition to Midland Park Mall.

Three Midland youth exchange students will be departing in a few weeks to Europe for their youth camp and family stays. We will be hosting two girls from July 1 to 22. Thanks to the host families, the Dragn family and other Lions from our club who have agreed to help to take them around.



PROGRAM CHAIRS

June	Dr. Brian Flowers
July	Mark Singh
August	Frank Stowers

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Carole Ann Brown



I would like to extend congratulations to 2-A1 District for Lion Dr. Norman Gould from Midland who was inducted into the 2023 Texas Lions Hall of Fame at the Lions State Convention in Ft. Worth on May 19th. As a Midland Downtown Lion for 65 years, he has been a true “Knight of the Blind”. Dr.

Gould has been awarded numerous awards over the years and TLERC has named their Bronze Fellowship after him. As a Lion, he performed hundreds of children’s eye exams when it was just a Lions Club project, later TLERC. He taught many Lions how to read and sort glasses, including me! He is considered one of the two grandfathers of Midland TLERC! He is the Lion who authored the curriculum for LCIF’s Sight First recycling centers because of his educational programs and training that he taught, and it is used all over the world! He personally trained hundred of Lions, foreign missionaries, church groups and medical teams from all over the world. Millions of people all over the world have vision because of his valuable work.



Dr. Norman Gould’s daughter and two sons and two of his grown grandsons came to see him accept his award. One son came all the way from New York! As your District Governor, I was asked by the family to sit with them during the luncheon, I was very honored! Lion Dr. Norman Gould has a wonderful Lion’s Legacy! Congratulations, Sir!

Don’t forget to attend the 2-A1 Lions University in San Angelo on Saturday, June 10th in San Angelo! This one is very important, as numerous ways of entering information will be changing in the Lions Clubs International website!

My slogan for my DG year is “Texas Lions Legacy is We Serve”, and our Lions are serving many people in our 2-A1 District. Thank you, LIONS! Your Lions Legacy is amazing!

CLUB NEWS

The meeting on April 13 was used mainly to finalize plans for our 30th annual WE SERVE Breakfast on April 29. Lion Aaron had confirmed that Coca-Cola would provide the orange juice and all the food sponsors had confirmed their participation. The new officers were elected for the Lions year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

At the business meeting on April 27, Lion Dan spoke about the proclamation ceremony at city Hall on April 25. We also discussed the roles of all the members at the upcoming Breakfast and Lion Mark gave an update on the youth exchange program.



Gabriella Arreola and Lee Anne Sconiers, shown with Program Chairman Lion Bill Kelton, were our speakers on May 11. Lee Anne is the outreach representative and Gabriella is the education director of Midland Rape Crisis and Children’s Advocacy Center. It is a non-profit organization that offers free education and counseling to victims of child and/or sexual abuse. It is state-mandated and administered, all of its services are free, and it has a 24-hour hotline. Texas has 71 centers. This local center serves Midland, Andrews and Big Spring and has 20 employees, 10 volunteers and one therapy dog. The club agreed to donate \$200 to the organization. Lion Brian informed the club that the Cowden Dining Hall will not be open for breakfast during the summer. Lion Aaron subsequently agreed to host the summer meetings at Texas Roadhouse.

At the business meeting on May 25, Lion Aaron confirmed that the Installation Dinner will be at Gerardo’s Casita at 7 p.m. on June 22, Lion Bill announced that the club will be sponsoring Kyler Scott Hurt to attend the Texas Lions Camp, and Lion Mark gave an update on the youth exchange program, indicating that only two students will be coming to Midland even though we had been hoping for three. The club reviewed the WE SERVE Breakfast and discussed ways of increasing publicity on social media to improve turnout.

NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



Lions Dan Corrales, Isaac Garnett, Mark Singh, Joel Morgan, Jeff George, Bob Price, and John Wojtkun posed with Mayor Lori Blong (at right) at a Midland City Council meeting on April 25. Lions Dan, Mark and John represented Midland Northside Lions Club, Lion Isaac is from Tall City Lions and Lions Joel, Jeff and Bob are from Midland Downtown. Also attending, but not in the picture, was Lion Jackie Matthews from Downtown. The occasion was the reading of a proclamation, prepared by City Councilor Lion Dan, recognizing the community service efforts and contributions of Midland Lions over the past 95 years.

SMILE

“Do men go to heaven?” teased the female professor. “Why, yes,” replied the male visiting lecturer. “I never saw a picture of an angel with a beard,” said the professor. The lecturer answered, “True, they all get there by a close shave.”

Lady: “I would like to buy a low handicap.”
Sales clerk at golf store: “A low handicap?”
Lady: “I want to get my husband a birthday present. He’s always wishing for a low handicap.”

A policeman went up to a street musician and asked, “Sir, do you have a permit to play that violin here?” The musician answered, “Actually, no.” The cop said, “In that case I have to ask you to accompany me.” The violinist answered, “Of course. What would you like to sing?”

A woman started to bake and realized that she did not have enough milk, so she asked her Math professor husband to run out and buy a quart. When he came back empty-handed, she asked, “Where’s the milk?” He said, “All out. They only had pints.”

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
 Aaron Battles
 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

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity.

Louis Pasteur

From now on, ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.

Winston Churchill

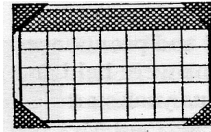
There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world: and that is an idea whose time has come.

Victor Hugo

It's strange how unimportant your job is when you're asking for a raise, but how important it can be when you want a day off.

Earl E. Mathes

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Thursday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.
 Northside Lions Club Installation Dinner
 Gerardo's Casita Restaurant

July 7-11
 105th Lions International Convention
 Boston, MA

Saturday, July 29
 First District 2-A1 Cabinet Meeting
 Kingsland, TX

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

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 7 to 10 a.m.
 31st 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.**