

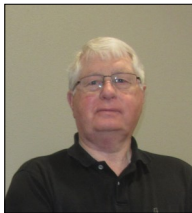
NORTHSIDE LION



February/March 2022

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lion Bill Kelton



We concluded a very successful 2021 with our annual Christmas party on Thursday evening, December 16th, at Gerardo's Casita Restaurant here in Midland. We all had a wonderful time with entertainment provided by our most recent member, Dr. Robert

McGuire, who demonstrated his singing and comedic talent for all present. We want to thank Dr. McGuire for sharing his talents with us and for the work he is doing for the Lions.

Lion Frank Stowers received the prestigious Melvin Jones Award and Lion Mark Singh was presented the Jack Wiech Fellowship Award during ceremonies at our Christmas party. Lions clubs worldwide recognize individuals by bestowing these awards as recognition for humanitarian ideas and deeds consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. We congratulate Lion Frank Stowers and Lion Mark Singh on their accomplishments during their years in Lionism.

The Lions Peace Poster contest produced five winning posters this year from Midland area schools. The five first place posters were submitted to the District chairwoman to determine the final Peace Poster winners. One of our posters was submitted for state-wide competition. Although we do not know yet if our poster will win a prize or recognition on the state level, we believe the efforts of the students were extraordinary and deserve praise. We congratulate Lion Don Eckerty for his efforts and all of the students who submitted a poster this year!

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FEBRUARY & MARCH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2/10	Tim Stallard, Bush Tennis Center
2/24	Business meeting
3/10	Tom Miller, Family Promise of Midland
3/24	Business meeting

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Club President Lion Bill Kelton presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion Frank Stowers.

Midland Northside Lions Club held our annual Christmas dinner at Gerardo's Casita on December 16. Members, spouses and special guests PDG Carolyn Keskitalo, Todd Smith, Mary Lou Cassidy and Phil Newell enjoyed the chicken and beef fajita buffet in the Tequila Room of the restaurant. It was an evening of good fellowship as the club celebrated another year of successful fundraising and community service. The festive atmosphere was enhanced as our newest club member Lion Dr. Robert McGuire played his guitar and led a singalong.

Lion Frank Stowers was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lion Mark Singh was awarded a Jack Wiech Fellowship from the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. In addition, Lion John Wojtkun presented PDG Carolyn Keskitalo with a check for \$500 from the club to the Texas Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center.

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Efforts are underway to prepare for our 29th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022, in the Midland Park Mall. Lion Mark Singh will e-mail a copy of our playbook with fundamental organizational information for our members to review. We had a meeting with Emily Young and Natalie Jett, Midland Park Mall managers, on Tuesday, February 1st at Fuddruckers. The meeting was very successful, and Ms. Young and Ms. Jett will provide cooperation and support for our *WE SERVE Breakfast* fundraiser. We ask that all members review the playbook and attend the upcoming meetings to plan and prepare.

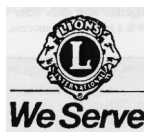
Northside Lions Club normally sponsors an exchange student for the foreign exchange program. Unfortunately, the selection process has been suspended because COVID has created uncertainty concerning travel restrictions. The foreign exchange program is scheduled to resume next year after the COVID pandemic has passed. Lion Mark Singh has been managing the effort for District 2-A1. We commend Lion Mark Singh on his efforts to keep this worthy program going and we look forward to welcoming exchange students next year.

It is an honor to serve with this club. Our success and our support for our Lions Club causes will continue to increase in 2022.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Unfortunately, we have decided to cancel the Lions International Youth Exchange program for this summer. Hopefully the COVID situation will improve and we will be able to start in November to plan the program for summer of 2023.

It is time again to work on our spring fundraiser, our 29th annual *WE SERVE Breakfast*. Let us make it another big success.



PROGRAM CHAIRS

February	Lion Mark Singh
March	Lion Bill Kelton
May	Lion Mike Seerey
June	Lion Dan Corrales
July	Lion Dr. Rob McGuire

GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

District 2-A1 Governor Lion Joel Kuykendall



First and foremost I want to wish all of our Lions a most happy and successful ROARing New Year! I want to apologize for not having an article for the January district newsletter. I was dealing with some serious dental issues at the time and was kind of

down and not able to compose one. But feeling much better now.

We are starting off January in a very good place. For those who have not heard, District 2-A1 is number one in membership growth not only in MD-2 but also Constitutional Area 1! That is quite amazing!

I want to give a huge West Texas Lions thank you to all of those who made this possible, namely our Lions in our clubs who are out beating the bushes every day to find and recruit new Lions in order to increase and expand our service to help others in our communities. Good work!

But at the same time let us not grow complacent and rest on our oars. First off we continue to need more Lions in order to continue to serve our communities especially in times like these. And also just to let you know, District 2-X1 is nipping at our heels very closely in membership growth. So in the spirit of a little friendly competition, let's make sure they don't get ahead of us! Let's keep 2-A1 THE A1 District in Texas!

Also as I'm writing this, I'm sitting at the hotel in Kerrville awaiting the third Council of Governors meeting. Once again a large winter storm is moving through Texas (thankfully not as big as the one of year ago but still serious enough).

This is getting me to thinking that this is a good opportunity for Lions to step up and help our neighbors. Particularly in the areas of collecting and providing warm clothing for those in need, also providing heaters and other means of warmth for those who cannot afford them and as always food and companionship for those without, particularly in these times of cold weather.

Let's make sure to check on, and provide for the needs of our friends and neighbors in our community and do what Lions do in a time of need!

CLUB NEWS



District Governor Lion Joel Kuykendall made his official visit on December 9. He spoke mainly about his theme: more members, more service. He also spoke about the Texas Lions Camp and sold district pins. He inducted Lion Dr. Robert McGuire. PDG Carolyn Kestitalo provided a Lions International President's award for Lion Joel to present to Lion Robert McGuire (picture above) in recognition of his service at the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

Charlene Romero McBride had been scheduled as our speaker but she was sick, so the meeting on January 13 covered business items. Lion John gave a financial report indicating that we had a balance of \$440 in our Administrative account and about \$28,000 in our Activities account. He also gave out dues statements. Program chairs were selected for the next six months. Lion Don gave a report on the zone meeting, indicating that there was discussion of the Downtown Lions Pancake Jamboree being done as a zone project. Lion Mark reported that the Youth Exchange program for this summer was canceled in view of the increased uncertainty posed by COVID especially relating to international travel.

At the business meeting on January 27, a committee, comprising Lions Bill, Frank and John, was selected to choose winners of the Melvin Jones, Jack Wiech and Marshall Cooper awards for this year. Lion Don Eckerty sold tickets for the district raffle and gave an update on the Peace Poster contest. He indicated that he had returned the posters to the schools except for Angel Patel's from Trinity School, which went on to the MD2 Texas state contest. Much of the meeting was spent making plans for the *WE SERVE Breakfast* coming up on April 30. A meeting with Midland Park Mall management was scheduled for February 1.

NORTHSIDE SCRAPBOOK



Juan Hasiholan placed second, Hudson Gros third and Angel Patel first in the Lions International Peace Poster contest at Trinity School. The theme was *We are all Connected*. Angel Patel's poster went on to place first at the District 2-A1 contest and she received a check for \$150, while Micaela Paez from St. Ann's School placed third and she received a check for \$50. Keila Reyes from Big Spring placed second and got \$75. Angel's poster went on to the Texas MD2 contest to compete with 15 other district winners.

SMILE

Young man: "If I had a million dollars, do you know where I would be?"

Young woman: "You'd be on our honeymoon."

During a physical fitness class, the instructor had everyone lie on their backs with their legs up as if pedaling a bike. After a while, one man suddenly stopped. "Why did you stop pedaling?" asked the instructor. Wheezing, he said, "Oh, I am just coasting down this hill."

The truant officer spotted a schoolboy coming out of the movie theater. "Have you missed school today?" he asked politely. The boy promptly replied, "Not a bit."

A man walked into a bar and ordered a beer. After a sip, he heard a voice say, "Nice tie." Looking around, he noticed that he and the bartender were the only ones there. A few sips later, he heard another voice say, "Beautiful shirt." At this, the man said to the bartender, "I must be losing my mind. I keep hearing voices telling me nice things." The bartender said, "Don't worry. It's just the peanuts. They are complimentary."

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
 WE SERVE Breakfast Lion Mark Singh
 Chaplain Lion Frank Stowers
 Drinking Fountain Lion Dr. Tom Ready
 Eyeglass Lion Dr. Robert McGuire
 Lions Camp Lion Bill Kelton
 Newsletter Lion Mark Singh
 Peace Poster Contest Lion Don Eckerty
 Public Relations Lion Dan Corrales
 Roar with Laughter 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

A good traveler is one who does not know where he is going. A perfect traveler does not know where he came from.

Lin Yutang

Cease to ask what the morrow will bring forth, and set down as gain each day that Fortune grants.

Horace

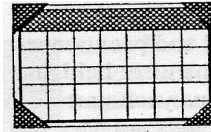
Manners are like the zero in arithmetic; they may not be much in themselves, but they are capable of adding a great deal to the value of everything else.

Freya Stark

The value of an idea has nothing whatsoever to do with the sincerity of the man who expresses it.

Oscar Wilde

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



April 1-2
 District 2-A1 Convention
 San Angelo, TX

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

June 24-28
 104th Lions International Convention
 Montreal, Canada

Saturday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.
 19th annual Roar with Laughter hilarity revue
 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.**