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Happy October, Fellow Lions!

October is my favorite month. Crisp days, cozy nights, sweaters, the scent of bonfires, autumn leaves and pumpkin spice, fall festivals, Halloween! It is also the month that we observe World Sight Day, October 13. World Sight Day was launched by the Lions SightFirst Campaign in 2000 to bring global awareness to preventable blindness. Now under the aegis of the World Health Organization, this day continues to foster the goal of moving the world closer to the day when no one need lose vision due to disease or malnutrition. I hope that each of you will commemorate this World Sight Day by reflecting on what we as Lions can do today to further the eminently achievable goal of ending preventable blindness.

Oh, did I mention fall festivals?...Once again, Grafton Lions will participate in our community's own Fall Into Grafton celebration. This year we are hosting one of the holes in the family/kid friendly Pumpkin Puttin' event in downtown Grafton, on Saturday October 15 from 11am until 3:30. This promises to be a very good time. I am looking for a few members and Leos to join me in handing out candy to the kids – and perhaps literature to the parents. I am also open to suggestions as to how to decorate our little putting green to make it more Fall-festive and inviting for the families Please contact me if you have ideas, inexpensive seasonal décor to loan or can help on the day. *THANK YOU!!!!*

Lion President Rose Sauers

Treasurer's Report

September 27, 2022

Administrative Account: \$8,305

- We paid \$418.50 to Prime Minister for meals at meeting of 9/20/2022
- We paid \$105 to Bee-Seen Promotions for Lions shirts and name tags for new members
- We deposited \$457 from raffles, 50/50, and meal payments.
- We received dues of \$120 for new member Matt Demler

Activity Account: \$31,056

- No activity since last report.

Contingency Savings Account: \$16,101.24.

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: 10,000

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$3,482

- We paid \$100 to Celebrate Grafton for participation of Grafton Lions at Putt n Around Downtown Grafton

Leos Account: \$379.41.

- \$18 donated by winner of 50/50 raffle at 9/20/2022 meeting.

Vision Screening

We will once again have the opportunity to help the District vision screen in Milwaukee. On Sept 27 the Lions screened students at Lancaster School and Engleburg Elementary School and on Sept 29, we screened students at Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary school. There are still opportunities to help.

Future Milwaukee Vision screening fall 2022

- Oct 6, Clara Barton and 95th Street School
- Oct 20, Barak Obama School of Career and Technical Education-

Please contact Lion Darrel if you would like to help.

Lion Darrel Blank

October Tail Twister

As in the past a food donation will exempt you from the rath of the Tail Twister. If you do not bring a food to the meeting, be prepared to make a \$1.00 donation. All donations will go to a non-profit organization.

Submitted by Lion Tail Twister Bob Lauer

Lions Corneal Tissue Transport

Our club began transporting on March 1st 2010 with Lions Boline and Reindl handling the first transport delivering tissue to the Laser Eye Surgery Center. This began our nearly 13-year history of this community service project. In the 13 years we have completed near 160 transports and potentially giving the gift of sight to nearly 160 Wisconsin Residents.

Our team has logged over 600 service hours and traveled over 20,000 miles. We will soon be again asked to provide this service. Our next assigned time is **November 1st to the 10th**. In October I will again be asking you to commit to your available times. When I send out the grid, please provide any changes to your email or cell phone numbers.

As an update the Eyebank has made some improvements in communication. Inbound boxes (those we pick up at Dynacare) will be BLUE with the Lions Logo. Outbound boxes will be WHITE with greater details and routes along with delivery addresses. This will be spelled out in more detail on the LEBW website which is scheduled for update on October 1st.

Please watch for the emails in October and RSVP to me as soon as possible.

Thanks for your service,

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Kudos to Fellow Lions

Carrie Buri and the Wildcards won the USTA Women's Adult 18+, 3.5 Wisconsin State Tennis Championship! The Wildcards proceeded to South Bend, Indiana to compete in USTA Sectionals where they took third place in the Midwest.



From L-R: Karen Stromsted, Lynn Becker, Kamal Irani, Captain Chandana Tamma, Captain Michelle Godden, Heather Nill, **Carrie Buri**, Linda Match, and Margaret Feind. Other team members not pictured include Kate Oldenburg, Arleen More O' Ferrall, Meike Mansfield, Lori Falk, and Kari Berstein.

Congratulations Carrie!

An article that was in The News Graphic

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Grafton Lions Pick a Rose

Rose Sauers assumes leadership of the club

Edited by Kay Dahlke

In this world of changing demographics, it's becoming more and more common to see women take on roles that were traditionally held by men.

Enter Rose Sauers, a Belgium resident who recently was installed as president of the Grafton Lions Club. "Technically under the rules of LCI (Lions Clubs International), no Lions Club can exclude anyone on the basis of gender, ethnicity or religion," Sauers said. "But that being said, why would I join a club that would not welcome me as a member? While service is the cornerstone of Lionism, the social aspect is a big part of it too. The most dynamic clubs – and the clubs with the strongest future – seek variety in their membership." Many area clubs have women in leadership roles. "Indeed, our newly elected District Vice Governor, Brenda Rumppe, was president of the Allenton Lions," Sauers said.

Sauers first joined Lions in 1994 in Lincoln, Neb., where she was working for the National Park Service Midwest Archeology Center as an archaeologist. "At the time I knew nothing about the Lions, aside from seeing their logo on many a small town welcome sign," she said. "But as it turns out, Lions was a perfect fit for me."

As a student, Sauers was a member of a co-ed service fraternity that did work for the blind, including reading and recording textbooks. She also supported herself while working on her Master's degree by working as an outreach librarian administering the Federal Talking Book program for Portage County, Ohio.

Lions was founded in 1917 as a fraternal organization of businessmen interested in serving their communities. In 1925, Helen Keller addressed a convention of Lions Clubs and challenged them to become "knights of the blind" – a challenge that Lions around the world have taken to heart. Sauers said her previous work with the blind made joining Lions a "no-brainer!" That first club, the Star City Lions Club in Lincoln, had chartered just after Lions Clubs International became co-ed in 1987 and thus had an equal number of men and women Lions.

Once she returned to her home state of Ohio, she joined the Lorain Harbor Lions, which was originally a Lioness Club but re-chartered as a Lions Club, so it was mostly women with a few

men. “When I joined Grafton Lions in 2009, the club was mostly men with very few women. So I have experienced a range of Lions demographics.

“I joined the Grafton club for two reasons: first, my husband used to work in Grafton and so there was an established connection with the village; and, second, I was looking to reestablish my Lions membership here in Wisconsin and I saw a blurb in the paper inviting folks to a Grafton Lions membership meeting. I just arrived unannounced, saying, “ta-da! Here I am!” Sauers said the club members were immediately welcoming.

> Then-club-President Dan Harris encouraged Sauers to become his first vice president in charge of membership.” I know that one of Dan’s goals for his presidency was to increase the profile of women and younger members in the club,” Sauers said. In the club structure, the First VP then becomes club President the following year. “Sadly, my apprenticeship was cut short by the unexpected passing of Harris last April, and I assumed my presidency (unofficially) early.”

In Grafton, the president’s term typically lasts just one year, from July 1 through the following June 30. LCI grant clubs a lot of latitude in the way they are organized. Smaller clubs often keep their presidents for two years or longer. Grafton is such a large club that there are plenty of skilled members to assume officer roles. Typically, in the Grafton club, the immediate Past President stays on the Board of Directors to serve as advisor to the incoming Club President. “After that, I would eventually like to work my way up the ranks to leadership roles within the Zone and District, although the latter will have to wait until I am retired from my job at U. W. Milwaukee, and that is several years down the line,” Sauers said.

About what it means to be a Lion, Sauers said, “Being a Lion is so integrated into my being that it is hard to pull out any one thing. Mostly I think of our Lion motto: We Serve. Our everyday lives are by necessity filled with often petty and self-interested concerns. It is truly gratifying and soul refreshing to be able to lighten the load for another fellow traveler in this life. To assist a child with an undiagnosed vision problem through our free school vision testing; to deliver a cornea to someone awaiting vision restoring surgery; to provide donations that offer medicine, eye ware and medical procedures to people in need in our own community and globally; to build wheel chair ramps for our elderly and infirm. The best part of being a Lion is knowing that I share in the service-centered companionship of 1.4 million Lions around the world. I can go anywhere there is a Lions Club and be welcomed.”

October Birthdays

Bill Riedl 9
Bob Feind 13



Mike Hennig 22
Tom Bartlein 28

LOOKING AHEAD



October 4	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
October 18	Membership Meeting – Chief of Police, Jeff Caponera He will be sharing news regarding the new K-9 unit.
November 1	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
November 15	Membership Meeting – Corinne Guerin, Chief Executive Officer Family Promise of Ozaukee County
December 6	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
December 20	Annual Christmas Party?
January 3	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
January 17	Annual Outstanding Citizenship Awards
February 7	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
February 21	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced.

If you have questions or would like to add to the calendar, contact Lion John Gassert