

Lions' Gazette

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www.lionsdistrict27a2.org

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Greetings Grafton Lions,

As we hope for rain and nice weather let's remember all that we must be thankful for and the sacrifices our forefathers went through to grant us the freedom we have today. I want to thank Lion Rose for her leadership in her extended term as president; she doesn't give herself enough credit. Also welcome our new members Jill Bertrand and Julia Bronat; we are glad to have you as members.

Let's celebrate the past and embrace the future. We have a great club and together we can do great things. Please let me know if there is a need or a service project that the Lions can be a part of. Happy Fourth of July.

Lion Tim Kohlwey

Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2023

Administrative Account: \$10,104.52

We deposited \$773 from payments for meals, raffles, and fines from meeting on May 20.

We paid Prime Minister \$868 for meals at meeting on May 20.

We collected \$3,170 so for dues from 47 members

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$26,097.21 No Change

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$17,706

We deposited \$386 from Centennial Park Concessions

We deposited \$106 in donations from 50/50 winnings

We Paid \$610 for supplies of beer and popcorn for Centennial Park

We paid \$100 in start up cash for Gala.

Leos Account: \$\$1,137.38

\$200 was donated to Leo's by Dale Nauta from his cash raffle prize from the Chicken Dinner Cash Raffle.

Centennial Park Concession Stand – Thursday Nights

We are having a very successful year with Centennial Concessions thus far. There are volunteer spots available in July and August. We are asking for two volunteers each Thursday night as we are serving popcorn and hot dogs. We need your help to maximize our profits. All you need to do is show up at Centennial by 6:00 p.m. One of the Co-Chairs will open and close the stand.

Please help us with this fundraiser and carrying out the Lion's mission to serve.

You can sign-up at the link below and also refer back to see when you are scheduled to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA8A928A6F49-lions5>

Co-Chair Lion Mark Koehler

Co-Chair Lion Steve Nauta

The installation of the 2023-24 Grafton Lions Club

The installation of the 2023-24 Grafton Lions Club officers was held on Tuesday, June 20th at Rose-Harms Legion



Front row kneeling- Lion Steve Nauta Leo Liaison, and Lion Dave Antoine Marketing Chairman

Second Row: Incoming President Lion Tim Kohlwey, and Past President Lion Rose Sauers

Back Row: Director Lion John Gassert Communications Chair, Incoming District 27-2A District Governor Lion Brenda Rumppe, 1st Vice President Lion Carrie Buri, Treasurer Lion John Krueger, Secretary Lion Mike Hennig, 2nd Vice President Lion Dennis Pampel, Membership Chairman Lion Darrel Bank, Director Lion Jack Reindl, and Director Dan McKelvey

Missing from photo is Lion Tamer Lion Al Richards, Lion Tail Twister Lion Matt Demler, and Director Lion David Liss.

New Grafton Lions Inducted



Welcome and congratulations to our two newest Lion members Jill Bertrand and Julia Bronat, who were installed at our annual Grafton Lions Award and Installation meeting held on Tuesday, June 20th at the Rose-Harms Legion. It is always fun to have new ideas and new people to add to our Lion Family.

Pictured from left to right: Sponsor Lion Dan Wrolstad, new member Jill Bertrand, District Governor Lion Brenda Bumppe, Lion President Lion Rose Sauers, new member Julia Bronat, and sponsor Lion Slava Krol.

Grafton Leo's Present Check

On Thursday, June 1st, the Grafton Lions Leo's Club presented a check for \$250 to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. The contribution given was part of the money that the Leo's Club raiser over the Christmas Holiday from the Grafton Lions Nut Sale.

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge fosters a community of compassion and friendship by providing basic necessities such as clothing and hygiene products to the homeless, those who need support, and the surrounding Milwaukee community.

Leo's Club members are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, Leos and Lions form a powerful partnership — one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of Leos, and where Leos gain access to the proven strategies of those who've successfully served the world for decades.



Pictured from left to right Braden Meyer, Mr. Bob, Trevor Nauta and Colin Garvey

Eye Transport Service Program

Here is a breakdown of the service hours for the 10 Day Eye Transport Service Program.

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| • Driver transport runs.....7 runs@ 3 hours each. | 21 Hours |
| • Prep and Lion commitment to time slots | 8 Hours |
| • Administrative...including emails to team, gathering of available drive times, building of the schedules based on reported availability and calls | 21 hours |
| • Calls made by dispatcher to Eyebank, driver calls | 7 hours |

Total Service Hours	57 hours
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Overall, we had 11 runs in 10 days delivering 25 containers consisting of eye tissue transports and eye tissue recovery kits. Seven runs where done by Grafton and four by Cedarburg.

Jack sent a service hour report to the Cedarburg Club secretary.

Grafton Lions involved where Jack Reindl (dispatcher) Lion drivers were Deloit, Ernst, Brown, Pampel, T. Krueger, J. Krueger, Antoine, Nauta, Demler.

Thanks To Our Lion Members!!!

Lion Jack Reindl

5K run/walk Diabetes Awareness

[Grafton Lions Club of Wisconsin](#)

[Grafton Lions Park](#)

Duration: 3 hr

A family fun 5K run/walk event is to help raise funds for the Wisconsin Lions camp for children with diabetes and the Grafton Lions Foundation.

Register: runsignup.com/race/WI/Graftonlions5krunwalk.

8am: Packet pick-up & race day registration

9am: 5k run/walk

10am: Awards

Co Chairs: Lions John Krueger, Carrie Buri, and Jan Teuscher

Help will be needed for this event. Please watch your email for further information.

Annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing

The 25th Annual Grafton Lions golf outing/fundraiser is coming up soon! The event will be held on August 21st – a Monday at Edgewater Golf Club with a 9 hole semi ‘shot gun’ start beginning at 1:00 pm. Save the date and make your plans now to join us for the afternoon or even just for dinner if possible. The event is completely ‘open to the public’ so your foursomes can include family, friends and co-workers; or sign up individually and we’ll pair you with other ‘free agent’ golfers. Get your team registrations in early by or before August 7th if possible! And please help spread the word in order to increase participation and the overall success of this Lion’s fundraiser.

A registration form is included with this newsletter and can be found at the Grafton Lion’s website www.graftonlions.com on the front page or by contacting Committee Chair Mike Donahue at mdonahue@donahuecpa.biz. In addition we are always looking for additional event sponsors and for donations of raffle prizes. Sponsor/donation forms are also available for your use at the Lion’s website or by contacting Lion Mike Donahue.

Thanks in advance for your support of this fun event and we hope to see many of you on August 21. For any past committee members or other Lions interested in being a part of the planning committee this year, we will be holding a committee meeting after the regular Lions Membership meeting on Tuesday, 6/6/23.

Lion Mike Donahue
Golf Outing Chair

Dues

Increase Starting with the next Lionistic year the Grafton Lions will increase dues to \$85 per year. Lions International will be increasing dues \$7 over the next three years. That combined with the fact that the District raised dues \$3 three years ago, it necessitated an increase in our dues of \$10. The board voted on this at the March BOD meeting. Rather than raise our dues incrementally over the next couple of years, it was determined it would be best to do one increase this year. This will allow us to recoup the increase by the District that we did not pass along at that time.

Lion Darrel Blank
Membership Chair

Kudos to Fellow Lions

My special thanks to all the Lions and their spouses who volunteered their time and efforts transporting me to my doctor and PT appointments. I don't know what I would have done without their help! THANK YOU!!!, Lion John Gassert

The Lions thank all those who helped at the new approach to the "Chicken Roast." Although the weather didn't cooperate, the event was successful. Everyone I have talked to loved the chicken and the fixins. Again, Thank you!

If you know of an accomplishment of one of your fellow Lions, please let me know so I can cheer them on!

July Birthdays

Lisa Boline	1
Jackie Krueger	7
Al Richards	15
Paul Lorge	19
Terry Kranz	28
Tom Freed	29



Mike Donahue	2
Bob Mercer	7
Jan Teuscher	16
Julia Bronat	27
Paul Malloy	28

LOOKING AHEAD



Centennial Park started Thursday, May 25th and Gala Starts next week

June 20	Membership Meeting – Annual Awards Banquet.
July 18	Grafton Firefighter and Police Picnic
August 12	Diabetes Walk Run
August 15	Tentatively scheduled Spouse's Picnic Details to follow. Everyone should bring a prize for the significant others.
August 21	Grafton Lions Golf Outing at Edgewater
September 5	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting.
September 19	Membership Meeting – Guest to be determined.

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



**Saturday,
August 12**

8:00 a.m. Packet Pick-up
and Race Day Registration
9:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk
10:00 a.m. Awards

Race/Walk begins and
ends in
Grafton Lion's Park
1121 Keup Road,
Grafton.
Street parking available

REGISTER at:
[Runsingup.com/race/WI/
Graftonlions5Krunwalk](http://Runsingup.com/race/WI/Graftonlions5Krunwalk)

Grafton Lions 5K Run Walk

A family fun 5K
run/walk event to
help raise funds
for the
Wisconsin Lions
Camp for Children
with Diabetes and
the Grafton Lions
Foundation.



Register
Today

Grafton Lions Club P.O. Box 6211 Grafton Wisconsin 53024

WWW.GRAFTONLIONS.COM

25th Annual Fundraiser
GRAFTON LIONS CLUB
GOLF OUTING

(Public welcomed)

Monday, August 21st 2023

12:00pm
Registration &
Putting Contest

1:00pm
Semi Shotgun Start
9 Holes – Riding
4 - Person Scramble

4:00pm
Dinner, Silent
Auction & Prizes

Edgewater Golf Club

1762 Cedar Creek Rd - Grafton (262) 377-1230

\$65 per person (*\$25 Dinner Only*)

Includes: Golf & Cart, Dinner, Raffle Prizes
plus, 2 'hole in one' big prize opportunities

Registration by August 7th

Registration & Sponsorship Forms available at www.graftonlions.org

For questions, contact Tom Krueger, 262-353-5657

Email: krueger745@sbcglobal.net

Player Name

Telephone or email

1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Mail to: Grafton Lions Club
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Credit Cards accepted on day of event.