

Lions' Gazette

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Prez Sez

Happy Holidays Grafton Lions,

A big thank you goes out to all who helped with the Salvation Army bell ringing, Breakfast with Santa, and the Christmas parade. It is good that we are seen in the community. One of the Initiatives of Lions International is rising money for childhood cancer. We have been asked to donate to this cause as a club and as individuals if anyone would like to donate, I will have copies of the email with the details as to where to send the donation at the meeting. The state bowling tournament starts March 2, I think it would be good if we could send a team. Contact me if you are interested in bowling. Our speaker this month is Family Sharing Food Pantry Director Todd Bugnacki. Don't forget to bring a toy to the meeting or to sign up for the Holiday party.

Best wishes for happy holidays and a prosperous new year.

Lion Tim Kohlwey

Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report

November 30, 2023

Administrative Account: \$8,556.20

- We deposited \$511 from meeting of November 21 from meals and raffles
- We paid Prime Minister \$478.50 for meals at November 21 meeting.
- We deposited \$300 from payments toward the Christmas Party.
- I sent out dues invoice by mail to 15 members who still owe dues for 2023/2024

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$26,097.21

- No change.

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$11,777.25

- We deposited \$2,220 in cash and checks toward the nut sale. Current balance from nut sale is \$1,918.

Leos Account: \$848.04

- No change since last report.

Grafton Lions Holiday Party

The Grafton Lions Holiday Party will be on Tuesday, December 19th at Bunkers Restaurant at Edgewater Golf Course. Doors will open at 530PM with dinner at 630PM. The cost will be \$30 per person with a cash bar. Payment can be made at the Lions meetings or at the party.

Please register for the party on the Sign Up Genius that will be coming out or contact Lion Brad Diamond at braddiamond@mindspring.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044BA4AF28A6FC1-45845028-grafton>

Instead of a holiday raffle, gift exchange, or ornament making, we are going to give to Family Sharing. We will be collecting the following items: canned fruit (pears, mandarin oranges, pineapples), pancake mix, kidney or black beans, and toothpaste

If you would prefer, we will also be accepting monetary contributions. Patrons that come to the Family Sharing Pantry get milk and a dozen eggs every 2 weeks. Every contribution of \$4 goes to the purchase of a milk and a dozen eggs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's party.

Lion BRAD

Grafton Lions Holiday Party Chair

The Lions Citizenship Award Committee

The Citizenship Committee will be meeting with the Grafton HS Principal and Teacher Advisors to choose this year's Lions Citizenship Recipients: Friday December 15, 7:15 am at the Grafton High School

Thank you

Lion Dorothy Reindl
Citizenship Committee Chair

LEOs Toy Drive

As was announced at the last club meeting, we will be asking the club to bring a Toy to the **DECEMBER 5th** club meeting that the LEO's will collect and drop off at Kapco later that week.

If there are any Lions that would like to donate a Toy and are unable to attend the December 5th meeting, they can contact us at 414-791-7748 and we will make arrangements to pick up the toy from them. We can also accept monetary donations for toys to be bought by LEO's if that is preferred.

Lastly, if there is any Lion member that would like a toy box for their business we can also provide that as a way to have more toys donated.

Thank you to the Lions for the support of the LEO's and the Kapco Kids Toy Drive.

LEO Trevor - GHS LEO President
Lion Steve - LEO Liaison

Vision Screening Update

Current Grafton Lions Screening completed From August through November 2023

5 Grafton Schools – 4 Public & 1 Parochial
604 Students/66 Referred
126 Service Hours
16 Grafton Lions Participated

14 Milwaukee Public Schools
3291 Students/1181 Referred
217 Service Hours
64 Grafton Lions Participated

Grand Total:
3895 Students/1247 Referred
343 Service Hours

80 Grafton Lions Participated

The following Lions Clubs also participated in some of the screenings: Cedarburg,
Mequon/Thiensville & Port Washington

Thanks to everyone for your help and look for more screenings beginning in December

Thank you to all who helped,

Lion Dennis
Vision Screening Co-Chair

Grafton Breakfast with Santa

Each year on the day of the Grafton Christmas Parade, the Grafton Chamber of Commerce has a Breakfast with Santa at Circle “B” Recreation on Highway 60 in Cedarburg. This year over 500 kids, parents and grandparents were served a Pancake Breakfast. Children could sit on Santa’s lap, see their favorite character, and enjoy a nice breakfast.

This year as in years past, the Grafton Lions Leo helped to serve the food, dress in various costume characters as well as being part of the Holiday Parade after the breakfast. Several Grafton Lions also are in attendance to make sure the Leos have enough items such as juices, sausages, pancakes in serving trays, milk, fresh fruit and help in any way needed. These Leo’s and Lions sure help to let the community know that we live up to our motto that “We Serve”. Thank you to all who gave of their time for this fun event.

Thanks, Dave Antoine
Marketing Chairman, Grafton Lions Club



Grafton Christmas Parade

Dear Lions, Thanks to each of you that marched and threw candy in the parade. The crowd was as large as I have ever seen it. A special thanks to Lion Bob Lauer for letting us use his truck. It was a nice chance to showcase our club.

Lion Paul Malloy
Christmas Parade Chair



2023 Lions Nut Sale

Hello Lions,

The 2023 Lions nut sale has started, the order form is below.

If you sell to multiple people, please put them all on one form. I will package all of your orders together for you to pick up. You can email your order without the order sheet, just be clear what you want to buy.

Send emails to, spfahey@sbcglobal.net, or Call the Investment Center office at 262-376-2220, talk with Sean or Dan or leave a message.

Thank you!

Sean Fahey, Dan McKelvey, Tim Kohlwey

Lion Member Name _____

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Grafton Lions Club Annual Gourmet Nut Sale <small>100% of all profits go to Grafton Lions Charities</small> </div> </div>									
Last Day to Order Nov. 20th for pick up on Dec. 7th At Investment Center of Grafton office <small>Or by Nov. 6th for pick up on Nov 21st</small> Return this form with money collected to Lions Tim Kohlwey, Sean Fahey, or Dan McKelvey Or drop off at 1019 Cedar St. Grafton WI 53024 Email orders to spfahey@sbcglobal.net form not necessary			Roasted Whole Cashews <small>1 lb. / In gift tin</small>	Roasted Whole Cashews <small>1 lb. bag</small>	Deluxe Mixed Nuts <small>no peanuts 1 lb. / In gift tin</small>	Deluxe Mixed Nuts <small>no peanuts 1 lb. bag</small>	Natural Pistachios <small>roasted & salted 1 lb. bag</small>	Thank you for your order! <small>Make checks payable to: Grafton Lions Club</small>	
Name	Phone	E-mail	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	Total Due	Paid
Totals									

Call Sean or Dan at 262-376-2220 with any questions

Kudos to Fellow Lions

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

December Birthdays

Jeff Meyers 4
 Collin Schaefer 6
 Steve Nauta 8
 Sean Fahey 27



Cary Kraemer 6
 Dan Montaine 7
 Dan McKelvey 12

LOOKING AHEAD



December 5	Board of Directors meeting - Guest Speaker Todd Bugnacki/Food Pantry Director/Family Sharing of Ozaukee County
December 19	Membership Holiday get-together at Bunkers.
January 2	Board of Directors Meeting - Membership Meeting Guest Speaker TBD.
January 16	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker District Governor Brenda Rumppe.
February 6	Board of Directors meeting - Membership Meeting – Citizenship Awards
February 20	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker TBD
March 6	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting.
March 20	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker TBD.

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