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Happy New Year Grafton Lions,

Welcome to 2024. With the start of the new year let's take the opportunity to become more active as a club. Come to meetings, share your ideas with the club, sign up for a club project, suggest a speaker serve wherever you can. Working together is a great way for new members as well as those that are a little more seasoned to get to know one another. Look at the community do you see a need that the Lions can help with? I believe that success as a club is measured by the way we help the people and community that we serve. Lion Darrell has several ideas for service projects, but he is leaving the door open to consider others. I want to send a big thank you to Lion Brad and Shannon Diamond for planning the holiday party I believe a good time was had by all who attended. I think it would be great if we can send a team to the state Lions bowling tournament starting in March let me know if you are interested. One of Lions International global initiatives is childhood cancer If you want to donate to help families with financial assistance for the unexpected bills they need to pay while the children receive treatment for cancer get it to Lion John Krueger and he will send it in.

Together We Serve.

Lion Tim Kohlwey

Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report

December 28, 2023

Administrative Account: \$9,987

- We deposited \$741 for payment for meals, 50/50, and raffle at December 5 meeting.
- We paid Prime Minister \$610 for meals at December 5 meeting.
- We donated \$747 to Family Sharing from donations and 50/50 raffle at Christmas party on 12/19/2023.
- We collected \$2,255 in payments for meals at the Christmas Party on 12/19/23
- We paid \$1,767 to Bunkers Restaurant for meals at the Christmas Party.
- We deposited \$265 from silent auction at the Christmas Party.
- We collected dues from 4 members for 2023/2024
- We paid \$166 to Bee-Seen Promotions for shirts and name tags.

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$26,097.21

No change.

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$11,668

- Net profit from nut sale is \$1,809. We had budgeted \$2,000 for this fundraiser. Previous year, we made \$1,658.

Leos Account: \$896.47

- We deposited \$100 in dues and paid Susan Zellner \$51.57 for snacks for Chamber Elf meeting.

Message to the Grafton Lions Club

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, gestures and prayers for Jan and our family. Jan is no longer suffering as she was a very private person who was on oxygen 24-7. She is now in a better place.

Thank you all. Lion Bob Lauer

Lions 2024 Citizenship Awards

The Grafton Lions Citizenship Committee meet on December 15th and selected four amazing recipients for the Lions 2024 Citizenship Awards. Once again, these four amazing High School individuals symbolize everything Lionism stands for Service, Community involvement, and excellent character.

Please plan to attend our February 6, 2024 general membership meeting to meet, and congratulate, these excellent candidates and hear more about them.

Lion Dorothy Reindl

Eye Tissue Transport

Fellow Lions, the schedule has been updated for 2024/25. We are on in 2024 two times, the first 10 days of February and the same in October. In 2025 we will have the first 10 days of June.

If you are already on the team or if you have an interest in becoming a member of the transport team, I suggest you go to LEBW.org. Go to the LIONS tab, then the transporter tab. You will see a guideline section that I suggest you read. This provides you with a short recap of the responsibilities of a transporter. You can also look at the toolkit which is much more in depth.

I will be getting out a grid and asking for your availabilities in mid-January and plan to get the schedule out by January 25th. If your email or cell phone information has changed, please let me know.

Thanks for your service in the past.
Lion Jack

Vision Screening Update

Current Grafton Lions Screenings completed in December 2023

1 Milwaukee Public School
195 Students/62 Referred
20 Service Hours
5 Grafton Lions Participated

The following Lions Club also participated in the screenings: Port Washington

There are 2 Milwaukee Schools coming up on January 11th and 1 on January 16. Look for the SignUpGenius for those schools in the near future. It's a long month so there are likely to be more opportunities.

Thank you to all who helped in December.

Lion Dennis
Vision Screening Co-Chair

New Service Projects

Back in November at one of our meetings the club was polled on a list of new service projects to consider. There were four categories, and the club was told to choose one from each category. In each category the choice selected by the club was fairly overwhelming.

Here is the list of choices:

- **Youth (Middle or High School)** - Collect and donate clothing for youth in need.
- **Health Nutrition** - Collect food to replenish a local food pantry.
- **Children (Elementary School)** - Donate toys to a local children's hospital (or shelter).
- **Environment** - Clean the yards of elderly community residents.

The next step is to find a chairperson or persons and committee for each new project. It will then be up to the committee to determine what the project will involve. Some of the things to consider are, how many times a year do we do the project, will we involve the community or just the club in the project, which organization will we support, etc.

If anyone is interested in working with these projects, please let any board member know of your interest.

Lion Darrel Blank

LEO SPONSORSHIP – 2024 District Convention



Greetings Lion members! The 2024 Lion Convention for District 27-A2 is right around the corner and will be held in Port Washington on Saturday February 17th. The LEO Clubs of District 27-A2 will also be represented at the convention and are looking for sponsorships to help with their activities of the convention. The LEO's will participate in the opening flag ceremony, have guest speakers, engage in a service project in the Port Washington community, and share with the Lions Clubs what it means to be a LEO.

To help promote the LEO Club, we are looking to get T-shirts made for all LEO's that attend the convention. This is where we need your support! For a **\$125.00 donation**, you can have your name, Lion Club or business logo on the back of our official 2024 LEO District Convention T-shirt! Plus, every sponsor will receive a T-shirt. Sponsorship proceeds will go to cover the T-shirt cost and breakfast/lunch at the convention for all the LEO's. All remaining funds raised will be donated by the LEO's to the Lion's Camp. Please consider helping support our LEO's as they are the Lion's future! **Sponsorship deadline is Friday January 19th, 2024.**

Lion or Lion Club / Business name: _____

Contact Name: _____ T-Shirt Size (Adult Size): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Checks to be made out to **Grafton Lions Club**

Mail checks to 1650 South Pine Street Grafton, WI 53024 attention: Leo Trevor Nauta
Any questions (and logos) can be sent to Nauts79@gmail.com or call (414)791-7748.

Grafton Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

I would like to thank the Grafton Leo and Lions who helped the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Pick n Save in Grafton on Friday and Saturdays from November 17th- December 23rd from 4 – 8 PM.

The amount collected from Grafton Pick N Save Bell Ringing was up considerably from last year.

- Last year we got \$3,123.24 from Bell Ringing
- This year we got \$7,024.25
- In 2021, we did \$6,342.78 and 2020, we did \$8,836.73
- In 2020 and in 2021, Ozaukee Congregational helped form noon- 4 PM which increased the total.
- County wide, the total will be over \$50,000 up over \$10,000 from last year.

Once again thank you for your service. We gave 110 service hours and had 49 volunteers between Leos and Lions.

A special thank you to Leo President Trevor for getting so many Leos to fill the spots on the schedule and thank you Lion Tim Kohlwey, Mike Hennig, Marko Musich, and Cari Buri for filling times that the Leos were unable to be filled.

Dave Antoine Grafton Salvation Army Representative

LEOs and Lions Collect Toys

One of the projects that Grafton Lions Leo Club took on this holiday season was to collect toys and contributions for Kapco's Kids2Kids Christmas Toy Drive. The Leo's Campaign was led by Grafton Leo Club President Trevor Nauta. Trevor was chosen by one of the teachers to represent Grafton High School on the Kapco Enterprise Student Leadership Team. This program is part of the Kapco Enterprise Center and is made up of students from local schools. Trevor was the only student from Grafton on the team.

Trevor came to the Grafton Lions club with a request that the club members bring unwrapped toys to their first December Club meeting. The Club members came through with over 140 toys to add to the many toys given by other residents of Ozaukee County.

Once again, the Grafton Lions Club came through and show that they live up to their motto "We Serve"



Pictured from left to right is Leo President Trevor Nauta and Grafton Lions President, Tim Kohlwey,

Grafton Lions presented a check to Family Sharing

The Grafton Lions presented a check for \$1000 to Julie Hoover, Executive Director of Family Sharing, after a presentation on the various programs as well as their retail store, to the Grafton Lions Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 5th. Family Sharing is the longest standing Food Pantry in Ozaukee County. Family Sharing's Food Pantry provides food, at no cost, to Ozaukee County residents in need. The proceeds from their upscale resale store sale go directly to supporting the Food Pantry.



Pictured from left to right are Lion President, Tim Kohlwey and Julie Hoover, Executive Director of Family Sharing.

Breakfast with Santa

At the recent Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Grafton Chamber of Commerce, three generations of the Nauta family helped set-up, make coffee and make sure there were enough pancakes, sausage, tables were cleaned, and enough Grafton Leos were there to serve to the 500 plus guests.

Dale Nauta has been a member of the Grafton Lions for several years. Dale's son Steve, is the Grafton Lion Leo's Liaison and District Leo Advisor. Dale's grandson Trevor is Grafton Leo Club President for the second year and is the Leo Cabinet Liaison for District 27-A2. This family truly meets the motto of Lions International "WE SERVE."



Pictured from left to right is Lion Dale Nauta, Lion Steve Nauta and Leo Trevor Nauta.

Annual Christmas Party

The Grafton Lions held their Annual Christmas Party at Bunkers on Tuesday, December 20th. Instead of a holiday raffle, gift exchange, or ornament exchange, the Grafton Lions decided to give to Family Sharing. The club collected the following items: canned fruit (pears, mandarin oranges, pineapples), pancake mix, kidney and black beans, and toothpaste. These are items that are in big demand by Family Sharing Clients. Some members gave a monetary contribution as well. Every contribution of \$4 goes to the purchase of a carton of milk and a dozen eggs.

There was a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. From the 50/50 raffle 3 winners were drawn and split 50/25/25. The club's half was donated to Family Sharing. From the Club contributions, 50/50 raffle and silent auction \$797 was raised and given to Family Sharing.



Pictured with the table filled with food donations is the Grafton Lions Club Christmas Party chairman, Brad Diamond and his wife Shannon.

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!

January Birthdays

Gary Northup	8
Bob Lauer	13
Tim Kohlwey	25
Dave Burkhardt	30



Jack Chenery	11
Dick Duncombe	17
Al Kletti	30

LOOKING AHEAD



January 2	Board of Directors Meeting - Membership Meeting Guest Speaker Lion Dan Delorit/Grafton Village President.
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 5	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker Lion Jeff Nelson Superintendent/Grafton Public School District.
March 19	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker TBD.
April 2	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting.
April 16	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker TBD.
May 7	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting.
May 21	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker TBD.

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

Wisconsin Lions Camp Disc Golf Course January Schedule



January 1 - 31st: Open Sunrise - Sunset*

We will do our best to keep the course open into the winter as conditions allow but please know that the course is subject to closure due to weather. Once there is enough snow on the ground for us to open our cross country ski trail we will be closing the disc golf course for the remainder of the winter as the disc golf course crosses over the ski trail in multiple areas. Please check our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) for the most up to date information about potential course closures/changes in the schedule. Please take weather conditions and temperature into account when deciding whether to come to the course to play as there is not access to interior buildings at the course
