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Prez Sez

Greeting Grafton Lions,

At our meeting four High School individuals will be awarded the 2024 Grafton Lions Citizenship award. These individuals symbolize what Lionism stands for, Service, Community involvement and excellent character. Please welcome them and their families. Thank you to Lion Dorothy and the Citizenship committee for the work they put in selecting these individuals. In February we can interact with other Lions at the Region meeting and the district convention we can learn from others what works and what doesn't work for their club as well as promote events for our own club. One of Lions International projects is to reduce hunger worldwide donations will be collected at the convention. If anyone wants to donate and is not going to the convention bring your donation to the meeting and I will make sure it gets there. We need to finish cleaning out the Veterans Park storage area and plan on meeting Saturday February 10th at 8:30am. Any help will be appreciated. This is a quote from Hellen Keller. Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.

Lion Tim Kohlwey.

Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report

February 2, 2024

Administrative Account: \$6,436.67

- We paid \$100 for 2 half page ads for the district convention in addition to \$100 previously for a full page ad.
- We deposited \$499 for payments for meals, 50/50 raffle and general raffle at meeting of 1/16/2024
- We paid \$429 to Prime Minister for meals at meeting of 1/16/2024
- We paid \$791.60 for District and State dues for 2nd half of 2023/2024 fiscal year.
- We paid \$70 to LCI for new member dues.
- We paid \$62.75 to Bloomin Olive for flowers for Janice Lauer.
- We deposited \$30 from 3 members toward Region Meeting dinner on 2/7/2024

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$6,100
No change

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$7,420

- We deposited \$200 from donations toward Childhood Cancer
- We paid \$104 to Visual Image Photography for 4 plaques for Citizenship Awards
- We paid \$1000 to our 4th Scholarship Award Winner, Grace Viesselman
- We paid \$100 to the Grafton High School Art Department in appreciation for painting our Nativity Scene figures.
- We paid \$150 to purchase raffle tickets for the Camp for Kids Raffle.

Leos Account: \$434.67

- We deposited \$21 from donation for 50/50 raffle winner
- We paid \$22 to Steve Nauta to re-imburse Steve Nauta for snacks for the Freshman Experience at Grafton High School
- We paid \$195 for Registration Fees for the Leos at the District Convention
- We paid \$589.40 for Leo's t-shirts for the District Convention

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 twice in 2024, the first 10 days of February and the same in October. In 2025 we will have the first 10 days of June. The transport grid has been sent to all transporters. If you have questions, please contact Jack.

Thanks for your service in the past.

Lion Jack

Vision Screening Update

Current Grafton Lions Screenings completed in January 2024

5 Milwaukee Public Schools
833 Students/303 Referred
77 Service Hours
21 Grafton Lions Participated

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

There are 2 Milwaukee Public Schools coming up on February 6th with 5 slots still available, 2 schools on February 7th with 5 slots still available and 1 school on February 14th with 4 slots still available. The SignUpGenius for these schools was already sent out on January 30th.

Thank you to all who helped in January.

Lion Dennis
Vision Screening Co-Chair

Two New Grafton Lions

Welcome and Congratulations to our two new Grafton Lions Susan Zellner and Paula Herlache, who were installed by District Governor, Brenda Rumppe at the January 16th Lions Club Meeting at Rose-Harms Legion Post. It is always great to add new members to our Lions Family to bring new ideas to our organizations.



From Left to right is Grafton Lions President, Tim Kohlwey, Lion Steve Nauta, sponsor for Susan Zellner, District Governor, Brenda Rumppe, Paula Herlache, and sponsor Lion Carrie Buri.

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

February Birthdays

Rose Sauers
Frank Lorbecki
Dave Antoine

10th
17th
17th



Matthew Demler
John Strachota

21st
22nd

LOOKING AHEAD



February 6	Board of Directors meeting - Membership Meeting – Citizenship Awards
February 20	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker Rob Johnson CEO/ Kettle Moraine. YMCA & Matt McCann Branch Director/ Feith Family YMCA
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: Guest speaker John Rakowski Executive Director/ Riveredge Nature Center
April 16	Membership Meeting – Guest Speakers Elizabeth Mueller Executive Director & Mary Karnitz President Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce.
May 7	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting.
May 21	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker TBD.
June 4	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting.
June 18	Annual Awards Meeting – Guest Speaker TBD.

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