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Hello Grafton Lions,

I want to thank Lion Lois Klotka for heading up the 9-pin tap bowling fundraiser and Lion Dave Antoine and the scholarship committee for the work they did selecting the 4 excellent recipients for the scholarship awards.

At the June 4th meeting our guest speaker will be Lion Cindy Herbst Executive Director – Restoring Hope Transplant House.

The June 18th meeting is our annual awards banquet and induction of officers and new members by District Governor Brenda Rumppe. Plan on attending as this is our last meeting before we break for the summer.

There are many opportunities for service over the summer please make yourself available. I want to thank all members for the support given to me and ask that you support Lion Dennis next year. Together let's grow the good that Lions do. It was my honor to be the president of this great club.

Grafton Lion President
Tim Kohlwey

Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report May 30, 2024

Administrative Account: \$6,605.94

- We deposited \$733 from dinner payments, 50/50, general raffle, and tail twister at meeting on 5/3/2024.
- We deposited \$620.
- We deposited \$10 from payment to region meeting.
- We deposited \$17 in payment for a name tag.
- We deposited \$775 for payment for meals at Scholarship dinner on May 21.
- We paid \$643.80 to Bunkers for member meals at Scholarship dinner on May 21
- We collected \$7,150 so far in membership dues.
- We deposited \$82 from 50/50 and general raffle at the scholarship meeting on May 21

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$6,097

- No change

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$8,543

- We made total of \$1,745 from the 9 pin tap bowling. \$485 of this was from lane sponsorships.
- We deposited \$1,630 from sale of chicken roast raffle tickets.
- We deposited \$352 in pre-sale of meal tickets for chicken roast.
- We have deposited \$750 in sponsorships for the 5K Run/Walk
- We deposited \$230 in registrations for the 5K Run/Walk
- We deposited \$1,500 in sponsorships so far for the golf outing.
- We paid Bunkers \$288.60 for meals for scholarship winners and family members
- We paid \$643 to Beer Capital Distributing for beer and soda for Centennial Park
- We deposited \$769.25 so far from Centennial Park Concessions

Leos Account: \$1,509

- No change.

Dues invoices for the coming fiscal year for Grafton Lions have been sent out. The board has approved discontinuing memberships for members who have not paid dues by June 30.

Lion Treasurer John Krueger has received an email from LCI reminding us that dues will be calculated based on our roster as of June 30 and we should review our roster before then. If people are dropped, they have 12 months to renew without having to pay new member fees. After 12 months, they would pay new member entrance fee of \$35 to be re-instated.

A Look at the Future

Centennial Park Concession Stand

The softball season is underway and so is Centennial Concessions. We had a successful first night, taking in over \$400. There is one opening on June 6th, two on June 20th and July and August are all open. There may be additional dates added in August due to rainouts. We need two volunteers each Thursday night.

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/8050C4CA8A928A6F49-49024322-lions#/>

There may also be opportunities to serve concessions Tuesday mornings from 9:15 to Noon. A new Over 65 Senior Softball League started this year. We are trying it out for a few weeks to see how it goes. Watch for another Signup Genius invite.

Co-Chair Lion Mark Koehler
Co-Chair Lion Steve Nauta

GALA at Veterans Park

Just a reminder for all Lions. GALA will be starting July 11th at Veterans park so look for the open dates in the GALA sign up genius. We need your help.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA8A928A6F49-49195920-lions/80034753#/>

St. Joseph Parish's 175th Anniversary Picnic

The Grafton Lions will be participating in celebration of St. Joseph Parish's 175th Anniversary Picnic scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 2024 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. We have offered to sell food at this event. We will sell brats, burgers and hot dogs along with chips and non alcoholic beverages. John Strachota is generously providing a gas grill for us to use to cook the meat. Paula Herlache and Debbie Krueger have already volunteered work at the table selling food. I will need additional volunteers to cook the food. The event also features live music by Gary Clausing and his band, and games for children.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Grafton Lions to show their presence and support for this important anniversary for St. Joseph Parish. The event is open to the entire community so I hope that we will have a good turnout from all our members. It's also a great opportunity for our club to raise money to support our numerous causes.

John Krueger





**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
CHICKEN RUN
A 5K RUN/WALK AND
CHICKEN ROAST**

Come for the Run/Walk and stay for a delicious chicken dinner and refreshments. Music by D-Jeneration and games for the kids.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIONS CHARITIES AND WISCONSIN LIONS CAMP FOR KIDS.

5KRun/Walk
Kicks off at 9 AM

Packet Pick-up at
8AM

Chicken Roast
Begins at 11 AM

Grafton Centennial
Park
1370 17th Avenue

Special chicken
dinner discount for
Run/Walk
participants

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August 10, 2024 - Chicken Roast

Preparations for this year's Grafton Lions Chicken Roast have been underway for months. The new venue this year will be Centennial Park in Grafton.

The Chicken Roast this year is merging with the Grafton Lions 5K Run/Walk. Both events will be happening at Centennial Park. The Run/Walk will start at 9:00 am followed by the Chicken Roast from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Tickets for the Chicken Roast are \$16.00 in advance and \$17.00 the day of the event. The co-captains for tickets are Lions Dan Ernst & Dick Duncombe. They will have tickets available at all meetings going forward starting on May 7th.

Co-captains, please get your rosters completed for helpers on the day of the event and send them to Lion Dennis as soon as you can. They originally were due by May 1st.

We are still in need of co-captains for Set up/Startup on Saturday morning and Final Cleanup on Saturday afternoon.

Please help to support this important fundraiser in any way that you can. Thanks for everything that you do for the Grafton Club and community.

Lions Dennis Pampel & Carrie Buri
Chicken Roast Co-Chairs

Chicken Roast Dinner Deliveries

Hello Fellow Lions,

I again will be doing Chicken roast dinner deliveries to residential care centers. Saturday August 10th, 2024. The help I need will be as follows:

General deliveries are: 11:30-12:00 and 4:30-5:00pm

Also any suggestions, leads or an inside track, to Village Point Commons to help me to secure sales and deliveries to residents there would be greatly appreciated. Many previous years attempts at this facility have been unsuccessful. Currently I have been delivering every year to:

- Providence Place
- Berkshire
- Rosewood Manor
- Harrison House
- Some years: Anita's Garden

I have tried several facilities in the area but not successful in years past.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for furthering this portion of the Chicken Roast event, or are willing to help me with deliveries, or your help in any other way would greatly appreciated.

Thank you


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Grafton School District vision screening

The **Grafton School District vision screening dates** have been set. We will be vision screening at the High School on Monday, August 19th and Tuesday, August 20th. As of this writing, I believe, everyone's certification to do "Chart Screening" has expired. At this time, it has become cost prohibitive to have Lions certified on the charts. Note, the training I did covers certification for the machines only. The Plus-Optix machines have a function that shows a limited chart on them. I have discussed this with Staccia, the school nurse. She has agreed to have us do vision screening on the children over 6 years old using the machines and this chart. Staccia and I have not worked out all of the details but will have something in place when we do the screenings. Once we have the details worked out, I will have a short training class to familiarize everyone on how we will be screening on those days.

Lion Darrel Blank
Vision Screening Co-Chair

Time to start thinking how you will help Lion Phyllis address hunger in the District in 2024-25!



**PROJECT IDEAS
HUNGER**

LEARN

- Invite a community health professional to visit your club and educate members on the prevalence and impact of hunger in your community.

ACT // BEGINNER


- Support your local food bank by donating time, equipment or food.
- Create a resource list of hunger related volunteer opportunities in your region to share with other clubs in your district.
- Use social media to raise awareness about childhood hunger in your community and to inspire others to become involved.
- Host a healthy eating event at your school, community center or place of worship. Invite a nutritionist as a keynote speaker.
- Deliver nutritious, prepared meals to elderly, disabled or ill community members.
- **Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.**
- Donate to organizations that provide micro-nutrient powders to malnourished children.
- Bring a variety of fruits and vegetables to an elementary school class. Explain to the students where the food comes from and encourage them to taste different types of produce.

ACT // INTERMEDIATE

- Volunteer with a "gleaning group" to harvest unpicked fruits and vegetables at farms and orchards.
- Host a grocery store or market tour where a nutritionist gives participants tips on choosing healthy and nutritious groceries.
- **Collaborate with a food bank to organize a community food drive, focusing on collecting items most needed in your area.**
- Write a cookbook of inexpensive, healthy, easy-to-make recipes.
- Work with your local school to provide weekend take-home bags of nutritious snacks for children in need.
- Sponsor a cooking class for youth to learn basic cooking skills for healthy living.
- Create an online resource on planning and portioning meals to reduce household food waste.

ACT // ADVANCED

- Conduct an assessment of food access in your community. Advocate to local government leaders for additional or improved options in areas of need.
- Support pregnant women and new mothers by ensuring there are comfortable, safe and clean areas for them to nurse in the community.
- Use your professional networks to connect food banks to food industry leaders interested in food recovery.
- Develop a program to provide underserved students with food during holiday times when school is not in session.
- Establish a community or school vegetable garden for residents in a food-insecure neighborhood.
- Establish a weekly produce stand in a food desert.
- Create a volunteer transportation program to help individuals and families get to and from grocery stores, food banks and soup kitchens.
- Develop an animal husbandry program where a few families receive a small stock of animals. A portion of the animals' offspring will be given to neighboring families for sustainable growth of the program.

 **Lions Clubs International**

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Also Looking Ahead

Our Grafton Lions Membership Meetings for June are filled with a lot of fun, informative and exciting activities. With our guest speakers, and our annual spouses (or special guest) dinner, we will be quite busy.

The Club's special guest for the spouses' dinner on June 18th will be District Governor Brenda Rumppe. She will preside over new officer installations for the 2024/2025 Lions year, inductions of new Lions into the Grafton Club and all awards that are to be given out that evening.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for these remaining four meetings before we take a break from meetings for the summer.

Lion Dennis Pampel

Now we look back

Successful Past Service

Vision Screenings

Many thanks to all the Lions who helped with screenings in May as well as this entire Lions year which began with our first screenings in August. The following Lions Clubs participated in the screenings: Cedarburg, Glendale, Grafton, Port Washington and Thiensville/Mequon. The May 2024 screening included six Milwaukee Public Schools, 1,689 Students with 451 Referred, 90 Service Hours and 22 Grafton Lions Participated. This important service project would not happen without you. We look forward to next year when we hope to see everyone that helped this year and to those who will join us for the first time.

We will begin screening next year with the Grafton Public School District on August 19th & 20th. Details will be forthcoming from Lion Darrel Blank.

The following is a recap of all screening details for this year:

Grafton Public School District

4 Schools
543 Students/64 Referred
116.5 Service Hours
10 Grafton Lions
Participated

Our Savior Lutheran School

61 Students/2 Referred
9 Service Hours
6 Grafton Lions
Participated

St. Joseph Catholic School

116 Students/15 Referred
7.5 Service Hours
5 Grafton Lions
Participated

Cedarburg Public School District

2 Schools
495 Students/49 Referred
5 Service Hours
5 Grafton Lions
Participated

Milwaukee Public School District & 1 Day Care Center

55 Schools
11,336 Students/4,056
Referred
738 Service Hours
206 Grafton Lions
Participated

Lion Dennis Pampel
Vision Screening Co-Chair

Grafton Leo/Lions Scholarships

On Tuesday, May 21st, the Grafton Lions Club present four \$1,000 scholarships at their monthly dinner meeting held at Edgewater Golf Club in Grafton. There was one Grafton Leo Scholarship and three Grafton Lions Scholarships. The scholarships were judged based on school and community activities, volunteerism, helping other students, character, integrity, and ethical standards.

The Leo Scholarship was awarded to **Trevor Nauta**. Trevor was chosen earlier this year as one of the recipients for the Lions Citizenship Award. Trevor plans to attend UW-Madison majoring in Finance and Political Science.

The three Lions Scholarship were awarded to the following:

Braden Meyer will be attending Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he plans to major in Animal Ecology.

Keegen Vaculik plans to attend Marquette University, where he plans to major in Statistical Science and Economics.

Pyper Flaig will be attending Simmons University in Boston, where she plans to major in History and Info Technology. Pyper was also chosen earlier this year as one of the recipients for the Lions Citizenship Award.



From left to right : Grafton Lions Scholarship Co-chairman, Lion Dave Antoine, Trevor Nauta, Braden Meyer, Keegan Vaculik, and Pyper Flaig

9-Pin Tap Bowling

The 9-Pin Bowling was a wonderful time for all who participated. Even though, only of the two start times, 2:00 pm, was held and only about seven teams participated, the event still raised \$1,745.00. Everyone had a good time. Thank you, Lion Lois Klotka, for leading the way. Great Job!!!



Grafton Lions Park

The Grafton Lions honored the memory of former Grafton lions Club President Jack Bublitz with a memorial stone at Lion's Park located on Keup Road. Bublitz wife Vi, was present for the installation of the stone. Last October a 10 foot Sugar Maple was also planted in his honor. Bublitz was Grafton Lions President in 1979-80 as well as a well-known community leader for many years.



Pictured are former Lions Park Chairman, Dave Mauer, Vi Bublitz, and Lion Jim Brown, Lions Past President and present Lions Park Chairman. Standing is Grafton Park & Recreational Director, Chad Hoier.

LCIF Donation

I would like to thank the club for their donation to LCIF with the money Grafton gave it help people around the world and in our own communities. If you have to LCIF as an individual I thank you but if haven't may I ask why not. Let me tell you some facts about LCIF, all the money is donated goes to help people around the world, in disasters, grants to improve and to build and the money you donate gives hope to people when there is no hope. Just think you can make a difference in other people lives. So I ask you please consider giving to this great cause LCIF. Thank you

Lion Dan Montaine
LCIF District Coordinator

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

2024 State Lions Convention

MD27 State Lions Convention

International Presidential Leadership Award

There were several wonderful moments at the MD27 State Lions convention. The first moment was when DGE Lion Slava Krol received the International Presidential Leadership Award. That award is the third highest honor in Lionism, and is given to Lions who have made significant contributions to leadership during the International President's year.

Pictured are Past International President Douglas X. Alexander, District Governor Elect Lion Slava Krol, and International Director Lee Vrieze. Congratulations Lion Slava!



Leo of the Year Award

The next great moment was when Leo Trevor Nauta received the Leo of the Year Award for Lions Multiple District 27. This award “recognizes a Leo’s outstanding leadership skills, superior record in implementing successful service projects, identifiable contributions to the development and growth of the Leo Club program, distinction in community/school activities outside of Leo commitments and high ethical standards and personal integrity.” Congratulations Trevor!!!

Pictured are Past International President Douglas X. Alexander, Leo Trevor Nauta, International Director Lee Vrieze, and District Governor Brenda Rumppe.



An Opportunity to Meet and Greet

Finally, our own Lion Phyllis Wiggins gathered with fellow Lions at the State Convention!

Pictured are Past International President Douglas X. Alexander, Lion Phyllis Wiggins, and International Director Lee Vrieze



June Birthdays

Randy Miller 4th
 Bob Hoffman 6th
 Greg Goetz 16th
 Dan Ernst 20th



Jim Brandenburg 5th
 Slava Krol 8th
 Tom Miller 16th

LOOKING AHEAD



June 4	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting. - Guest Speaker Lion Cindy Herbst Executive Director - Restoring Hope Transplant House
June 18	Spouses Dinner/Annual Awards Banquet
July 16	Grafton Firefighter and Police Picnic
August 10	Lions Chicken 5K Run/Walk Annual Chicken Dinner at Centennial Park, Grafton
August 19	Grafton Lions Golf Outing at Edgewater
September 3	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting. - Guest Speaker TBD
September 17	Membership Meeting. - Guest Speaker TBD
October 1	Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting. - Guest Speaker TBD
October 15	Membership Meeting. - Guest Speaker TBD

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

Finally. A Bit of Silliness

Great Truths About Growing Old:

1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
2. Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

A cool thing to know about your brain...

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Does your brain hurt now? (try reading it slowly)