

# Lions' Gazette

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## Prez Sez

Greetings Fellow Grafton Lions,

It has been an exciting year. Now we can enjoy summer and all that it has to offer with family and friends. Have an enjoyable and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Special thanks to Lion Tim Kohlwey for leading our club as president this past year, good luck in everything that you do going forward. Thanks also to the many Lions who have stepped into leadership positions for the next Lions year and to those who served during the past Lions year. We couldn't operate this club without you. To every Lion in the club who attended meetings, socialized, helped whenever and wherever you could for all the activities that we plan throughout the year, we thank you.

Unfortunately, we have some Lions who have moved on from our club, but we have gained so many more new Lions. Earlier in 2024 we inducted Lions Kari and Harley Bernstein, Paula Herlache and Susan Zellner. On Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> we inducted Lions Deb Clifford, Tom Giles, Liubov Ivanets, Nataliia Ivanets, Anna Krol, Anna Kyslenko, Jorjan Loos and Trevor Nauta. We also have 2 transfer members, Lion Joe Shikonya from the St. Joseph's Ridge Lions Club in La Crosse and Lion Kenny Palmer from the Stone Bank Lions Club. New Lion Shellie Kim was unable to be with us on June 18th, but she will be formally inducted when we meet again in September. Welcome to all our new Lions!

What a great group of Leos we have in the Grafton Club. Thanks to all of them for their hard work all year and their fundraising at the District Convention this past February. Your outgoing officers should be proud of the good work that has been accomplished and the incoming officers will need all the support we can give them to keep our Leos strong.

We have many achievements to recognize beginning with newly inducted District Governor Lion Slava Krol for MD 27-A2 . Governor Slava has also earned a Birch-Sturm Fellowship, Lions Dorothy Reindl, Tim Kohlwey and Steve Nauta earned a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Lions Dan Ernst and John Krueger earned a Knight of Sight Fellowship. Congratulations to all!

## Prez Sez - Continued

We will be busy this summer with many events. Gala in the Park concessions at Veterans Memorial Park, concessions at Centennial Park for the men's softball games, the Grafton Firefighter and Police Appreciation Picnic at Lions Park on July 16<sup>th</sup> – details to follow, the spouse's picnic – all details to follow, the 5K Run/Walk and Chicken Roast on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park and the Golf Outing on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Edgewater Golf Club. In August there will be vision screening at Grafton High School on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow from Lion Darrel Blank.

You should be proud to be a Grafton Lion and don't be afraid to wear your Grafton Lions apparel. If you don't have any and would like some, I can help you with that. When we meet again in September, Lion Phyllis Wiggins already has a great lineup of guest speakers planned. We also may be starting our planning for the 2026 State Convention in Pewaukee, WI.

I look forward to seeing many of our Leos and Lions throughout the summer. Let's think about new Service Projects for next year over the summer. Remember the Lions motto: "We Serve". Have a great summer!

Lion President Dennis Pampel

# **Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report**

## **June 27, 2024**

Administrative Account: \$8,420

- We deposited \$658 from meal payments, 50/50, and general raffle at meeting of 6/4//24
- We paid Prime Minister \$577.50 for meals at meeting of 6/4/24
- We deposited \$738 from meals and raffles at the 6/18/2024 meeting
- We paid Prime Minister \$1,089 for meals at meeting of 6/18/2024
- Leos paid \$162 for meals of Leo's at meeting of 6/18/2024
- We collect \$7,005 in dues for the 24/25 fiscal year.

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$6,097

- No change

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$12,537

- We have collected \$2,200 for chicken roast raffle
- We collected \$384 in presale of meals for the chicken roast
- We have \$1,250 in sponsorships for the 5K Run/Walk and \$360 in registrations for the 5K Run/Walk
- We had a net profit from the St. Joseph 175th Anniversary of \$313.
- We paid \$260 for yard signs to promote the chicken roast and 5k Walk/Run
- We have collected \$1,600 in sponsorships so far for this years golf outing.

Leos Account: \$1,310

- We paid \$52.77 for award for the Leo Advisor and a door prize
- We paid \$162 to Grafton Lions Administration fund to cover cost of dinners for Leos at our Awards Banquet.

## Installation of 2024-25 Grafton Lions Club Officers

The installation of officers was held on Tuesday, June 18th at Rose-Harms Legion for 2024 / 2025 Year



From left to right: Membership Chairman Lion Carrie Buri, Communications Chairman and Director Lion John Gassert, District 27-2A District Governor Brenda Rumppe, Tail Twister Lion Tom Krueger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lion Phyllis Wiggins., Incoming President Lion Dennis Pampel, Treasurer Lion John Krueger, Outgoing President Lion Tim Kohlwey, Secretary Lion Mike Hennig, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lion Darrel Bank, Leo Club Liaison Lion Julia Bronat.

Missing from photo is Lion Tamer Lion Al Richards, Marketing and Publicity Lion Dave Antoine, and Service Chairman Lion Dan McKelvey.

Submitted by Lion Dave Antoine, Marketing Chairman

## Fellowship Awards Presented

Grafton Lions presented three Melvin Jones Fellowship and two Knights of Sight Awards at their June 18<sup>th</sup> Officer Induction meeting held at the Rose-Harms Legion. Lions Dorothy Reindl and Steve Nauta received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Outgoing President Tim Kohlwey received the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. The Knights of Sight were given to Lion Dan Ernst and Lion John Krueger.

The Melvin Jones Award is the highest award given by the charitable arm of Lions Club International. It is recognition of a Lion's commitment to humanitarian work. The Knight of Sight Fellowship was created by The Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin, to recognize Wisconsin Lions for their overall efforts to restore sight and prevent blindness through their dedicated and generous activities in tissue transportation, and vision screening.

Congratulations to our award winners they truly follow our Mission of "WE SERVE"



Outgoing President Tim Kohlwey received the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. From left to right are Award Presenter, Lion Darrel Blank and Lion Tim Kohlwey. Lions Dorothy Reindl and Steve Nauta received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. From left to right are Lion Dorothy Reindl, Award Presenter, Lion Darrel Blank and Lion Steve Nauta



The Knights of Sight Fellowships were given to Lion Dan Ernst and Lion John Krueger. From left to right are Lion Dan Ernst, Lion John Krueger and award presenter, Lion Jack Reindl Submitted by Lion Dave Antoine, Marketing Chairman



## Nine New Grafton Lions

Welcome and Congratulations to our nine new Grafton Lions, who were installed by District Governor, Brenda Rumppe at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Lions Club Meeting at Rose-Harms Legion Post. With so many new members, lots of new ideas and service will be brought to our Lions Family. Looking forward to working with all of you.



Pictured from Left to Right are Joe Shikonya, Trevor Nauta, Anna Krol, Liubov Ivanets, Nataliia Ivanets, Anna Kyslenko, Deb Clifford, Jorjan Loos, Tom Giles

Submitted by Lion Dave Antoine, Marketing Chairman

## **Centennial Park Concession Stand**

The softball season is underway and so is Centennial Concessions. We have had several successful nights, but we still need coverage for July 11 and 25, and three weeks in August. Please help continue making this another successful year with Centennial Concessions. All you need to do is show up at Centennial by 5:45 p.m. One of the Co-Chairs will open and close the stand.

Please help Co-Chairs Lion Mark Koehler and Lion Steve Nauta their hard work with this fundraiser that is carrying out the Lion's mission to serve.

You can sign-up at the link below and 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#/>



**Saturday  
August  
10th**

**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.**



SCAN ME



[Signup.com/grafonlions5krunwalk](https://signup.com/grafonlions5krunwalk)

**5KRun/Walk**

Kicks off at 9 AM

Packet Pick-up at  
8AM

**Chicken Roast  
Begins at 11 AM**

Grafton Centennial  
Park  
1370 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Special chicken  
dinner discount for  
Run/Walk  
participants

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## **August 10, 2024 - Chicken Roast**

We are entering the final stages of preparation for this year's Grafton Lions Chicken Roast. 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. Tickets are also available from Lions Carrie Buri and Dennis Pampel as well as the Grafton Lions website, Grafton Ace Hardware, Horicon Bank, K Komfort Heating & Cooling and Port Washington State Bank (Grafton Branch).

Co-Captains, if you still need help with your areas, please reach out to Lions Carrie or Dennis so we can help make this a successful event.

**We are still in need of Co-Captains and a small crew of helpers for 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, Lion Dorothy Reindl

jador71@ [att.net](mailto:jador71@att.net)

262-227-5014

262-377-4967

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. 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

## Annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Grafton Lions golf outing/fundraiser is coming up soon! The event will be held on August 19<sup>st</sup> – 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 can be found at the Grafton Lion’s website [www.graftonlions.com](http://www.graftonlions.com) on the front page or by contacting Committee Chair Mike Donahue at [mdonahue@donahuecpa.biz](mailto: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

## State Convention 2026

The Grafton Lions will be hosting the State Convention in 2026. It will be held Thursday, May 14, 2026 through Saturday, May 16, 2026 at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee. This means the Grafton Lions will be responsible for arranging the golf outing, speakers, seminars, registration, meals, etc.

The hotel has already been unofficially reserved for these dates (it should be booked within the next week or so). Most of the work will be done closer to the start of the convention, but I would like to get about eight people set for committee chairs. I would like to have a kickoff meeting in a month or so to assign committee chairs and take a look at a preliminary budget.

If anyone has any questions about the convention, committees, or anything else, I will be happy to answer them. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let me know.

We are hoping to raise \$10,000 - \$15,000 by hosting the convention. Please consider helping out.

Darrel Blank  
State Convention 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

## St. Joseph Parish's 175th Anniversary Picnic

The Grafton Lions helped St. Joseph Parish celebrate their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> by grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats for the event along with providing chips and beverages. The Cedarburg Lions purchased the meat and buns for us with their food order for Strawberry Fest. The weather was excellent, and the turnout was very good as well. We sold all the hamburgers and brats and most of the hot dogs and beverages. I would like to thank John Strachota for loaning us the grill from his company for the event. Thank you to Dan Delorit who picked up and delivered the grill and returned the grill to John Strachota on Monday. Also, thanks to Debbie Krueger, John Gassert, Paula Herlache, Rose Sauers, Tim Kohlwey, Jim Brown, Jack Reindl, and Dorothy Reindl for their help at the picnic. Jack did a wonderful job cooking all the meat. Our gross receipts were about \$1,300, but I won't know our profit until we receive a bill from Cedarburg Lions for the meat and buns. Thanks again to all who helped make this a successful event.

John Krueger



## Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin

Today I had the pleasure of visiting the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin. Joining me are Grafton Lions, Paula Herlache, Rose Sauer, Jan Teuscher, and Jack Reindl. A big thanks to Cedarburg Lions club for putting this trip together. In all 28 Lions attended the tour. Thanks to Cedarburg Lion Dennis Corrigan for organizing. 😊 The camp serves youths and adult populations that are deaf or hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired, intellectual disabilities or autism, and diabetes and epilepsy, free of charge. The camp is amazing, and we were impressed with the staff, organization overall, and the kids were clearly enjoying their adventures. All Lions are encouraged to not only visit and tour Wisconsin Lions Camp, but to serve as volunteers.

Learn more about Wisconsin Lions Camp and the Wisconsin Lions Foundation at:  
[www.WisconsinLionsCamp.com](http://www.WisconsinLionsCamp.com) <https://www.facebook.com/53024GLC?mibextid=LQQJ4d>



Pictured are Grafton Lions Paula Herlache, Rose Sauer, Carrie Buri, Jan Teuscher, and Jack Reindl.

Submitted by: Lion Carrie Buri, Membership Chair

## July Birthdays

Lisa Boline	1
Jackie Krueger	7
Al Richards	15
Paul Lorge	19
Paul Malloy	28
Susan Zellner	29



Mike Donahue	2
Bob Mercer	7
Jan Teuscher	16
Julia Bronat	27
Tom Freed	29

Please note that there may be some birthdates missing. I don't have birth dates for the new members. Please let me know what that date is so it can be included in future Gazettes.

## LOOKING AHEAD



July 16

**Grafton Firefighter and Police Picnic** This year the picnic will be held at Grafton Lions Park

August 10

**Lions Chicken 5K Run/Walk**  
**Annual Chicken Dinner at Centennial Park, Grafton**

August 19

**Grafton Lions Golf Outing at Edgewater**

**Please note, there will be Board Meeting at 5:30 on the first meeting of the Month.**

September 3, 2024  
September 17, 2024

DG Slava Krol – *Lionism & My Vision for the District 2024-25*  
Ms. Amy Luft – *American Legion Aux; Honor Flight*

October 1, 2024  
October 15, 2024

PDG BJ Blahnik – *Lionism & Serving the District*  
Mr. Darcy Nunno – *Compassionate Canines; Working Dogs*

November 5, 2025	Ms. Mary Reilly-Kliss – WI Master Gardeners: <i>Community Gardening in West Bend</i>
November 19, 2025	Leo's Pizza Night – Leo Liza Kroll: <i>YCE &amp; Me</i>
December 3, 2024 <b>December 17, 2024</b>	Meteorologist Brian Niznansky: <i>Weathering the Local Community</i> <b>No Speaker</b> – HOLIDAY PARTY
January 7, 2025 January 21, 2025	Lion Al Richards: <i>Reflections of a Lions Camp Counselor</i> Ms. Kay Ella – ADRC: <i>Serving the Community in Oz County</i>
February 4, 2025 February 18, 2025	Mr. Jack Anderson – Aurora Foundation: <i>Aurora Hospital as a Partner in Community Engagement</i> <b>No Speaker</b> – CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM
March 4, 2025 March 18, 2025	Lion Julia Bronat – <i>Living as an Immigrant in America</i> Ms. Sara Dunlap – Kapco: <i>Corporate Community Engagement</i>
April 1, 2025 April 15, 2025	Mr. John Katzka (In his 85 <sup>th</sup> birth month) – <i>This is a serious topic!</i> Brianna & Becca Boeselager – Tailwaggers 911: <i>Local Dog Rescue</i>
May 6, 2025 <b>May 20, 2025</b>	Lion Ray Tweedale/Jenny: <b>BOLD</b> <b>No Speaker</b> – SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER
June 3, 2025 <b>June 17, 2025</b>	Lion Tom Krueger (GHS): <i>Historically Grafton &amp; Lionism</i> <b>No Speaker</b> – SPOUSE APPRECIATION DINNER

Thank you, Lion Phyllis M. Wiggins, PhD (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) for arranging our speakers for the 2024-25 Lion year. Great Job!

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

**Finally. A Bit of Silliness**

**JUST LET THIS PICTURE SINK IN.**



**I'LL WAIT.**