

# Lions' Gazette

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## Prez Sez

Welcome Grafton Lions,

Change is coming at the board meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>. Lion Dennis will present the slate of club officers proposed for next year (if anyone is interested in an officer position, please contact Lion Dennis.) We will be voting in the general meeting to approve the officers presented. Lion Darrel will be our featured speaker this month.

Please don't forget we are having our 9-pin tap bowling fundraiser at Harbor Hills Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to bowl, please sign up. If you can't bowl, please come and help, and support the raffles and have some fun with fellow lions. Thank you to Lion Lois for all the work she puts into this event.

Lion Barry organized officer training for the zone, Lion Rose did the presidents training, and Lion Darrel taught the tressures portion on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting all the clubs in the zone.

Our next meeting is May 21. As Lions we are greater together. let's keep recruiting to expand the pride.

Lion Tim Kohlwey

# **Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report**

## **May 3, 2024**

Administrative Account: \$2,691.49

- We deposited \$568 for meals at meeting of 4/16/2024 and \$63 from raffles at that meeting.
- We paid \$528 to Prime Minister for meals at meeting of 4/16/2024.
- We paid \$44.95 to Brad Diamond purchase prizes for raffles at meetings
- We paid \$17 for a name tag.

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$6097

No change

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$7,596

- We deposited \$390 for sales of chicken roast raffle tickets.
- We deposited \$100 for golf outing sponsorship from Frank Mayer Associates.
- We deposited \$120 from Harter's Waste Management for 9 Pin Tap Bowling Lane Sponsorship.
- We paid \$100 for hole sponsorship to Fredonia Lions Club
- We paid \$200 toward Zone Project.

Leos Account: \$1,509

- We deposited \$22 from donation from 50/50 winner at last meeting.
- We deposited \$40 in dues payments.

## **April 2024 Vision Screenings**

13 Milwaukee Public Schools  
2,624 Students/1,041 Referred  
173 Service Hours  
55 Grafton Lions Participated

The following Lions Clubs participated in the screenings: Cedarburg, Glendale, Grafton, Port Washington and Thiensville/Mequon.

Many thanks to all the Lions who helped with screenings in April. You are the heart of this service project. There will still be opportunities for screenings in May. Please help when you can.

We already have 5 schools scheduled for May in Milwaukee.

Thanks,  
Lion Dennis Pampel

## **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

### **This is why we do Vision Screening**

Here's a good story about the work that we do. This is from a recent screening at Engleburg & Lancaster Elementary Schools in the Milwaukee Public School system on March 19th. Those Lions who were there know who you are. Thanks to all of you. For those Lions who weren't there, thank you for all you do to support our efforts in the Milwaukee Public Schools and the schools in each of your own communities.

This is a great service project that we are involved in and I hope you will all continue to serve to the best of your ability. Today I issue a challenge to those who haven't yet been involved in screenings in the Milwaukee Public Schools. Please join us as we always need more help. If you haven't used a screening machine yet we will work with you to help you become proficient and if you would just like to observe that's ok too.

Again, thanks to everyone for all you do in Lions for others. Remember "WE SERVE".

Lion Dennis Pampel &  
Lion Bob Gosewehr Organizers for the Milwaukee Public Schools

**“Hello Mr Gosewehr:”**

**“I wanted to thank you and your team for coming out to both of my schools to perform vision screens. I wanted to update you as well one of our K4 students was said to have possible astigmatism and hyperopia on your screening, he followed up with an eye exam and was found to have not just astigmatism and hyperopia but vision of 20/400 and 20/200 he will be getting glasses and needing to wear them full time. Thank you again because of your testing he is able to get the correction he needs in order to see properly.”**

**“Christine Scott, RN, BSN  
School Nurse Engleburg 0730-1100”**

## **Grafton Leo/Lions Scholarship Meeting**

The 2024 Grafton Leo/Lions Scholarship Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Edgewater Golf Club. The menu will be beef tips, broasted chicken, either parsley red potatoes or garlic mashed, a hot vegetable, dinner salad and rolls. There will a cookie and brownie tray as a dessert. Cost will be \$25.00 per person which includes tax and tip.

To make sure there is enough food for this event, if you plan to attend, please either text or e-mail Dave Antoine to let him know they are coming.

Text Dave at 262-366-3559 E-mail is [davenan75@wi.rr.com](mailto:davenan75@wi.rr.com)

Money should be turned into Lion John Krueger as in the past.

Thanks  
Lion Dave Antoine

## **Centennial Park Concession Stand**

Softball season is right around the corner and the Lions will once again be running the concession stand at Centennial Park. The first date we need volunteers is Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Games will take place until late August. We are looking for two (2) Lions each Thursday night because it is a busy night.

This is a great fundraiser for our club and gives us an opportunity to live out our mission To Serve!

The Centennial Park Concession Co-Chairs will provide on the job training for all first-time workers as well as remedial training as needed. You need to be at the park by 5:45 p.m. and may be there until 10:00 p.m. depending on the number of games. You do NOT need to pick up the cash bag and keys. One of the Co-Chairs will open the stand and have everything you need. One of the Co-Chairs will also close up the stand and take the money. All you need to do is show up at the park!!!

Volunteer signup is done online using Signup Genius. You can refer to the Signup Genius website to see when you volunteer. You will receive an e-mail reminder a week before your scheduled time. If you need to cancel you may cancel your volunteer slot on Signup Genius. If you cancel within a week of your time slot, we ask that you find a replacement.

Here is the link to the Signup Genius web site.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA8A928A6F49-49024322-lions#/>

Co-Chair Lion Mark Koehler - (262) 957-7594

Co-Chair Lion Steve Nauta - (414) 791-7748

## 9-Pin Tap Bowling

The 9-Pin Bowling is a wonderful time for the entire family. There are two start times: 10:30 am or 2:00 pm. With teams of 4 or 5. The cost is \$120 each team. **This is a great way to celebrate Mother's Day with the Family.** So please sign-up, <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30E0D4FABAB2DAB9-47936275-9pintap>

There will also be prizes:

- \$100 high team
- \$25 men high
- \$25 Woman high
- \$20 for a straight 300 game

We are also in need of lane sponsors and gift items for the basket drawings. Don't forget there will be a 50/50 drawing.

Lion Lois Klotka



## **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

## **Looking Ahead**

Our Grafton Lions Membership Meetings for May & June are filled with a lot of fun, informative and exciting activities. With our guest speakers, Scholarship Awards 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

## **Lions Golf Event/Fundraiser**

Fellow Lions/Golf Committee Members: On behalf of Co-Committee Chairs Mike & Eric, we should gather soon to start the planning process towards another successful Lions Golf Event/Fundraiser. This will be our 26th Annual golf outing and it has already been scheduled to take place at Edgewater Golf on Monday, August 19th. I would like to propose a brief golf committee meeting for next week Tuesday evening, May 7 in follow-up to the regular Grafton Lions Club meeting. Please let me and/or Mike know if you are able to attend.

Thanks,

Lions Tom K

## **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

## 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

## Now we look back

### April 9<sup>th</sup> Region Meeting

Grafton Lions were well represented at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Region Meeting in Port Washington.





## Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director of the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth Mueller and Grafton Chamber President, Mary Karnitz were the guest speakers at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Grafton Lions Meeting. Mary has been a life long resident of Ozaukee County and being a part of a family of 11 children, her family was very involved in serving the local community. She has been part of many local volunteer programs and been active in 100 Women Who Care that have given over \$300,000 to non-profit organization

In the local communities. She enjoys her role of being part of the Grafton Chamber. Elizabeth has been part of the Grafton Chamber for the past 2 years and took over as Executive Director when Pam King retired.

Elizabeth gave information on the many upcoming activities in Grafton, the business to business program, their work with the high school and manufacturing facilities to encourage careers in these fields. She invited any Lions member to participate in these activities and should feel free to stop into the newly renovated Chamber Office and learn more of what they all do.



Pictured from left to right is Executive Director, Elizabeth Mueller, Grafton Lions President, Tim Kohlwey, and Grafton Chamber President, Mary Karnitz.

## Riveredge Nature Center

At the Grafton Lions April 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting, John Rakowski, Executive Director of Riveredge Nature Center in Saukville was Guest Speaker. John gave an overview, history and informative on the many programs at Riveredge Nature Center. Riveredge has the mission to support conservation through education that awakens curiosity, engages the body, and explores connections to nature for all. Their vision is to form a healthier human and natural communities.

For over 50 years, volunteers and staff have labored to care for this land, to showcase the rich diversity of its habitats. Through outdoor adventures on the land, in the treetops, and along the river, Riveredge challenges bodies and refresh spirits while developing a deep appreciation for the natural environment. Riveredge has a history of being a leader in research; it mentors students in education, land stewardship and ecological studies and serves as a resource for professional researchers. Time spent in nature each day often results in happiness and well-being. Research shows the physical and mental health benefits of time spent outdoors is beneficial.

Riveredge is always looking for volunteers and support.



## May Birthdays

Ed Schmidt 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Mark Koehler 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Brad Diamond 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Dave Mauer 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Dennis Pampel 24<sup>th</sup>



Jim Brown 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Darrel Blank 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Dorothy Reindl 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Dan Delorit 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Paula Herlache 26<sup>th</sup>

## LOOKING AHEAD



- May 7 Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting. Guest Speaker  
 Lion Darrel Blank
- May 21 Membership Meeting – **Scholarship Awards at Bunkers Restaurant at  
 Edgewater Golf Club**
- 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 12 **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

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

## Finally. A Bit of Silliness

1978	2023
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name