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Dear Fellow Lions,

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been almost a year since we have been living under unusual circumstances and I am proud of our Club's effort to Serve our community even during these times. We have already reported that thanks to our successful fundraisers we were able to keep virtually all of our commitments to the local charities and Lion's organizations. We had a fun Membership Meeting in January at which we had a virtual speaker Amanda Didier of Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy. I encourage you to find out more about the good things they do for the community and consider how we can help as a Club and as citizens. You can find more information about the organization online at <http://lakeshorecac.org/>. Also, we had a virtual presentation of the Citizenship Award recipients. This video is still available on youtube at <https://youtu.be/kb2hb4wecCc> so you can learn more about four GHS seniors who were awarded this year. I would like to thank the Citizenship Award Committee for making it happen during the pandemic despite all the challenges it presented. Last two Membership Meetings were a combination of in person and virtual and I am very pleased with how it is working out. I think that we should continue this format long term so the Members who are not able to attend for different reasons can join virtually. Starting the next meeting, I also suggest we consider bringing back the meals. Please feel free to contact me if you have an opinion about this matter.

I wish you all to stay well and hope to see you soon,

Lion President

Lion Slava Krol

Grafton Lions Present Citizenship Awards

Four Grafton High School Seniors have been honored by the Grafton Lions Club for outstanding community service.

The awards were presented to Sarah Bloemer, Michael Seybold, Taylor Wenten, and Arianna Wheeler. The awards were given to students who exemplify the “Lionism” values of volunteer service, community involvement, character, integrity and ethical standards.

Sarah Bloemer serves as the Grafton Leos Club president. Sarah has tutored multiple students and even in the spring continued to do so with the tough shutdown conditions. She is a member of the high school dance team and juggles her academics, family life, work and extra-curricular activities.

Michael Seybold serves as a leader in a popular singing group called Graftonics and leader of a student band called Exit 92. He was class Vice President his Freshman-Junior year and Black Hawk Crew leader mentoring incoming freshman.

Taylor Wenten is involved in multiple groups including HOSA, German Club and was part of Every 15 minutes. She was captain of her varsity tennis team. She was #1 singles player on her team and qualified for state 2 years in a row. She is also pursuing her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Arianna Wheeler is involved in St. Joseph Parish serving on mission trips, workcamps and youth leadership. She has served the homeless in Milwaukee, offers her time and talent in crocheting and prayer groups that provide scarves and shawls to the sick and homeless.

The Grafton Lions Club has 90 members and is involved in a variety of community service projects.



GRAFTON LIONS PARK – UPDATE

NEW EQUIPMENT & PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENTS

I had a phone meeting with Grafton Parks and Rec. Director, Megan Phalin on February 11. She wanted to update me on the status of the playground replacements and the new equipment listed in our ten year plan.

First, she wanted to dispel a rumor that vandals damaged 70% of the playground equipment. It has now been determined that the old playground equipment was just worn out. Replacing the old playground equipment is still the first priority come spring. The children use this equipment year around. They and the moms will be very pleased.

Megan reported that all the locations for the new equipment were marked by Public Works Mgr., Jake and his crew this past January before the big snows. The new equipment has been priced and ordered. Once the playground equipment is installed, the Exercise/fitness station and the Canoe/kayak pier on Cedar Creek are next on the list followed by the cement or stone patio next to the pavilion. Jake is looking at early summer to start on this project. The three park benches will be placed along the walking trails and the two metal picnic tables near Cedar Creek. I am pleased to report that we are at 45% of our \$5,000.00, ten-year goal for new trees planted in the park and flowering shrubs in our four flower beds. This will be a special year as the new park equipment is installed. Stay tuned for more updates as we move into spring.

Dave Mauer, Lions Park Chr.



Annual Grafton Lions Chicken Roast

SAVE THE DATE!

After a one-year hiatus we will be serving up that wonderful charcoal grilled chicken on Sunday 13 June 2021! Due to the Pandemic, this year will be a little different this year:

- Drive through only
- Pre-pay on our website or via mail
- No beverages served
- Hours will be 11:00AM to 4:00PM
- No raffles, but donations will be solicited

As always, we will be going through the work schedule and assigning all Lions a two-hour work shift. If you can work more - Great!

Stay tuned for more information.

Thank you!

Lion Dan Delorit

Annual Golf Outing/Fundraiser

It's still a bit early in the year to be 'thinking golf', but not too early to begin planning for golf. A great event for you to consider is our own Grafton Lions golf outing. The event – our 23rd overall and second one at Edgewater Golf Course will be held on Monday, August 23rd with a 'shot gun' start beginning at 1:00 pm. Save the date and make your plans 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. Please help spread the word in order to increase participation and the overall success of this Lion's fundraiser.

A registration form is in the works and will soon be available on the Grafton Lion's website at www.graftonlions.com. Thanks in advance for your help and support of this fun event.

Lion Dan Hubacek

Golf Outing Chair

Thoughts of a fellow Lion

As the new editor of the Lions Gazette, I must pass along the thoughts of a fellow Lion about the upcoming Lion's 75th Anniversary celebration and the Grafton Lions Golf Outing being held in conjunction with the Celebration:

"I think our Lion's 75th Anniversary celebration is a 'big deal' and probably needs to be promoted some starting with more information and updates given to our own membership. I would hope to see an article in the next newsletter and every newsletter going forward till August 'talking up' what's being planned, when and where' the celebration is to be held. Maybe the board members are well aware of details to date, but I venture many of our club members are oblivious to this matter especially in light of the pandemic times and limited/restricted club meetings. At a minimum, we need to get our own club members excited about this event so it can spread to the community and beyond Grafton. Again, this is a 'big deal' for our club that could easily be overshadowed by a neighboring club (Cedarburg Lions) who is also celebrating a 75th Anniversary this summer. We must get out in front of this matter. Grafton Lions have a lot of history to celebrate and it is an excellent way to 'tell our story to the community' and even reap some new members as part of the 'celebration'. Let's make the best of this opportunity!"

March Birthdays

Mike Karrels	11 th
Dennis Johnson	16 th
Ken George	29 th



Peter Trimberger	15 th
David Liss	20 th

LOOKING

AHEAD



March 2	Board meeting VIA Zoom
March 16	Membership meeting Program: Committee Meetings
April 6	Board meeting Via Zoom
April 20	Membership meeting Program: Committee Meetings
May 5	Board meeting VIA Zoom
May 19	Membership meeting
June	Centennial Park Adult Softball Concession Stand Every Days to be determined
June 1	Board of Directors meeting VIA Zoom
June 13	Lions Chicken Roast
June 15	Membership meeting Spouses / Significant others INVITED Awards night and installation of 2018 – 2019 officers- WE Hope
July	GALA concession stand at Veterans Park - WE HOPE
July	Fire Department Picnic at Veterans Park - WE HOPE 5:30 Hospitality, 6:30 dinner
July 17	Birch Sturm Golf Outing Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola, WI.
August	Centennial Park Concession Stand WE HOPE
August	GALA concession stand at Veterans Park WE HOPE

August 5 Spouses/Significant Others Summer Social - **WE HOPE**

August 21 Grafton Lion's 75th Anniversary celebration

August 23 Grafton Lions Golf Outing

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