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Prez Sez

Dear Fellow Lions,

At this time I am both delighted and encouraged to see how our year is progressing. So many Lions have stepped up to make positive things happen. We are in the middle of a membership drive led by Lion Rose Sauers that will optimistically generate 5 to 8 new members. We plan to induct some of them this month. Lion Tim Kohlwey has had several exciting speakers and membership attendance grows every meeting. Other Lions have stepped up to successfully lead programs. These programs have not only raised money but have given us additional exposure in the community. I am both amazed and impressed with the commitment of my fellow Lions. What a pleasure to be your president. It is no wonder that Lions have had such a strong impact on this community for 76 years.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Lion Dan Harris

President

Treasurer's Report

October 28, 2020

Administrative Account:

- We have 87 members.
- We paid \$527 to Prime Minister for meals for the meeting on 10/19 and
- deposited \$547 from meals and raffles.

Activity Account:

- Profit from the Fall Into Grafton Hotdog sale was \$334. There was a generous donation for the cost of the food which increased our total profit for the event.
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Contingency Savings Account:

- A portion this fund is earmarked toward improvements to Grafton Lions Park.

Leos Account:

Grafton Leos Club Warn Against Texting and Driving

In conjunction with the National Red Ribbon Week, (Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign), the Grafton Leos Club wanted the busy traffic on Highway 60 to **Not Text and Drive**.

A severely damaged car and a large sign were needed to convey their message. Thanks to Kirchhayn from Fredonia who loaned them this vehicle and with towing from Grafton Mobil, their message was presented. The message on the sign was painted and designed by the Grafton Leo members.

The problem of texting and driving is usually blamed on teenagers, but adults are guilty of texting and driving as well. So, this graphic message is a safety alert to all.

The Grafton Leos have 50 plus members. **Leo Clubs** are a youth organization of [Lions Clubs International](#). The word "Leo" stands for [Leadership](#), [Experience](#), [Opportunity](#). The members are high school students grades 9-12.

Leo clubs encourage youths to develop leadership qualities by participating in service activities. They are dependent on a Lions Club to sponsor and initiate a Leo club but the members initiate their projects and carry them out.



In the photo from left to right, Maddox Durst, Trevor Nauta, Spencer Holloway, Kolton Micoliczyk, Zaimah Alam

Annual Lions Chicken Roast

Reserve the date: June 12th, 2022, for the Annual Lions Chicken Roast!

The Chicken Roast Committee has met and decided that we will be getting back to a more normal Chicken Roast this year. We will serve from 11AM-6PM. We will more than likely offer online tickets and hard ticket sales as in previous years. Beer and Kids meals are on the docket also. As we will need “all hands-on deck” We remind all Grafton Lions that we will be needing your help for this important event. We are aiming to sell 1500-1600 meals this year. As we will focus on the chicken dinner, we are not currently looking to have a raffle nor 50/50 raffles.

This is our plan, however, given the up and down of the current Pandemic, things may change. We will have our next Committee meeting at the second meeting of the Lions club in January.

Thank you to all the Committee members who attended the meeting. It is a pleasure to serve as Chair of this great event and work with this committee!

Membership Directories

The 2021-22 Membership Directory will be available at the November 2nd membership meeting

Grafton Lions Club Annual Christmas Dinner

- December 7th, 2021
- Cocktails at 5:30 PM
- Dinner at 6:30 PM
- Grafton American



- Prime Rib Dinner provided by the Prime Minister Restaurant
- 50-50 Raffle to support Family Sharing Food Bank
- Please bring a holiday themed centerpiece/decoration to be raffled at end of evening
- Cost - \$25 per couple, \$12.50 for single attendees
- Please pay at this link - <https://grafton-lions-club.square.site>
- Please RSVP by paying at the above link by November 27th, 2021.

The 2021 Holiday nut sale

To all Grafton Lions members,

The 2021 Holiday nut sale has begun, an order form is attached.

Our costs went up, so prices were raised. All bags are \$15 and the Tins are \$20.

November 23rd is the last day to order, any late orders may not be delivered by Christmas due to increased shipping times.

If you are taking orders for family and friends, please combine all orders on one form.

Orders may also be emailed to, spfahey@sbcglobal.net. The form isn't necessary for emailed orders. We will call or email you when your order is ready to be picked up at the Investment Center office, 1019 Cedar St. Grafton.

Let us know if you would like your order early, I have already ordered a few cases and should have them in early November.

Thank you!

Lions Sean Fahey, Dan Mckelvey, Tim Kohlwey

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIONS PARK

By now you may have heard that the Director of Parks and Recreation, Megan Phalin, has resigned to become a full time, stay at home mom. She will be missed. During the short time she was the Director, she was good to work with and responded quickly to my questions and suggestions.

In the meantime, the Village of Grafton is conducting a search for her replacement. Hopefully, a candidate will be selected prior to year-end. With this turn of events, all plans for our Park improvements have been put on hold. The sites for our "Work-out" station, "canoe and Kayak launch" and the "Cement Slab" for a large tent have been selected and approved. All we need is the green light from the new Director and the Village Administrator.

I will be contacting the new Director of Parks and Recreation as soon as he or she can get their feet on the ground. At this point, I am hoping the Village can get these three Park Signature additions completed in 2022.

I was a little disappointed to see our four beautiful flower beds taken over by weeds. I am assuming the lack of staff was the issue. I will continue to keep an eye on our Park.

Dave – Lions Park Chr.

November Birthdays

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| Jim Becker | 7 |
| Marko Musich | 9 |
| Jeff Nelson | 14 |
| Steve Janssen | 20 |
| Don Deetjen | 22 |



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| Dave Strachota | 23 |
| Dan Hubacek | 24 |
| Terry Machut | 27 |
| Ken Kasprzak | 29 |

LOOKING AHEAD



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| November | 2 | Board of Directors and Membership Dinner Meeting New Member Installation |
| November | 16 | Membership Dinner Meeting – Speaker to be announced |
| December | 7 | Annual Christmas Get-Together |
| December | 21 | No Membership Meeting because of Christmas |
| January | 4 | Board of Directors meeting and Membership Dinner Meeting |
| January | 18 | Membership Dinner Meeting – Citizenship Awards |
| February | 1 | Board of Directors meeting and Membership Dinner Meeting |
| February | 15 | Membership Dinner Meeting – Speaker to be announced |
| March | 1 | Board of Directors meeting and Membership Dinner Meeting |
| March | 15 | Membership Dinner Meeting – Speaker to be announced |
| April | 5 | Board of Directors meeting and Membership Dinner Meeting |
| April | 19 | Membership Dinner Meeting – Speaker to be announced |

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| May | 3 | Board of Directors meeting and Membership Dinner Meeting |
| May | 17 | Membership Dinner Meeting – Speaker to be announced |
| June | 7 | Board of Directors meeting and Membership Dinner Meeting |
| June | 12 | Annual Lions Chicken Roast |
| June | 21 | Membership Dinner Meeting and Awards Dinner |

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