

Lions' Gazette

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Dear Fellow Lions,

Charles Dickens began A Tale of Two Cities with, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." And so, it was with this past year. As a club, we navigated our way out of the pandemic, suffered the sudden passing of our Club President, Lion Dan Harris, and experienced the health concerns of several of our cherished members. But there were bright moments as well that presage a golden future for our Grafton Lions. We inducted five new Lions: Carrie Buri (who is jumping in with both feet as our Second VP and Program Chair!), Lois Klotka, Matt McKelvey, Polly Partaine, and Susie Rieck – and soon-to-be-inducted but already active, Dennis Pampel! All are amazing additions to our club. As the saying goes, "new friends are silver; old friends are gold," – Grafton Lions is the great club that it is because of the ongoing commitment and dedication of its longtime members. You are ALL gold! We also look forward to some new and exciting fundraisers, including the Prohibition Cocktail Tour (thank you Lion Brad!) and possibly a run/walk in the next year or two. Our tradition of contributing leadership to the district and beyond continues with the naming of Lion Slava Krol as Zone Chair and Lion John Gassert as a WLF Director. We also celebrate the achievements of Lion Darrel Blank for earning a Ray Hempel Fellowship, Lion Mike Hennig for earning a Melvin Jones Fellowship, and Lion John Krueger for earning a Birch-Sturm Fellowship. Congratulations!

While we will not return to regular meetings until September, please remember that we are hosting several events over the summer including the First Responders Picnic, the Golf Outing, the Prohibition Cocktail Tour, and the Spouses' Night Out at the Chinooks Game (see events dates page for details). And of course, there is our ongoing participation at Gala and Centennial Park. If you have not signed up yet, please do so. I hope to see many of you throughout the summer and I look forward to serving you as Club President in the coming year.

Happy summer Grafton Lions – You are the best!

Lion President Rose Sauers

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2022

Administrative Account: \$10,390.79

- We collected dues so far from 45 members.
- We deposited \$512 from payments for dinners and raffles at meeting of June 21.
- We paid \$682 to Prime Minister for meals for meeting of June 21
- Administrative Checking Account Balance was \$15,801 at beginning of fiscal year.
- We made a donation of \$395 for a tree at Grafton Lion's Park in memory of Dan Harris.
- We paid \$117 for metal plates for plaques to Lion's presidents to Recognition Specialists.

Activity Account: \$16,736. Previous balance on 5/31/2022 was \$10,818.90

- Profits after expenses for Chicken Roast was \$5632.
- We collected \$1,334 from sales at Centennial Park. With expenses we are currently - \$72.39 for Centennial Park.
- We received \$100 from Race Day Events as a donation directed to Lions from volunteers for a race day event.
- Checking account balance at beginning of fiscal year was \$20,315.

Contingency Savings Account: \$26,101.24. No change from previous report

Leos Account: \$361.41. Previous balance on 5/27/2022 was \$361.41

Centennial Park Concession Stand – Thursday Nights

The softball season is underway and so is Centennial Concessions. The month of June is covered with volunteers. **There are openings in July and August.** There may be additional dates added in August due to rainouts. We are asking for 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-lions3>

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

GALA

GALA is starting soon. **We need help on 3 dates.** Here is the schedule so far. For sign up go to the sign up genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4ca8a928a6f49-lions4>. Please be at Veterans at 5:30.

July 7 - Carrie Buri, Dan Montaine July 14 - Tom Freed, Paul Malloy
July 21 - Need (2) July 28 - John Krueger, Dennis Johnson

Aug 4- Slava Krol (2) 11-Need (2) 18-Need (2)

Lion Dan Ernst

Annual Spouse's or Significant Other's Outing

Dear fellow Lions,

The annual spouse's or significant other's Outing at the Chinooks Game is on August 4th in the Uecker Box on first base side. There is a \$35 fee that includes game tickets for you and your spouse or significant other, all you can eat ballpark fare, such as Usinger's hot dogs and brats, as well as traditional sides and cookies, plus 2 drink tickets per person to be used for water, soda, lemonade, or yes, beer. The deadline for sign-up is Fri July 29. There will be no game day sales. Payment is made easy by clicking into the Club Square Payment site:

<https://square.link/u/TttMaCEK>.

You can also access the link through the following QR code:



We look forward to seeing at the game

Lion Terry Machut

The Grafton Lions Cocktail Tour

Bring Back Prohibition

This event will be held on Saturday, July 30th from 130-6PM. There will be 12 total tours that will be leaving at 10-minute intervals with a max of 20 participants per tour. There will be 6 tours from 2-3 and 6 tours from 330-430. The tours will start and end at the Rose Harms Legion Post (1540 13th Ave, Grafton). When purchasing tickets, tour goers will need to select the time slot that they would like to participate.

There will be 6 vignettes (scenes with actors) along the tour. At each stop, a 1.5 oz cocktail will be served to go along with the scene. The tours will occur rain or shine.

The cost is \$20 per ticket in advance, \$25 at the door. Advanced tickets can be purchased at www.graftonlions.com (<http://www.graftonlions.com>).

Volunteers are still needed as cocktail servers. If available, please contact Lion Brad Diamond (262-506-4232 braddiamond@mindspring.com)

All volunteers are invited to the after party at the Diamond household following the event.

Thank you.

Lion Brad Diamond



24th Annual Fundraiser
GRAFTON LIONS CLUB
GOLF OUTING

(Public welcomed)

Monday, August 22nd 2022

12:00pm

Registration &
Putting Contest

1:00pm

Semi Shotgun Start
9 Holes – Riding
4 - Person Scramble

4:00pm

Dinner, Silent
Auction & Prizes

Edgewater Golf Club

1762 Cedar Creek Rd - Grafton (262) 377-1230

\$60 per person *(\$25 Dinner Only)*

Includes: Golf & Cart, Dinner, Raffle Prizes
plus, 2 'hole in one' big prize opportunities

Registration by August 8th

Registration & Sponsorship Forms available at www.graftonlions.org

For questions, contact Tom Krueger, 262-353-5657

Email: krueger745@sbcglobal.net

Player Name

Telephone or email

1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Credit Cards accepted on day of event.

Mail to: Grafton Lions Club
c/o Tom Krueger
P.O. Box 0211
Grafton, Wisconsin 53024

GRAFTON LION'S CLUB FUNDRAISER GOLF OUTING

Sponsorships for 2022

The Grafton Lion's 24th Annual Golf Outing will take place on August 22nd at Edgewater Golf Club and is a great opportunity for your organization to network and promote yourself to Grafton Metro Area businesses and residents. The Grafton Lion's donate to many worthwhile causes throughout the year with time, talent, muscle and money. We have many company sponsorship opportunities for you to choose from this year.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- **\$600.00 – Registration Gift Sponsor (1)** Grafton Lions will provide a sleeve of golf balls with your company logo to each golfer
- **\$300.00 – Registration Table Sponsor (1)** Includes business signage at Registration Table.
- **\$250.00 – Putting Green Contest Sponsor (4)**
Includes business signage at one hole and signage at the putting green.
- **\$250.00 – Beverage Cart Sponsor (4)**
Includes business signage at one hole and signage on a beverage cart.
- **\$250.00 – Patio Bar Sponsor (1)** Includes business signage at Patio Bar.
- **\$100.00 – Hole Sponsor**
Includes business signage at one hole.
- **\$500.00 – Dinner Sponsor**
Includes business signage at Edgewater in the area where dinner is served.

Thank you in advance for checking one of the listed options and for completing the information as requested below:

Company Name _____

Donor Name _____

Amount Paid. \$ _____ Check# _____

PLEASE RETURN BY AUGUST 1, 2022 or sooner

Send 'payment' and completed information to:
Grafton Lions Club Checks payable to: "Grafton Lions Club"
c/o Tom Krueger
P.O. Box 0211
Grafton, WI 53024

For additional information or to verbally sign up for a sponsorship opportunity contact Lion Tom Krueger directly at 262-353-5657 or, by email: krueger745@sbcglobal.net

Sponsors will have signage at each venue as noted. Your organization will be prominently displayed in 'Thank You' flyers and will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony. You may also exhibit at your Sponsored Hole or venue to promote your company, products and/or services. Just add a short note to the sponsorship form.

If you have selected a sponsorship option you are welcome to use your company sign or poster, or you can forward your company logo in electronic format to krueger745@sbcglobal.net for use with signage provided by the Lions.

Raffle and Door Prize Opportunities

In addition to hole and other sponsorships, we need raffle prizes including – tickets to sporting events and theater, gift certificates, services, and other door prizes for golf contests, silent auction and general raffle purposes. These donations are equally important to the Lion's fundraising efforts!

Name or Business _____

I would like to donate for your raffle/door prizes.

Item/Service/Ticket and value to be donated -

Raffle prizes to be donated can be picked up by calling Lion Tom Krueger at 262-353-5657.

Past Events

Chicken Roast

Another Successful Event

On behalf of the Grafton Lions Club Chicken Roast Committee, we would like to thank everyone who came to Veteran's Park and supported our 33-Annual Chicken Roast on Sunday, June 12th. Because of your participation in our chicken roast, it was another successful event.

Thank you is given to all the Grafton Lions Members for all their hard work the day of the event, spouses, significant others who helped in the food distribution plus anyone else who contributed to make the day such a success. Special thanks to the Village of Grafton Public Works and Jake Arndt, Trustee Amy Luft, Village President Jim Brunquell, Police Chief Jeff Caponera, and Fire Chief Bill Rice for their assistance.

Thank you to our partners Ozaukee Ace, Port Washington State Bank, Cornerstone Community Bank, N Seven Coffee, Edgewater Golf Course, K Komfort Heating, U.S. Foods, Seek and Ms. Carol Schneider, Schmit Realty, Pam King and the Grafton Chamber of Commerce.

Unsold food has been donated to Advocates of Ozaukee County, Balance, Inc., Family Sharing of Ozaukee, Grafton Police Department, and Ozaukee Sherriff Department.

Through the dollars raised at this event, the Grafton Lions are able to contribute financial support to the many needy groups and causes within Ozaukee County and beyond including Starting Point of Ozaukee, Portal Industries, Advocates of Ozaukee, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ozaukee Family Services, Leader Dog and Student Scholarships to name a few. Lions Clubs help preserve sight, combat disability, and promote health.

Gatherings like this help to make Grafton such a terrific community. We look forward to seeing you again in 2023.

Sincerely,

Dan Delorit
Chicken Roast Chairman

Grafton Lions Present Scholarships

On Tuesday, May 17th, the Grafton Lions Club present 6 \$1,000 scholarships at their monthly dinner meeting at Edge Water Golf Club in Grafton. There were 3 Grafton Leo Scholarships and 3 Grafton Lions Scholarships. The scholarships were judged based on school and community activities, volunteerism, helping other students, character, integrity, and ethical standards.

The 3 Leo Scholarship awards are the following:

Kolton Micoliczyk is the Leo Club Vice - President this year. He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and major in Communications and minoring in Marketing. After graduation Kolton intends to find work as a broadcast journalist

Grace Gehrke is planning on attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and will be majoring in Biology with a possible minor in environmental sustainability. Her long term goal is to be a certified Physician's Assistant.

Mattox Durst is also planning to attend the University of Wisconsin - Madison and plans on majoring in Journalism specifically in the sports communication field. Mattox aspires to be a sports journalist for a publication, whether it's a newspaper, magazine, or website.

The 3 Lions Scholarship were awarded to the following:

Hailey Bault will be attending the University of Wisconsin – Superior where she has committed to play NCAA Division 3 tennis and majoring in Environmental Science and has auditioned and accepted for a vocal performance as well as further her German studies.

Ella Day will be attending Creighton University where she plans to major in Biology and Spanish. Ella is hoping to have a career in biomedical research, specifically genetics or biochemistry. Ella hopes to travel the world and see her work applied to people who need it.

Dani Thompson is also planning to attend the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and majoring in Elementary Education. As a future elementary teacher, she wants students to look back and have good memories of learning with me and think “school isn’t that bad.”



From left to right: Kolton Micoliczyk, Ella Day, Grace Gehrke, Dani Thompson, Hailey Bault, and Grafton High School Leo Club Advisory, Rusty Meyer. Missing from the photo is Mattox Durst.

FOUR MORE TREES ADDED TO GRAFTON LIONS PARK

The Grafton Lions Club and the Village of Grafton will plant four more trees in Grafton Lions Park on Tuesday, June 28th. Each tree will add color and shade to the 16-acre park along Cedar Creek and Keup Road, just south of highway 60. The trees include a Shagbark Hickory, a Sugar Maple and two Tulip trees. Each was purchased from Johnson's Nursery and is well suited for parks and Wisconsin weather. This brings the number of trees planted by the Club at the park to 45 per Dave Mauer, Lions Park Chairman.

Lions Park is relatively new to the eighteen parks in the Village of Grafton. In 2000, it was farmland. The Village received the 16 acres in 2001. The Grafton Lions Club purchased naming rights shortly after raising \$75,000.00 through donations from individuals, local business, and Corporations. The following year, the Grafton Lions Club raised an additional \$50,000.00 through separate donations for playground equipment. The Grafton Lions followed up by building a beautiful Pavilion through separate donations and spent weekends building the roof. The Village of Grafton, Public Works Dept. the Park and Recreation Dept. and the Lions had a great partnership getting these projects completed.

In 2019, The Grafton Lions Club committed \$50,000.00 over ten years to add an Exercise/fitness station, a Canoe/kayak pier on Cedar Creek, a cement patio and additional park benches and picnic tables. Plans are currently being made with Chad Hoier, Director of Parks and Recreation and Jake Arndt, Superintendent of Public Works to install some of the new equipment this year.

If you have not paid Lion's Park a visit, you should do so. It is a gem in the Village of Grafton's Park system.

Dave Mauer

Lions Park Chair

Dave Mauer, Lions Park Chr. – Cell: 414-322-3622



July Birthdays

Lisa Boline 1
 Jackie Krueger 7
 Al Richards 15
 Paul Lorge 19
 Terry Kranz 28
 Tom Freed 29



Mike Donahue 2
 Bob Mercer 7
 Ted Grob Jr. 18
 Peter Laing 27
 Paul Malloy 28

LOOKING AHEAD



May 19 through August Centennial Park Adult Softball Concession Stand

July and August GALA concession stand at Veterans Park

July 19 Fire Department Picnic at Veterans Park - 5:30 Hospitality, 6:30 dinner

July 23 Birch Stum Golf Outing - Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola, WI.

July 30 The Grafton Lions Cocktail Tour

August 4 Spouses outing at Chinooks game. Spouses are free.

August 22 Grafton Lions Golf Outing

September 6 Board of Directors meeting

September 20 Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced

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October 20 Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced

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