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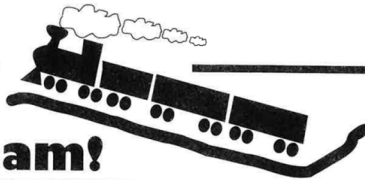
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Dear Fellow Lions,

Greetings Fellow Lions! August ALREADY! Where DOES the time go?! I hope that you are enjoying the summer with loved ones and are resting up for an exciting new Lions year. I don't have much to say this month – except to encourage you to enter this coming meeting year with renewed vigor and the “can do” spirit for which Grafton Lions are justly known. To that end, I offer the following for consideration. Not every point may be directly applicable to us but most of it is. Please consider your role in keeping us a “can do” club – and see you in September!

Lion President Rose Sauers

Join a Can Do Team!



CAN'T CAN

We've never done it before	We have the opportunity to be first
It's too complicated	Let's look at it from a different angle
We don't have the resources	Necessity is the Mother of Invention
It will never work	We'll give it a try
There's not enough time	We'll re-evaluate some priorities
We already tried it	We learned from the experience
There's no way it'll work	We can make it work
It's a waste of time	Think of the possibilities
It's a waste of money	The investment will be worth it
We don't have the expertise	Let's network with those who do
Our vendors won't go for it	Let's show them the opportunities
It's good enough	There is always room for improvement
We don't have enough money	Maybe there's something we can cut
We're understaffed	We're a lean, mean machine!
It will never fly	We'll never know until we try
We don't have the equipment	Maybe we can sub it out
It's not going to be any better	We'll try it one more time
It can't be done	It'll be a challenge
No one communicates	Let's open the channels
Isn't it time to go home?	Days go so quickly around here!
I don't have any idea	I'll come up with some alternatives
Let somebody else deal with it	I'm ready to learn something new
We're always changing direction	We're in touch with our customers
It's too radical a change	Let's take a chance
It takes too long for approval	We'll walk it through the system
Our customers won't buy it	We'll do better at educating them
It doesn't fit us	We should look at it
It's contrary to policy	Anything's possible
It's not my job	I'll be glad to take the responsibility
I CAN'T	I CAN!

Treasurer's Report

July 28, 2022

Administrative Account: \$8,299.46

- Administrative Checking Account Balance was \$15,801 at beginning of fiscal year.
- We paid semi-annual dues of \$1,831.08 to LCI
- We paid \$50 to Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce to participate in Lady's Night Out.
- We have 27 members who have not paid dues yet for 2022/2023

Activity Account: \$22,913.

- Profits after expenses for Chicken Roast was \$5632.
- Checking account balance at beginning of fiscal year was \$20,315.
- We have collected \$3,660 for the golf out from sponsorships, meal payments, and registration fees so far.
- We are now exempt from having to pay sales taxes to the state of Wisconsin.

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

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

Grafton Lions Present Awards

Grafton Lions presented two awards at their recent board of directors' induction ceremony. The recipients were Mike Hennig and John Krueger.

Melvin Jones Fellowship – The Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to Mike Hennig. Mike is currently the Grafton Lions Club Secretary and in charge of Food Donations. 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 recipient is selected by the club's Melvin Jones Committee. The club makes a contribution of \$1,000 in this person's honor or memory to the Lions Club International Foundation. LCIF mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Birch-Sturm Award – The Birch-Sturm Award was presented to John Krueger. John has been an active member of the Grafton Lions for many years and a past president. He is currently the club treasurer, in charge of the Grafton Flower Bed, and on the Golf Committee. The Birch-Sturm is the highest award given by the charitable arm of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. The recipient is selected by the club's Birch-Sturm committee. The club makes a contribution of \$1,000 in this person's honor to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, earmarking the donation to the Birch-Sturm fund.



Grafton Lions Appreciation Picnic

Each year the Grafton Lions have an Appreciation Picnic at Veteran's Park. All police, fire and EMT's are invited and are served a nice picnic lunch and each person attending receive a raffle prize donated by the Club members. The event was held on July 19th and a good turnout was achieved. It is the least our community can do to thank these wonderful people for keeping our citizens safe.



Centennial Park Concession Stand – Thursday Nights

The softball season is underway and so is Centennial Concessions.

There are openings in 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 needs one more person for Thursday, August 18th. Everyone who is already on the schedule-your help is certainly appreciated. To sign up please go to the signupgenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4ca8a928a6f49-lions4>.

Please be at Veterans at 5:30.

Lion Dan Ernst

Grafton Lions Club

Annual Spouse's or Significant Other's Outing

Deadline for sign-up has been extended

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 has been extended to August 1st. There will be no game day sales. Payment is made easy by clicking into the Club Square Payment site:

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

We look forward to seeing at the game

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



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Lion Terry Machut

The Grafton Lions Cocktail Tour

Due to a lack of ticket sales, the Grafton Lions Cocktails Tour committee has made the very tough decision to postpone the upcoming event. Even though most individuals thought that this concept was a great idea, they stated that they would be out of town or were participating at other events already. While we had enough volunteers, about half of our usual volunteers/actors had the same issue.

The script is ready and we have the actor spots filled. The committee will regroup and look at a better time of year to hold this event, probably in the Fall or Spring. We look forward to your participation at that time. Thank you for your interest so far. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions and/or suggestions. I can be reached at 262-506-4232.

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Grafton Lions Cocktails Tour Chair

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.

August Birthdays

Eric Oleson 2
 Susan Rieck 11
 Barry Boline 24
 Jack Reindl 30



Tom Krueger 7
 Dale Nauta 16
 Dale Wolf 24

LOOKING AHEAD



May 19 through August Centennial Park Adult Softball Concession Stand

July and August GALA concession stand at Veterans Park

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

October 6 Board of Directors meeting

October 20 Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced

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