

# Lions' Gazette

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## Prez Sez

**A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn.**

**Helen Keller**

I want to welcome you, my fellow Lions, to a new year of fellowship and service. Last year brought many changes and challenges to our club. Lost members, reduced revenue, new ways of doing things, adjustment to a post-Covid reality – mere bumps in the road. Change is difficult. What has NOT changed is our mission and motto, as part of the world's largest service organization: "We Serve". Our Grafton Lions Club, one of 48,000 clubs around the world, will continue to serve our community and beyond. With that in mind, let us forge ahead to make this a fun and fruitful year the way only we Lions can! I am honored to serve with each and every one of you!

***ROAR!!!!!!!!***

Lion President Rose Sauers

# **Treasurer's Report**

**September 2, 2022**

Administrative Account: \$8,264

- Administrative Checking Account Balance was \$15,801 at beginning of fiscal year.

Activity Account: \$31,056

- Checking account balance at beginning of fiscal year was \$20,315.
- Profit from Golf outing is \$11,642. A couple of outstanding bills for printing.
- Combined profits from Gala and Centennial Park Concessions are \$5,950.
- \$10,000 transferred to Grafton Lions Foundation Checking.

Contingency Savings Account: \$16,101.24. \$10,000 transferred to Grafton Lions Foundation Savings account

Grafton Lions Foundation

- \$4,733 in Foundation Checking after paying several bills related to Golf Outing.

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

## **Vision Screening**

On Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Grafton Lions did vision screening at the Grafton School District. We screened 546 children in grades K3 through 10<sup>th</sup> grade. K3-K5 children were screened using the both Plus-Optix and the Spot machines. I would like to thank all of the Lions that helped with the screening; Shelley Blank, Dave Burkhardt, Dennis Corrigan (Cedarburg), Dan Ernst, John Gassert, Mike Hennig, Lois Klotka, John Krueger, Bob Lauer, Paul Lazzari (Cedarburg), Mark Leonardelli (Cedarburg), Ralph Luedtke (Port Washington), Dale Nauta, Rose Sauers, Peter Trimberger, and Doug Yip (Cedarburg). We will be going back to Woodview and Kennedy schools to screen anyone that still needs to be screened. We will also be going to St. Josephs School as well as Our Savior Lutheran School to do vision screening. I will keep my screeners posted as to when the screenings will take place. If you are not on my list of screeners and would like to be, let me know and I will add you to the list.

I am a certified vision screening trainer for District 27-A2, so I will be having a training, hopefully, sometime in September. If you are interested in being trained on both the charts and the machines, watch for the training date.

We will once again have the opportunity to help the District vision screen in Milwaukee. Watch for those dates if you would like to help.

Lion Darrel Blank

## Grafton Lions Officers 2022-2023



The Grafton Lions pictured above were installed at the June Membership meeting.

Pictured from left to right are Lion John Krueger, Treasurer, Lion Dave Antoine, Marketing Chair, Lion Jack Reindl, Director, Lion Darrell Blank, Membership Chairman, Lion Rose Sauers, Club President, Carrie Buri, Second Vice President and Program Chairman, Lion Steve Nauta, Leo Club Liaison, Lion Mile Henning, Secretary, and Lion Slava Krol, Zone Chairman

Missing from photo are Lion John Gassert, Communications Chairman and Director, Lion Bob Lauer, Tail Twister, Lion Dan McKelvey, Director, Lion Tim Kohlwey, First Vice President, Lion Al Richards, Lion Tamer and Lion David Liss, Director,

## September Tail Twister

As in the past a food donation will exempt you from the rath of the Tail Twister. If you do not bring a food to the meeting, be prepared to make a \$1.00 donation. All donations will go to a non-profit organization.

Submitted by Lion Tail Twister Bob Lauer

## **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing**

The 24th annual Lions Golf Outing was again a huge success thanks to a great weather day and all the hard work by the entire Golf Committee, day-of-event volunteers, and Committee Co-Chair Dan Hubacek. Even before the 'event' a total of \$9,000 in sponsorship contributions was raised from 60 sponsors - including \$8,000 cash and \$1,000 in-kind services. In addition, over 40 persons and/or businesses donated raffle & silent auction items with a combined value in excess of \$4,000. A total of 79 golfers participated this year which is one shy of capacity. After remaining invoices (expenses) are received and final numbers tallied the net income for the event should again exceed \$10,000. Another successful Lions fundraiser with special thanks to all of the sponsors, raffle prize donators and the venue host, Edgewater Golf Course.

Tom Krueger  
Committee Co-Chair

## **Lions Centennial Park Concession Stand Summary**

Despite only serving concessions one night a week, Centennial Concessions was very successful. Thanks to everyone who volunteered "to serve" this year!

Two nights during the season we grilled and sold hamburgers. The Senior Softball League appreciates it and they are very supportive of the Grafton Lions Club. That was evident on the last night of the season. We served 97 hamburgers and took in over \$900 that night. For the season we cleared almost \$4,000!!!

Thanks again to everyone who volunteered for Centennial Concessions!!! We are looking forward to next season.

Centennial Concession Co-Chairs,  
Lion Mark Koehler  
Lion Steve Nauta

## **GALA**

Our GALA for this year is over. Thank you to the Lions who volunteered their help and to the Leo's as well. I also want to thank Lion Dale Nauta for his financial reporting help, and Lion Steve Nauta for ordering some of the soda and beer. The official tip results for 2022 are:

1. Freed, Malloy,Duncombe	\$93.00
2. Buri,Montaine	\$66.00
3. Brown, Sauer	\$62.35
4. Richards,Pampe	\$55.00
5. Johnson,Henning	\$48.00
6. Krol,Leo's	\$52.77
7. Krueger,Trimberger	\$40.00

Thank you to everyone for making this a successful GALA season.

Lion Dan Ernst  
Grafton Lions Club

## **Kayak & Canoe Launch Installed at Grafton Lions Park**

Great news! The Kayak & Canoe launch was installed on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The river cruisers will love this new addition to Grafton Lions Park. Parks and Rec along with Public Works set it up. As you can see by the photos, it is a large floating dock with an attached front section for kayaks and canoes to enter and exit their boats. It is made of heavy-duty synthetic plastic. It is secured to the shoreline by two pipes holding it in place. This addition to the park is part of the club's \$50,000.00 commitment to add an exercise station, kayak & canoe launch, cement patio next to the pavilion, more tables and benches. Check it out.

On a side note, our four new trees, planted in June are all doing very well. Each has a green water drip bag attached.

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-Park Chr.



### **The Lions Park Kayak & Canoe Launch**

## **Kudos to Fellow Lions**

The Ozaukee Nonprofit Center held its “Ozaukee Impact Awards” on August 18th. This awards ceremony celebrated individuals, groups, and companies that epitomized the spirit of giving in 2022. We are fortunate to have a member of our Lions Club who was nominated as a Volunteer of the Year. That Lion is Dave Antoine. The award “recognizes a volunteer who consistently went above and beyond this year in lending their time and expertise to a nonprofit organization.”

Dave volunteers in many ways. Not only is he Marketing Chairman for the Grafton Lions Club, he serves as chairman of the Grafton Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, he is the VP of the Grafton Historical Society, he is a board member and secretary for Ozaukee Family Services, and he serves Grafton as a Village Trustee. Additionally, Dave sends out the communications for the Ozaukee Master Gardeners and he is on the Advisory Board of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. “Dave gives his time willingly and his efforts are met with great success.”

Congratulations Dave!

## September Birthdays

Lisa DeLorit 1  
John Krueger 21  
John Gassert 24  
Polly Partain 29



Jeff Schoen 14  
Renee Boos 22  
Scott Zimmermann 28

## LOOKING AHEAD



September 6	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
September 20	Membership Meeting – Melissa Drews, Program Director-Ozaukee Division, Sirona Recovery
October 4	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
October 18	Membership Meeting – Chief of Police, Jeff Caponera He will be sharing news regarding the new K-9 unit.
November 1	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
November 15	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced
December 6	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
December 20	Annual Christmas Party?
January 3	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
January 17	Annual Christmas Party?

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