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Felicitations, Fellow Lions!

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are gearing up for the delights of Christmas and Hanukkah, soon to be upon us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 17(!) Lions and one Leo, Trevor Nauta (in the Lion suit!), who joined me this past Saturday at the Grafton Christmas Parade. The spectacular weather brought the crowd out in force. A special shout out to Lions Slava Kroll and Bob Lauer for coordinating the candy supply. Sadly, and traditionally, we ran out of candy before the end of the parade – so we will have to make contingency plans for next year.

Just a reminder that we will not have a traditional meeting this month but please plan to join us for a special Holiday dinner, December 6 – details coming to an email inbox near you soon!

‘Twas The Night Before Christmas: A Visit From A Lion

‘Twas the night before Christmas,
And all through the world,
Blindness and eye disease
Plagued boys and girls.
The Lions Club International
Made it their mission,
To care and to serve and
Restore loss of vision.
With your donation of spectacles,
No longer needed,
The Lions will reuse them.
The mission they’ve heeded.
Once Christmas is over,
The glasses we’ll share
With those whose vision
Is dim and impaired.
We thank you for helping
And doing what’s right.
Merry Christmas to all
And to all GOOD SIGHT!

(much as I would love to take credit for the above, credit goes to the anonymous Tionesta, Pennsylvania Lion who posted it online)

Wishing you and your loved ones much Holiday cheer!

Lion President Rose Sauers

Treasurer's Report

December 1, 2022

Administrative Account: \$10,150.95

- We have deposited \$1,290 in payments toward dinners at the Christmas Party
- We deposited \$601 in payments for dinner at 11/15/22 meeting with raffles.
- We paid \$496 to Prime Minister for meals at meeting on 11/15/2022

Activity Account: \$256.27 Unchanged

Contingency Savings Account: \$101.24 Unchanged

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$26,000 Unchanged

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$25,269.63

- We paid \$1,885 for purchase of nuts for nut sale
- We deposited \$1837 from sale of nuts. We are currently at -\$48.50 for the nut sale.
- We made donations to Rose Harms Legion Post 355 for \$400 to sponsor a student for Badger Boys Club.
- We donated \$1000 to Leader Dogs for the blind
- We donated \$1000 to Big Bothers Big Sisters.
- We donated \$1000 to Advocates of Ozaukee County
- We donated \$1000 to Family Sharing.

Leos Account: \$279.41

\$25 deposited from donation of 50/50 winnings at last meeting.

December Tail Twister

Going forward, Lion Dennis Pampel will be the Tail Twister. Lion Bob Lauer is stepping aside. 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 and Future Lion Tail Twister Dennis Pampel

Vision Screening

Well, we have been vision screening in Milwaukee since the middle of October. We have two schools to do this week and two days in December. By the time we are done in December we will have done vision screening at 20 schools and screened about 4000 children. In Milwaukee, the referral rate is 30-40%, the normal rate of referral is in the 10-15% range. Hopefully, we will be done vision screening in Milwaukee, at least until spring. District wide there have been over 8000 children screened.

There have been about 10-12 club members that have helped to do the screening. I would name them, but I would certainly forget someone, but I would like to say thank you to those that have helped. Thank you to Bob Lauer for filling in for me when I am unable to make it. We have also had help from the Port Washington Lions, Cedarburg Lions, Thiensville-Mequon Lions and we also had a Wauwatosa Lion help us. This is truly a multi-club effort, and it doesn't happen without the work of PDG Bob Gosewehr contacting the schools and arranging the dates.

If anyone is interested in helping, please let me know and I will add you to the list. I will also direct you to the training website.

Thank you, Lion Darrel Blank

Lions Corneal Tissue Transport Updates

November 1st-10th turned out to be a moderately successful transport time for our group. While I'm sure all of you would have like to have an opportunity to do a transport, we did have more transports than at any time over the last two years. One new Lion got to experience a run and several the runs had multiple containers. We had two deliveries to St. Luke's that resulted in transplants and gifts of sight.

There are some changes in our assigned times going into 2023. We have been moved from July to June 1st to the 10th. This keeps us clear of the 4th of July and many of the vacation conflicts we have run into. This time period ends on the Saturday before our chicken roast and while we will be doing setup it should be workable. Then in 2024 we will be assigned February and October both involving the first ten days. While February is a cold weather time it does present a better time for some of our "snowbirds" who are gone in March. October keeps us in warmer weather and away from Daylight Savings so we should have all daylight driving times.

Thanks again to you for your service and we all continue to look forward to helping in giving the gift of sight.

Happy Holidays,

Lion Jack Reindl

Annual Grafton Christmas Parade



Grafton Lions set up the Nativity Scene

Each year for over 25 years the Grafton Lions set up the Nativity Scene at a local business in Downtown Grafton. The set-up occurs the week before the Annual Holiday Events take place. Pictured on the photo are from left to right Lion Bob Lauer, Treasurer, Lion John Krueger, Membership/LCIF coordinator, Lion Darrell Blank and Lion Ed Schmidt.



2022 Breakfast with Santa

The Grafton Leo's Club were an integral part of making the 2022 Breakfast with Santa a big success. The Leo's helped serve a breakfast of pancakes, sausages, apple sauce and beverage. Some of the Leo's also wore costume characters in the 42nd Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 26th. It's always nice to see the younger generation volunteering to make an event a success. Thank you for all you do!



Grafton LEOs manning the Red Kettles for the Salvation Army



Thank you for all the community service the Grafton Leo's have been sharing this past month.

They have been manning the Red Kettles for the Salvation Army at the Grafton Pick n' Save many Friday and Saturday Evenings.

Leo's from Left to Right are Braden Meyer, VP of the Grafton Leo's Club and Trevor Nauta, Leo's Club President.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIONS PARK

Winter is approaching and the Grafton Park and Rec Dept. and the Public Works Dept. have been very busy. The public restroom (photo) has been shut down for the season. The Canoe and Kayak Launch has been checked over to be sure it is stabilized. This recent gift to the Park from our Club will remain in the water all the time. The synthetic professional grade materials used in producing this launch allows it to remain outside. Hats off to the Park and Rec. Dept for cleaning up our four flower beds (photo). They were raked, weeded, and trimmed and are now ready for next spring. One thing for sure, the park will not go to sleep. Many people are using the walkways. The kids are still playing at the playground during weather and once we have snow, the kids will be sledding down the hill.

We consider Lions Park the gem in the Village of Grafton's Park system. Take some time to visit the park. You will see what I mean. Enjoy your park.

Dave Mauer, Park Chair



Kudos to Fellow Lions

Kudos to **Lion Sean Fahey** for being selected as the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce **Chamber President**. The month of November was a very busy month for the Chamber. Starting with National Food Bank Day on Tuesday, November 1st. this was followed by National STEM/STEAM Day, Veterans Day, World Kindness Day, National Entrepreneurs' Day, National Philanthropy Day, the Community Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa, the Grafton Christmas Parade, Small Business Saturday, and finally Giving Tuesday. The Grafton Lions participated in many of these events. Thank you, Lion Sean, for your leadership in making these events successful!

If you know of an accomplishment of one of your fellow Lions, please let me know so I can cheer them on!

December Birthdays

Jeff	Meyers	4
Collin	Schaefer	6
Steve	Nauta	8
Ken	Salmon	12



Cary	Kraemer	6
Dan	Montaine	7
Dan	McKelvey	12
Sean	Fahey	27

LOOKING AHEAD



December 6	Annual Christmas Party – Theme to be determined
December 20	No Membership Meeting
January 3	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
January 17	Membership Meeting - Speaker to be announced.
February 7	Board of Directors meeting and Annual Outstanding Citizenship Awards
February 21	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced.
March 7	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
March 21	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced.
April 4	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
April 18	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced.

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