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Greetings, Fellow Lions!

Welcome to March, when snow season gradually gives way to mud season. Yet Spring is just around the corner bringing its lovely season of rebirth. Grafton Lions had much to celebrate this past February: the induction of two new members, Lions Matt Demler and Jan Teuscher; a terrific District Convention that saw awards given to Lions Darrel Blank and Slava Krol (who was elected our next Second Vice District Governor!) and a touching Necrology Service that allowed us to bid a final Farewell to Lion Dan Harris; and finally, we capped off the month by granting our Citizenship Awards to four fine, young Grafton students – Bella Boiland, Jordan Guerra, Amanda Hoenecke, and James Rhines. Congratulations! We have much to look forward to in the coming months as well, including the return of our 9 Pin Tap Tournament on April 1 (thank you, Lion Lois Klotka for taking up this challenge). I can't say it enough: Grafton Lions are *WONDERFUL* Lions! Thank you all!

May the luck of the Irish be with you all month long!

Lion President Rose O'Sauers



Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report

February 28, 2023

Administrative Account: \$5,819.19

- We paid \$710.40 to Bunker's Restaurant for member's dinners at Citizenship Awards meeting.
- We collected \$775 from members for dinner at Awards Dinner.
- We deposited \$225 from cash raffle winning at District Convention for Leos and Lions.
- We deposited \$130 from raffles and 50/50 at Awards Dinner.
- We spent \$54.20 for flowers for Maddie Boline.
- We spent \$45 for shirts and name tag for a new member
- We paid Lois Klotka \$65.41 to re-imburse for face signs of Slava Krol at the District Convention.

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$26,097.21

- Unchanged

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$9,876.89

- We deposited \$120 from Badger Optical as a donation to 9 pin tap bowling
- We paid \$266.40 to Bunker's Restaurant for meals to 12 guests including Citizenship Awards recipients and their parents.

Leos Account: \$1,046.21

- Unchanged

Committee meetings:

Chicken Roast Committee will meet on March 7th

9-Pin Tap bowling Tournament

Don't forget to sign up for the April 1st Bowling event at Harbor Hills Lanes. Please use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4fabab2dab9-9pintap#/>

If you would like to help sell 50/50 raffle tickets or Prize raffle tickets do let Lois Klotka know.

March Tail Twister

Keeping with tradition a food donation will exempt you from the wrath of the Tail Twister. If you do not bring a food item to the meeting, please be prepared to make a \$1.00 donation. All donations will go to a non-profit organization.

P.S. I will be out of town for the March 7th Lions meeting but please feel free to bring food items, they are certainly appreciated. Perhaps a kind-hearted Lion will take those donations to Family Sharing or hold them for me at the March 21st meeting.

Submitted by Lion Tail Twister Dennis Pampel

Grafton Lions Induct a New Member

The Grafton Lions inducted another new member, Eric Wall, to our club and we would like to welcome him. We look forward to working with you and getting to know you and becoming part of the Grafton Lions Family. Congratulations.

From left to right Lion President Rose Sauers, Past District Governor, Lion Dan Montaine, Eric Wall, and Sponsor Lion Brad Diamond.



Grafton LEOs

At the February 7th Grafton Lions Membership Meeting, three Grafton LEOs presented a program on the many things they do in the community. Each year they put up a sign with a wrecked car warning of not drinking, driving and texting, costume characters in the Christmas Parade, sell nuts at the Lions Nut Sale, serve pancakes at the annual Breakfast With Santa before the Holiday Parade as well as volunteering to be Bell Ringers at the Salvation Army Red Kettles. These are just a few of the many activities this group of young men and women, who are the future, contribute to our community.



From left to right is Lion Rusty Meyer, Grafton High School LEO Advisor, Leo Club President, Trevor Nauta, 2nd Vice President, Keegan Vaculik and 1st Vice President, Braden Meyer

Thank You, Fellow Lions,

A thank you goes out to all the Lions who were able to attend our latest meeting and share in congratulating our Grafton Citizenship recipients. It was a special night for them and their parents.

We have received a number of recognition posts on the social media sites. It's great that our community acknowledges the fact that we as Lions are recognizing the contributions our students are making in our community. It is why living in Grafton is so special.

Thank you again for attending and sharing in a special evening.
Lion Dorothy

Honoring Our Student Citizenship Winners

The Grafton Lions Club recognized four outstanding Grafton High School Students at its February 21, 2023 membership meeting that was held at the Edgewater Golf Club in Grafton. Lions Citizenship Award Plaques were presented to Grafton High School Seniors Bella Boiland, Jordan Guerra, James Rhines, and Amanda Hoenecke. These students are involved in many activities such as Grafton Leo's Club, Best Buddies, Sports, Student Council, Work Camp, Kapco Toy Drive and Church Choir to name a few. The awards are given for advancing the community through the highest standard of character, integrity and community service. The students are nominated from letters of recommendation from Grafton High School Teaching staff or other students.



Pictured from left to right are Grafton Lions President, Rose Sauers, Bella Boiland, Jordan Guerra, James Rhines, and Amanda Hoenecke.

What's Happening at Lions Park

I took a walk through the park during one of our warm spells and checked the 40 plus trees for problems. I am pleased to say they are doing well. No deer damage that I could see or any diseases. With that said, I will take a pause on adding more trees for 2023. I have received a few comments that we had enough trees in the park. Others say, we could still add a few more. This coming spring, I will walk through the park again looking for leaf buds and evidence of healthy trees. If needed, we will offer the opportunity to purchase a tree in 2024.

If you still want to purchase a tree as a memorial or a special occasion, we can still do that this spring. Let me know.

The Park can always use park benches or tables. The benches are now over \$700.00 and tables \$1000.00 to \$1500.00. A little pricey, but will last a long time and meet the requirements of the Park standards. Call or email me with questions. Enjoy the best park in the Village.

Dave Mauer
Lions Park Chair

Grafton LEOs

The Grafton LEO's had twelve students, along with MR. Meyer, attend the District Convention for the Saturday workshop.

The workshop consisted of:

- Involvement in the Opening Flag Ceremony of the convention
- A presentation from Lion BJ Blahnik and his leader dog, Jackson.
- Team building session with Carl the Energizer
- A service project of putting hygiene supplies in glass cases. Approx. 250 completed by the group.

It was great to have such a good turn out from the Grafton Leo's and a valuable experience!

Lion Steve Nauta



Kudos to Fellow Lions

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

March Birthdays

Mike Karrels 11th
Dennis Johnson 16th
Ken George 29th



Peter Trimberger 15th
David Liss 20th

LOOKING AHEAD



March 7	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
March 21	Membership Meeting – Grafton Chief of Police Jeff Caponera.
April 4	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
April 18	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced.
May 2	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
May 16	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced.
June 6	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting
June 20	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced.

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