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Prez Sez

A Solemn Duty and Honor

Remembered Still

To save the world, but many died
A moment stolen for a tear,
As we recall those unlived years.

The camaraderie that flew those souls back home to those they knew,
And loved them dear and held them close
But for our sakes released to foes
The silence that they leave behind

Is space to calm the troubled minds of those they loved –
And can't rewind.
Again this day we give our thanks
For those returned from serving ranks
And them 'as gave it all away
Forever in our minds will stay.

~~ Ernie Rowe

Hello, Fellow Lions:

The American Legion Hall that is home to our Lions Club is named in part for 1st Lt. Roy C. Harms, the first resident of Grafton to die in WW2, when the B-24 he was piloting was shot down during a bombing raid over Romania in 1943. His remains were positively identified just last year. Now, eighty years after his passing, 1st Lt. Harms will finally rest at home in Grafton. We Grafton Lions have been asked to recognize 1st Lt. Harms' service and sacrifice by lining the route within Woodlawn Cemetery on May 6 as he is laid to rest in the village he loved. This is indeed a solemn duty and honor, and it is my hope that ALL Lions who are able will join us in full Lions regalia to pay tribute to this fallen son of Grafton. In preparation, Allen Buchholz, local historian and vice president of the Ozaukee County Historical Society, will at our May 2nd meeting, present a program documenting the events that led up to this landmark ceremony. Please plan on attending!

Prez Sez Continued

On a lighter note... I would like to thank Lion Darrel Blank and all the Lions who participated in last Saturday's membership drive at AM Coffee. While I was unable to attend, my understanding is that this was a wildly successful event that netted much interest in our club. Several of these potential members plan to attend our May 2nd meeting, so please make them welcome!

Yours in Service!

Lion President Rose Sauers

Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report

April 25, 2023

Administrative Account: \$5,721.58

We paid Bloomin Olive \$62.75 for flowers for Bob Hoffman following his surgery.

We deposited \$314 from meals and raffles after the meeting on April 18.

We paid Prime Minister \$511.50 for 33 meals at the meeting on April 18.

We deposited \$45 dollars in payment for a vest for Lion Jan Tuescher.

We paid Belgium Lions \$150 for meals for 6 Grafton Lions at Region Meeting on 4/20 and collected \$60 from the 6 Lions who attended.

We paid AM coffee \$46.93 for coffee at the recruitment event on 4/22.

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$26,097.21

No Change

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$13,908.45

We received \$120 for K Comfort for Lane Sponsorship at our 9-Pin Tab bowling event.

We deposited \$300 from sale of cash raffle tickets for the Grafton Lions Chicken Roast.

We donated \$258 for the zone project to All My Friends, Inc. for 3 emergency back packs for children with Autism.

Leos Account: \$1,148.

No change.

Centennial Park Concession Stand

Softball season is right around the corner and the Lions will once again be running the concession stand at Centennial Park. The first date we need volunteers is Thursday, May 25th. Games will take place until late August. There are only games on Thursday nights. We are looking for two (2) Lions each Thursday night because it is a busy night.

This is a great fundraiser for our club and gives us an opportunity to live out our mission: **To Serve!**

The Centennial Park Concession Co-Chairs will provide on the job training for all first-time workers as well as remedial training as needed. You need to be at the park by 6:00 p.m. and may be there until 10:00 p.m. depending on the number of games. You do NOT need to pick up the cash bag and keys. One of the Co-Chairs will open the stand and have everything you need. One of the Co-Chairs will also close up the stand and take the money. All you need to do is show up at the park!!!

Volunteer signup is done online using Signup Genius. You can refer to the Signup Genius website to see when you volunteer. You will receive an e-mail reminder a week before your scheduled time.

Here is the link to the Signup Genius web site.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4CA8A928A6F49-lions5>

Co-Chair Lion Mark Koehler - (262) 957-7594

Co-Chair Lion Steve Nauta - (414) 791-7748

Committee meetings:

Chicken Roast Committee will meet on May 2nd.

9-Pin Tap bowling Tournament

Thank you, Lion Lois Klokta, for running a successful 9-Pin Tap Bowling Tournament

May 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.

Submitted by Lion Tail Twister Dennis Pampel

Lions Eye Tissue Transport Time

Our club is assigned for the **first ten days of June** this year. This is our only assigned time in 2023. If you are interested in being a part of this great service project let me know prior to May 7th. You will need to have a working email and cell phone.

I will be getting an email out to our present team members in early May asking for their availability to participate in this project. Keep in mind that June 10th is our Annual Chicken Roast and we will need to avoid any conflicts here. I will build a grid as in the past based on the availability of our members.

We saw an increase in transports last time we were assigned, and June could be heavier than over the first ten days of July.

My cell phone and email will be the same as in the past.

This is a great opportunity to participate in a truly great service project.

Thanks for your service.

Lion Jack

Cell 262-2127-5013 Email jador71@att.net

Chicken Roast/Dinner

Chicken Roast Tickets

There are now Grafton Chicken Roast Tickets available. The event is at the Veterans Park in Grafton, June 11th. The chicken roast tickets will feature Rupena's Chicken, German Potato Salad, Roll&Butter, Coleslaw and Dessert for \$16 Advance and \$17 the day of. There are also a Hot Dog Meal with a Hot Dog, Chips, Dessert, and Milk for \$8.

Tickets can be gotten from Ace Hardware, K-Comfort, Cornerstone Bank, or Port Washington Bank here in Grafton. Tickets can be gotten from Dan Ernst at any meeting. Pre-payment is needed so we can keep track of how many tickets are out since we are only selling 1,000 tickets this year.

Annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing

At this point the basics/FYI are as follows:

- 25th Annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing (a special anniversary event/fundraiser for our club). The event is open to the public and of course any and all Lions Club members.
- Location again will be at Edgewater Golf Club; a 9 Hole event and the 4th consecutive year with venue location at EGC.

- Date of event will be Monday, August 21, 2023. Please save the date to join the Lions for a fun day of golf or just the evening awards dinner and raffles.
- Raffle item donations are always welcomed and will be accepted at any time up until the date of the event.
- Look for further details and information coming forth in the next month or two.
- Committee Co-Chairs are Lion Mike Donohue & Lion Eric Oleson.

Lion Tom Krueger
Golf Committee-Fundraising

Dues

Increase Starting with the next Lionistic year the Grafton Lions will increase dues to \$85 per year. Lions International will be increasing dues \$7 over the next three years. That combined with the fact that the District raised dues \$3 three years ago, it necessitated an increase in our dues of \$10. The board voted on this at the March BOD meeting. Rather than raise our dues incrementally over the next couple of years, it was determined it would be best to do one increase this year. This will allow us to recoup the increase by the District that we did not pass along at that time.

Lion Darrel Blank
Membership Chair

Vision Screening

After helping Cedarburg with vision screening on April 27th, we should be done for the year. It has been a very busy year, starting with the Grafton Schools in August. We then started vision screening at the schools in Milwaukee, averaging about two per week into December. After about a month and a half break, we started in Milwaukee again in February and did about one per week finishing with helping Cedarburg do four schools. In total, we screened about 6000 children throughout the year. It is truly a group effort screening in Milwaukee. We have Lions from Grafton, Cedarburg, Thiensville-Mequon, and Port Washington helping. I would like to thank all of the Grafton Lions that helped with the screenings. I would list them, but I know I would forget someone. We can take a breather for now and look forward to vision screening in the Grafton Schools in August. If anyone would like to be included and help with vision screening, let me know. There is some online training you can do to become certified, but is not necessary to help us.

Lion Darrel Blank
Vision Screening Chair

Ray Hempel Fellowships

The Grafton Lions Club presented the Ray Hempel Fellowship Award to Lion Robert (Bob) Lauer for the impact that he has made for the Grafton Lions Club, the Grafton Community, Lions District MD27-A2 and Lions Multiple District 27 (State of Wisconsin). Lion Bob was honored at the Grafton Lions Club and will be further honored at the Annual Recognition Banquet.

Presenting the award was Lion Darrel Blank, Immediate Past President of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. This award is given in honor of Ray Hempel, who is recognized as the originator of the Wisconsin Lions Camp that has touched the lives of tens of thousands of children and adults with special needs.



Kudos to Fellow Lions

Congratulations to Dave Antoine, Tom Krueger, and Paul Lorge, for being named an “Outstanding Public Servant” by the Grafton Chamber! Dave will be honored at an awards reception on 5/17. Click here for more information:

[2023 Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Awards Reception \(constantcontact.com\)](http://constantcontact.com)

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

May Birthdays

Ed Schmidt 2nd
 Dave Engstrom 5th
 Darrel Blank 8th
 Dorothy Reindl 14th
 Dan Delorit 21st



Jim Brown 4th
 Mark Koehler 7th
 Brad Diamond 10th
 Dave Mauer 16th
 Dennis Pempel 24th

LOOKING AHEAD



Centennial Park starts Thursday, May 25th and Gala Starts Soon

May 2 Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting. Guest Speaker is Allen Buchholz, 1st VP Ozaukee County Historical Society, will be present a program on Grafton native and World War II hero 1st Lt. Roy Harms.

May 16 Membership Meeting – Annual Scholarship Awards.

June 6 Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting

June 11 Annual Chicken Dinner at Veterans Park, Grafton

June 20 Membership Meeting – Annual Awards Banquet.

July 18 Grafton Firefighter and Police Picnic

August 21 Grafton Lions Golf Outing at Edgewater

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