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Greetings Grafton Lions,

Welcome to August. It's fair time hopefully you get the opportunity to enjoy the Ozaukee County Fair or the Wisconsin State Fair.

We had 27 First Responders, and a good number of Lions attend our picnic. All seemed to have a good time. The First Responders were thankful for the recognition, food, and raffle prizes.

Thanks to Lion Al Richard for putting this together and the fellow Lions for the raffle prizes. If you were unable to attend this year, try to make it next year it is worth your time to show support for the job the First Responders do.

We will start meeting again in September please plan to attend on the 5th and the 19th. Your comments, questions and ideas are always welcome.

Try to stay cool.

Lion Tim Kohlwey

Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report

July 27, 2023

Administrative Account: \$8,215.69

- We paid \$50 to register for Chamber of Commerce Ladies Night Out scheduled 8/1/2023
- We paid \$1,997.60 to LCI for semi-annual membership dues.
- We paid \$205 to have membership brochures printed to be available for Ladies Night Out

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$26,097.21 - No Change

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$21,882.03

- We are showing a positive balance of \$1,547 thus far for Gala.
- The Grafton Lions 5K Run/Walk has \$3,500 collected in sponsorships thus far.
- The Grafton Lions Golf Outing has collected \$3,650 in sponsorships thus far.

Leos Account: \$1,137.38 - Unchanged.

2023 Ladies Night Out

On August 1st, join your fellow Lady Lions in Downtown Grafton, at the 2023 Ladies Night Out- All-American Girl! Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. at Veterans Park. Visit booths from various businesses from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Enjoy LIVE music throughout the downtown, a 50/50 raffle, a photo booth to show off your patriotic pride, and a country fashion show at 7:30 in the 1505 Plaza! You can [register for the event by clicking here](#).

The Grafton Lions will have a table where you can tell Grafton and the world about the service we Lions do for the community. It is also a great opportunity to recruit new members. Lion Carrie Buri has been helping to man the table. Please contact Lion Carrie (babytourist@mail.com) if you have questions or can help, preferably Lady Lions.



First Responders Appreciation Picnic

As in years past, the Grafton Lions have hosted First Responders Appreciation Picnic. The picnic was held on Tuesday, July 18th at Veteran's Park. Fire and EMT's are invited and are served a nice picnic dinner and each attendee receive a raffle prize donated by the Grafton Lions Club members. Many members were there for this fun evening to meet and thank these special people for all they do to keep our community safe.



Grafton Lions Significant Others Picnic

The Grafton Lions Significant Others Picnic will be at Veterans Park in Grafton on Tuesday, August 15th. Fellowship will start at 530PM with dinner at 630PM. The cost is \$17 for the member. Each significant other will get a raffle ticket. Please bring a prize for the raffle. I look forward to seeing everyone at this mingling event to thank those that have supported our efforts.

Please RSVP to Brad Diamond if you are attending.
(braddiamond@mindspring.com / 262-506-4232)

Lion Brad Diamond

5K run/walk Diabetes Awareness

The Grafton Lions 5K Walk/Run is scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at 9 AM starting at Grafton Lions Park on Keup Road. This is a new fundraiser for us, and we hope to make this one of our major fundraisers on an annual basis. However, we need to have some success this first year to build on for subsequent years. This is also an excellent way to show Lionism to the community doing something for a cause that is really important and impactful.

I am hoping to get as much participation from our own Lions and family members as possible and to have our Lions spread the word among family and friends. Thus far, only 19 people are signed up. I would like to have at least 200 participants to cover administrative costs and make a reasonable profit.

We are using the proceeds to support our own charitable donations along with 50% of the proceeds going directly to Wisconsin Lions Camp for children to attend who have diabetes. Sign up is online at <https://runsignup.com/Graftonlions5Krunwalk> or access through Grafton Lions website. Volunteers can also sign up at this website. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on August 12.

John Krueger
Chairperson for the Grafton Lions 5K Run/Walk

Centennial Park Concession Stand – Thursday Nights

We are having a very successful year with Centennial Concessions thus far. All volunteer spots for August are covered, thank you. To maximize our profits, we are serving popcorn and hot dogs. Volunteers, all you need to do is show up at Centennial Park by 6:00 p.m. One of the Co-Chairs will open and close the stand.

Thank you for helping us with this fundraiser and carrying out the Lion's mission *To Serve*.

You can check the sign-up at the link below to verify your date and time.

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

Co-Chair Lion Mark Koehler
Co-Chair Lion Steve Nauta

Annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing 8-21-23

The **25th Annual Grafton Lions golf outing/fundraiser** is coming up fast! The event will be held on August 21st – a Monday at Edgewater Golf Club with a 9-hole semi ‘shot gun’ start beginning at 1:00 pm.

Save the date and make plans now to join us for the afternoon or even just for dinner if possible. The event is completely ‘open to the public’ so your foursomes can include family, friends and co-workers; or sign up individually and we’ll pair you with other ‘free agent’ golfers. Get your team registrations in early by or before August 7th if possible! And please help spread the word in order to increase participation and the overall success of this Lion’s fundraiser.

A registration form is included with this newsletter and can be found at the Grafton Lion’s website www.graftonlions.com on the front page or by contacting Committee Co-Chair Mike Donahue at mdonahue@donahuecpa.biz.

In addition, we are always looking for additional event sponsors and for donations of raffle prizes. Sponsor/donation forms are also available for your use at the Lion’s website or by contacting Lion Mike Donahue or Lion Eric Oleson. Thanks in advance for your support of this fun event and we hope to see many of you on August 21.

Lion Mike Donahue Golf Outing Co-Chair
Lion Eric Oleson Golf Outing Co-Chair

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

Did you know this about Grafton Lions Park?

The land, 16 acres, was once part of the Kohlwey Homestead on Keup Road, bordered by Cedar Creek and Hwy 60. In early 2000, The Village of Grafton purchased this property from the Kohlwey family. The Village of Grafton intended to use this land as a Park. The development cost for this new park project came in at \$300,000.00. The sources for funding came from the State of Wisconsin - \$150,000.00, The Village of Grafton - \$75,000.00 and the sale of name rights - \$75,000.00.

In late 2004, the Grafton Lions Club was made aware of the naming rights opportunity. In early 2005, the Club approved buying those rights and committed \$75,000.00 over a 15 year period, towards the purchase of the naming rights. To get the Club's approval, it was agreed that this fund raising effort would remain separate from all other annual Club fund donations to worthy causes. With that agreement in place, the Club signed the Village note. In 18 months, 75,000.00 was raised.

In late 2006, the Grafton Lions Club was approached by the Village to purchase playground equipment for the new Lions Park at a cost of \$50,000.00. Our Club again came forward and committed to raise \$50,000.00 over a 10 year period. The 10 year note was paid off in 4 years. In the summer of 2010, our Club agreed to help the Village construct a new pavilion for the Park. The effort got started in Fall with our Club raising \$8,150.00, plus two of our Club members provided an In-Kind donation architectural services from their company, New Horizon Ventures. The Village took care of the cement slab, block, electrical and water connections. 38 members of our club donated all the carpentry work, roofing, installing the lighting and painting. Heavy lifting equipment was donated by a Lion member to lift the support beams in place. In the Spring of 2012, the Grafton Lions hosted a Grand Opening of the Park, serving food, beverages, music and good fellowship.

From 2006 to the present, our Club and many good friends of our Park donated money toward the purchase 45 trees, installed two flower beds, 5 park benches and 3 metal picnic tables. The

average cost of a tree was \$350.00 or \$15,750.00. The 5 park benches came to \$4,000.00 and the three picnic tables came to \$4500.00.

In April 2019, the Grafton Lions Club approved a \$50,000.00, ten year plan to fund

1. Exercise/Fitness Station along the walking path in the Park.
2. A Canoe/Kayak Pier on Cedar Creek bordering our Park.
3. An additional slab next to the Pavilion for party tents.
4. Additional metal picnic tables.
5. Additional Park benches.

Our Club signed a note with the Village and pays off \$5000.00 per year.

Lion Dave Mauer
Grafton Lions Park Chair

Kudos to Fellow Lions

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

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



August 1	Grafton's 2023 Ladies Night Out - All-American Girl!
August 12	Diabetes Walk Run
August 15	Spouse's Picnic Details to follow. Everyone should bring a prize for the significant others.
August 21	Grafton Lions Golf Outing at Edgewater
September 5	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting.
September 19	Membership Meeting – Guest to be determined.
October 3	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting.
October 17	Membership Meeting – Guest to be determined.

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



**Saturday,
August 12**

8:00 a.m. Packet Pick-up
and Race Day Registration
9:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk
10:00 a.m. Awards

Race/Walk begins and
ends in
Grafton Lion's Park
1121 Keup Road,
Grafton.
Street parking available

REGISTER at:
[Runsingup.com/race/WI/
Graftonlions5Krunwalk](http://Runsingup.com/race/WI/Graftonlions5Krunwalk)

Grafton Lions 5K Run Walk

A family fun 5K
run/walk event to
help raise funds
for the
Wisconsin Lions
Camp for Children
with Diabetes and
the Grafton Lions
Foundation.



Register
Today

Grafton Lions Club P.O. Box 6211 Grafton Wisconsin 53024

WWW.GRAFTONLIONS.COM

25th Annual Fundraiser
GRAFTON LIONS CLUB
GOLF OUTING

(Public welcomed)

Monday, August 21st 2023

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

\$65 per person (*\$25 Dinner Only*)

Includes: Golf & Cart, Dinner, Raffle Prizes
plus, 2 'hole in one' big prize opportunities

Registration by August 7th

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: \$ _____

Mail to: Grafton Lions Club
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Credit Cards accepted on day of event.