

# Lions' Gazette

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## Prez Sez

Hello Grafton Lions,

As we start this fall season the Grafton Chamber of Commerce is hosting Fall into Grafton Saturday October 7, 2023. The Lions have been asked to sponsor a putting green in the mini golf tournament from 10:00am – 3:00pm. It would be great to have a few Lions there to help I will have a signup sheet at the meeting. Lion Darrel was going to speak to us about membership but will not be able to attend the meeting Tuesday.

Lion Barry will be installing our newest lion Phyllis Wiggins please make her feel welcomed.

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, we have 85 members. We will be hosting a new member information session at N7 this Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. If you have any new or potential new members, please try to attend.

Lion Darrel conducted vision screening training and trained 16 Grafton Lions, 12 Cedarburg Lions and 6 Thiensville-Mequon Lions thank you too all.

We are still looking for ideas for service projects let me know if you see a need somewhere. Later this month we will kick off our annual nut sale. This is an easy fund raiser for the club let's all support it and make it great. Together we serve.

Lion Tim Kohlwey

# **Grafton Lions Treasurer's Report**

**October 3, 2023**

Administrative Account: \$6,890

- We paid Prime Minister \$627 for 38 dinners at meeting on September 19, 2023.
- We deposited \$791 in receipts for dinner, tail twister, and raffles at meeting of September 19, 2023.
- We paid \$72 to Bee Seen Promotions for shirts and name tags.

Grafton Lions Club Foundation Savings: \$26,097

No Change

Grafton Lions Foundation: \$31,731

- We deposited \$500 from sponsorship for 5K Run/Walk from Meijer Store
- We deposited \$100 for sign sponsorship for golf outing.
- We paid \$1000 donation to Ozaukee Family Services at last meeting for our annual donation to them.

Leos Account: \$1,123

- We deposited \$24 to Leos from donation of 50/50 winner at last meeting.

## **Sugar Maple for Lions Park**

A new Sugar Maple tree with a 2 ½" trunk will be planted in Lions Park mid to late October. Vi Bublitz, wife of Jack call me this month and wanted to plant a tree in Lions Park along with having an engraved stone honoring the memory of her husband, Jack, who passed away a number of years ago. The memorial stone will be placed next to the tree. Jack Bublitz was a very active Grafton lion having served as President, 1979-80 and well known in the community. The tree will be purchased through Johnson Nursery out of Jackson. It will be planted by the Grafton Park and Rec and Public works dept. As we approach the planting date, I will follow up with more details.

Dave Mauer  
Lions Park Chair

## Grafton Lions Present Awards

Grafton Lions presented two awards, the Melvin Jones Fellowship and Birch-Sturm Award at their September 5<sup>th</sup> club meeting. The recipients were Darrel Blank and Rose Sauers.

Melvin Jones Fellowship – The Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to Rose Sauers. Rose is past president of the Grafton Lions Club and is Zone Chairman for 2023-24. The Melvin Jones Award is the highest award given by the charitable arm of Lions Club International. It is recognition of a Lion's commitment to humanitarian work. The recipient is selected by the club's Melvin Jones Committee. The club makes a contribution of \$1,000 in this person's honor or memory to the Lions Club International Foundation. LCIF mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Birch-Sturm Award – The Birch-Sturm Award was presented to Darrel Blank. Darrel has been an active member of the Grafton Lions for many years. He is current membership chairman and Past President of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. The Birch-Sturm is the highest award given by the charitable arm of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. The recipient is selected by the club's Birch-Sturm committee. The Wisconsin Lions Foundation established this special commendation for those who demonstrated excellence in their service to others. The Lions Club makes a contribution of \$1,000 in this person's honor to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, earmarking the donation to the Birch-Sturm fund. The Fellowship is named in honor of the only two Presidents of Lions International from Wisconsin, Frank Birch and Clarence Sturm.



Pictured from left to right: Lion John Gassert, Awards Committee and WLF Director, Birch-Sturm Awardee Lion Darrel Blank, Past WLF President, Melvin Jones Awardee Lion Rose Sauers, Immediate Past President, and Lion Tim Kohlwey, Grafton Lions President

## **Grafton Lions presented a check to OFS**

The Grafton Lions presented a check for \$1000 to Lisa Holtebeck, Executive Director of Ozaukee Family Service, after a presentation to the Grafton Lions Membership Meeting on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.



From left to right Lion John Gassert, OFS Board Member, Lion Dave Antoine, OFS Board Secretary, Lisa Holtebeck, Executive Director of OFS and Lion Tim Kohlwey, Grafton Lion President.

## **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!

## October Birthdays

Bill Riedl 9  
Bob Feind 13



Mike Hennig 22  
Tom Bartlein 28

## LOOKING AHEAD



October 3	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting. Guest Speaker Leo Trevor Nauta
October 17	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker Lion Adam Crowson, Communications & Outreach Manager, Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW).
November 7	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting. Speaker is Lion Darrel Blank
November 21	Membership Meeting – Guest to be determined.
December 5	Maybe Board of Directors meeting and/or maybe Membership Holiday get-together.
December 19	Maybe Membership Holiday get-together – Guest maybe Santa.
January 2	Board of Directors meeting and Membership Meeting.
January 16	Membership Meeting – Guest Speaker District Governor Brenda Rumppe.
February 6	Membership Meeting – Citizenship Awards

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