

# Lions' Gazette

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## Prez Sez

My fellow Lions

I hope everyone is healthy, and we can resume our Lions' meetings in May.

I am sorry that there is not much to report. The Grafton Lions club received a patch from Lions Club International for the Melvin Jones award. I received an email letting us know the state convention up in Stevens Point has been cancelled.

I received an email that the International Convention has been cancelled; this coronavirus has affected a lot of Lions' stuff from conventions to meetings. I would like congratulate Dan Delorit and John Krueger for their awards they received at the District Convention in February.

I apologies for not having much to talk about but we haven't met in a while. I hope each and every one of you stay healthy and safe. Have a blessed Easter. Thank you to all our first responders and Veterans for their service.

You're in Lionism, Dan Montaine

## April 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting Instructions

The April 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled as a **TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL** to be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Meetings**

- April 7<sup>th</sup>      Membership Meeting is cancelled
- April 21<sup>st</sup>      Membership meeting is cancelled.
- April 7<sup>th</sup>      Board of Directors Meeting will be held as a teleconference. See the front page for instructions on how to participate in the meeting.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Krueger reported the following March 31, 2020 account balances:

Activity Account	\$34,447.95
Administrative Account	\$14,913.39
Savings Account	\$230.03

\$50 was donated to St. Joseph parish school in memory of Lion Jerry Petrovic.

A payment of \$1,248 was made for insurance.

## **Recycling Prescription Bottles Suspended**

All Prescription bottles that were collected SHOULD BE PUT IN the trash until further notice. We are NOT cleaning nor Shipping out bottles at this time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lion Bob Mercer

## **Eye Tissue Transport**

Harvesting of eye tissue in southeast Wisconsin has been discontinued. As a result the Grafton Lions will not be transporting eye tissue until further notice.

## **Centennial Park Concession Stand**

We are still planning on selling concessions for the softball leagues at Centennial Park. This is dependent on the COVID-19 pandemic and the leagues playing this year. As of now there will be games on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The leagues are expected to start in mid to late May, but could be delayed. The leagues will go through the end of August. We are looking for two (2) Lions to volunteer on Thursday nights as that 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 committee provides 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 will need to pick up the cash bag and keys at the Port Washington State Bank branch on Cheyenne Avenue and Hwy. 60 prior to going to the park. You also need to return the cash bag to the bank after you volunteer for the next night.

Volunteer signup will be done online using Signup Genius again this year. You can refer to the Signup Genius web site to see when you volunteer. You will receive an e-mail reminder a week before your scheduled time. When there are two people scheduled to volunteer on a Thursday night they need to coordinate who picks up and returns the cash bag.

When we know for sure the leagues will be playing and the schedules we will provide a link to the Signup Genius web site.

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

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## **Grafton Lions Chicken Roast Postponed**

Bob Lauer has indicated that the annual Grafton Lions Chicken Roast has been postponed. A new date has not yet been identified.

## **Grafton Area Live Arts (GALA)**

We are not aware of any postponement or cancellation of the Grafton Area Live Arts concert series held in Grafton during July and August. If it is held this summer, the Lions will again sell refreshments.

## **April Birthdays**

Bob Rieck	1 <sup>st</sup>
Pat Murray	14 <sup>th</sup>
Frank Oetlinger	24 <sup>th</sup>



Richard Rieck	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dan Wrolstad	20 <sup>th</sup>

## **Lions Summer Picnics**

A decision **has not been made** on whether to cancel the two Grafton Lions summer picnics – the Annual Fireman's picnic usually held in July, and the Spouses/Significant Others picnic usually held in August.

## **SIX MORE TREES FOR LIONS PARK**

THANKS TO A FEW LIONS MEMBERS AND SOME ANONYMOUS DONORS, THE GRAFTON LIONS PARK WILL RECEIVE SIX MORE BEAUTIFUL SHADE TREES IN APRIL OR MAY. WE DECIDED TO PURCHASE DIFFERENT VARIETIES THIS YEAR IN AN EFFORT TO DIVERSIFY. EACH TREE WILL ADD COLOR AND SHADE TO OUR 16 ACRE PARK ALONG KEUP ROAD. THIS WILL BRING THE NUMBER OF TREES PLANTED BY LIONS AND FRIENDS OF THE PARK TO 40.

THE TREES WERE PURCHASED FROM JOHNSON'S NURSERY AT THEIR JACKSON LOCATION. THE VARIETIES INCLUDE THREE HYBRID BUR OAK, ONE NORTHERN CATALPA (SPRING FLOWERS) AND TWO EARLY GLOW BUCKEYE TREES (FALL ORANGE/RED LEAVES). THE COST FOR THE TREES CAME TO \$1,572.00. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DATE AND TIME OF PLANTING.

FOR THOSE LION MEMBERS THAT ARE FAIRLY NEW TO THE CLUB, YOUR GRAFTON LIONS CLUB HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN DEVELOPING THE PARK SINCE 2004, WHEN IT PURCHASED NAMING RIGHTS FOR THE SITE. SINCE THEN, THE LIONS HAVE RAISED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, THE PAVILION, FLOWER BEDS, BENCHES AND PICNIC TABLES. OUR CLUB AND THE VILLAGE OF GRAFTON RECENTLY SIGNED A TEN YEAR/FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR AGREEMENT WHERE THE LIONS WILL DONATE AND THE VILLAGE WILL INSTALL AN EXERCISE/FITNESS STATION (\$30,000.00), A CANOE/KAYAK PIER ON CEDAR CREEK (\$5,000.00), PARK BENCHES (\$3,750.00), PICNIC TABLES (\$3,000.00), A CEMENT OR STONE PATIO NEXT TO THE PAVILION FOR TENTS (\$10,000.00) AND ADDITIONAL PARK TREES. THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED IN EARLY 2021 IN TIME FOR OUR CLUB'S 75<sup>TH</sup> YEAR AS AN ORGANIZATION IN GRAFTON.

IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN LIONS PARK, TAKE AN HOUR AND TOUR THIS GEM OF THE VILLAGE OF GRAFTON'S PARK SYSTEM. YOU WILL LOVE IT.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL TREES, PARK BENCHES OR TABLES AS A GIFT TO SOMEONE YOU LOVE OR AS A MEMORIAL, PLEASE CONTACT LION DAVE MAUER AT [dmauer1@wi.rr.com](mailto:dmauer1@wi.rr.com) OR AT 262-377-8024. ENJOY THE PARK.

GRAFTON LIONS PARK CHAIR

DAVE MAUER

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**AHEAD**

April 7	Membership meeting cancelled
April 21	Membership meeting cancelled
May	Centennial Park Concession Stand Every Tuesday and Thursday evening
May 5	Membership meeting preceded by board meeting Program: Presentation of Grafton Lion Scholarships to GHS seniors
May 19	Membership meeting Program: Deb Klotz, Special Olympics
June	Centennial Park Adult Softball Concession Stand Every Tuesday and Thursday evening
June 2	Membership meeting preceded by board meeting Program: Committee Meetings
June 16	Membership meeting SPOUSES / SIGNIFICANT OTHERS INVITED Awards night and installation of 2020 – 2021 officers
July	Centennial Park Concession Stand Every Tuesday and Thursday evening
July 9, 16, 23, 30	GALA concession stand at Veterans Park
July 16	Fire Department Picnic at Veterans Park 5:30 Hospitality, 6:30 dinner
July ??	Birch Sturm Golf Outing Glacier Wood Golf Club, Iola, WI.
August	Centennial Park Concession Stand Every Tuesday and Thursday evening

**Grafton Lions Chicken Roast date to be determined**

If you have questions or would like to add to the calendar, contact Bob Hoffman