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My Fellow Lions:

First I would like to thank lion Mark Koehler and lion Steve Nauta for doing a great job on the concession stand, and thank you to all who volunteered. I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank Lion Al Richards for taking charge of the firemen's picnic, and Lion Robert Rieck for helping to bartend. We had great turn out. Thank you to everyone who brought raffle prizes. This year's spouse's picnic will be taking place at the chinooks game at Kapco field, thank you Lion Terry Machut for chairing this event, please plan to attend.

I heard that the Gala is doing very well, thank you Gala committee for all your hard work. I would like to acknowledge Lion Bob Hoffman for doing our newsletter, it is the most informative newsletter. Thank you for continuing to do it.

We will be having a budget meeting in August. Committee chairs if you feel you need to up your funds for your budget please let me know, before August 15th. Thank you.

As you can read we have a lot going on, now and throughout the lion year. Please consider volunteering, if we all get involved it makes the event easier. Thank you lions for your help so far. The golf outing is coming up. I know Lion Tom Krueger could use some volunteers to assist him. All the things we do for community could never be done without you. As your president I would like to take this opportunity thank each and every one of you for serving the Grafton community, because of you as lions you make this community great.

Yours in service

Dan Montaine



Meetings

July 16th Membership Meeting

The Grafton Lions hosted the annual picnic at Veterans Park for active and retired members of the Grafton Fire Department. There was a big crowd, the beer was cold, the Prime Minister food was good, and it did not rain.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Gassert reported the following June 30, 2019 account balances:

Activity Account	\$34,093.41
Administrative Account	\$19,466.24
Savings Account	\$10,013.90

Minutes of all Grafton Lions Club Board of Directors Meetings are posted on the Grafton Lions Club website www.graftonlions.com.

Future Meetings

August 5th Chinook Baseball Club Outing

The annual summer spouses' picnic has been replaced this year with a spouses outing at the Lakeshore Chinook's Baseball game. More information about the event can be found on page 3.

September 17th Membership Meeting

Mandy Zopt, will provide a program on the River Edge Nature Center's Community River Program

October 15th Membership Meeting

Nicole Bulow, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County will provide the program.

Summer Spouse's Social

The Summer Spouse's Social will be held at the Lakeshore Chinooks baseball game at KAPCO field on the shores of Lake Michigan in Mequon. The event will be held on Monday evening August 5th.

The picnic will be held on the Leinies Deck. We will have table seating and our own bar. The \$35 package includes all you can eat ballpark fare, sides, cookies and drinks. Game tickets are also included in this price. (There will be no charge for spouses and significant others.) Gates will open at 5:30, game time is 6:35 PM. For those who paid for tickets in advance, John Krueger will be in the **Will Call** window with your ticket.

RSVP encouraged but last minute decision to attend OK. Just bring \$35 cash or check to turn in to John Krueger at the will call window.

Once you enter the stadium, Lions and guests should head to the Leinies deck and all the food and beverage will be ready for you.

If you would like to purchase advanced tickets, contact:

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Treasurer's Report

We currently have 11 unpaid members. If you haven't paid yet, please send payment to John Krueger, Treasurer of Grafton Lions, Box 0211, Grafton, WI 53024. Thanks to all who have renewed their membership and have paid for 2019-2020.

Total Cash receipts from Centennial Park so far are \$4,570.86. Expenses are \$2,847.05.
Total cash receipts from Gala are \$1075.00, expenses are \$181.55.

I don't have a breakdown yet from how much of beer and soda expenses from Centennial are used for Gala. It looks like total profits from both events after expenses are deducted is \$2,617.

John Krueger

August Birthdays

Eric Oleson 2nd
Tom Krueger 7th
Chris Smith 9th
Dale Nauta 16th



Barry Boline 24th
Dale Wolf 24th
Jack Reindl 30th

Centennial Park Concession Stand

Things are going well with the Centennial Park Concessions Stand. Thank you to all the Lions that have signed up and worked a shift already this season!

We had our 1st **Lion - Player Appreciation Week** for each of the leagues during the week of July 15th. It was a big success and our BEST sales night for each of the leagues this year. Lion Mark Koehler grilled out burgers, and we had food and beer specials for each of the leagues. Special thanks to Lion's Ed Schmidt, Ted Grob Jr., Laurie and Jenna Klos who worked the nights of the Player Appreciation Week.

There was some challenges in filling the shifts for August. Shifts were assigned to Lions for the open nights and if there are any issues with the nights that people have been assigned, please let us know. We want to make sure that the stand is open for all of the nights.

Finally, so all Lions are aware, we do have ice packs in the back refrigerator for the players. Just in case any of the players have injuries or challenges with the heat.

Lion Mark Koehler
Lion Steve Nauta

GALA Update

We hope your summer is going well so far. Thank you to all the Lions who have helped so far at GALA. We have had a great response from the community supporting our sales efforts of Beer, Soda/Water, and Pop Corn. Of course the weather has cooperated too so far. We look forward to even more success during the August concerts. Once again, thank you for all your help.

Lion Dan Ernst, Co-chair
Lion Dale Nauta, Co-chair

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday October 5th, 2019 Lions Pancake Breakfast/Buffer

We are currently researching some new and exciting ideas for the breakfast. The committee is looking for new members and/or ideas. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us. Breakfast times and menu will be announced in September. Please consider joining the committee and/or attending the breakfast. Thank you for your consideration. Laurie Klos 262 488-6070



Local Lions Nearing 10th Anniversary of Transporting Corneal Tissue

In March the Grafton Lions along with the help of several Cedarburg Lions will celebrate 10 years of transporting eye tissue to the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) and to local hospitals. Wisconsin has near 550 Lions Clubs and nearly half of them have transport groups. These transport groups, nicknamed the "Cornea Express" handle hundreds of transports throughout the State of Wisconsin each year. While there are a number of Eye Banks in the United States, Wisconsin is the only state that works with Lions to provide a completely volunteer group. This volunteer service saves the LEBW over \$300,000 annually, money which can be used for research, equipment and ultimately a higher level of service to the recipients of our work.

The Eye Bank first began in 1953 in Milwaukee and was sponsored by Marquette University Medical School. In 1964 this Milwaukee Eye Bank was taken over by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation (WLF) and was renamed the Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank. In 1969 a separate eye bank facility in Madison was started with the same goals to the Milwaukee program. This program was administered by UW Madison and University Hospitals and Clinics.

In 1969 the two programs joined forces and united in a merger and in 2000 the name was changed to the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW).

Our local "Cornea Express" has been doing transports nearly 10 years now, one year we do May and the alternate year we do March and November. Over the 10 years our group has averaged just under 10 trips in the 10- day period. Our Lions have handled over 140 transports, delivering over 150 tissue containers. We have logged over 600 service hours and logged near 20,000 miles while providing this service. This year we have been asked to take over an additional time slot so starting August 1st we will be handling the first half of August. Just yesterday I took an emergency call asking for help to do a tissue transport to the both Wisconsin Diagnostics Laboratories, formerly Dynacare, and to St. Luke's Transplant Center. Lion Mercer was gracious enough to step forward. I must believe this is a testament to the level of the service our team provides.

Ten years of service to a single project is, I feel, is a milestone for our club and needs to be brought out to all members of our club. A level of thanks goes out to all our transporters so the next time you see a Lion wearing his vest with an Eye Bank Patch on it say thanks for your service.

For additional information on the LEBW go to the website at www.lebw.org.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Jack Reindl

Annual Golf Outing/Fundraiser

The 21st Annual Grafton Lions golf outing/fundraiser is now less than a month away! The event is scheduled for August 19th at Fire Ridge Golf Club with a 'shot gun' start beginning at 11:00 pm. **At this writing I have only one foursome that has officially committed to play the event. I am hoping for a record turnout but need a lot more golfers to signup.**

Please don't wait until the last week to submit name or team registration. A registration form can be found at the Grafton Lion's website www.graftonlions.com on the front page or by contacting Committee Chair Tom Krueger at 262-353-5657 / krueger745@sbcglobal.net. You can also just email me your name and/or team member names so I can relax a bit leading up to the event.

Remember, the event is completely 'open to the public' so your foursomes can include family, friends and co-workers. You can also sign up individually and we'll pair you with other 'free agent' golfers.

In addition we are always in search of donations for raffle prizes. Sponsor/donation forms are available for your use at the Lion's website or by contacting Tom Krueger.

Thanks in advance for your support of this fun event.

Lion Tom Krueger
Golf Outing Chair

Vision Screening

We are vision screening the Grafton School District students on Tuesday August 13 7:30 am - 11:30 am and 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Lunch will be available for those who are going to be there for both time periods. Also Wednesday August 14 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm and 4:30 - 7:00 pm. I would like to have at least 4 Lions per time period. Please contact me if you are able to help even if you are available for only one time period.

Thanks to those of you who responded. I will send out a schedule around August 5-6.

Bob Lauer

LOOKING



AHEAD

August	Centennial Park Concession Stand Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening
August 1-15	Eye Tissue Transport
August 1, 8, 15, 22	GALA concession stand at Veterans Park
August 5	Spouses/Significant Others Summer Social Lakeshore Chinook baseball game at KAPCO baseball field in Mequon
August 13, 14	Vision Screening for students of Grafton schools
August 19	20 th Annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing 11:00 at Fire Ridge
September 3	Membership meeting preceded by board meeting Program: Committee meetings
September 17	Membership meeting Program: Mandy Zopt, River Edge Nature Center's Community River Program
October 1	Membership meeting preceded by board meeting Program: Committee Meetings
October 5th	Fall into Grafton Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast/Buffer 7:30 to 10:30 at Atlas BBQ
October 15	Membership meeting Program: Nicole Bulow, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County
November 5	Membership meeting preceded by board meeting Program: Committee Meetings
November 7	Grafton Lions Beer Tasting 7:00 at Circle B
November 19	Membership meeting Program: To be announced
November 20	Grafton Lion Christmas tree decorating 5:00 Paramount Plaza

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