# Lions' Gazette

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#### Prez Sez

Dear Fellow Lions,

This is my first communication as the President of Grafton Lions Club and it is a big honor for me to share my thoughts and plans for our 2020-21 Lions' year. Needless to say, I was hoping that the year would begin under different circumstances. Our mission as Lions is **To Serve** our community, and we will do our best to continue our fundraisers and service projects as long as it is safe to do so for our members. So far we had to cancel a number of events and some others are still being reviewed by the Committees and the Board of Directors. Here is a list of the events, which have been cancelled:

Fire Department Picnic at Veterans Park Chicken Roast GALA concession stand at Veterans Park

In the next BOD meeting we will also discuss if we will proceed with the Spouses/Significant Others Summer Social.

Also, as may know, The Grafton Thursday night Men's Senior Baseball League has resumed at Centennial Park, and our club has started running a concession stand on Thursday nights. This is good news and I would like to thank Lions Steve Nauta and Mark Koehler for putting it together in virtually no time. Our annual Golf Outing is also on track and is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> at Edgewater Golf club.

With some fundraisers being cancelled and uncertainties with a turnaround and sponsorship support for the ones which are still scheduled, I have some concerns over our Club's ability to contribute to all the causes which we have supported over past years. Luckily, a few years ago the BOD decided to keep a fund balance equal to the club's yearly budget in the Activity Account for cases just like this. So we may be able to keep supporting local charities as we have had in the past. Over the next few weeks, Lion Treasurer John Krueger and I will work on the 2020-21 year's budget with help of Lion Past President Dan Montaine. The budget will be presented for BOD approval on July 7th.

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#### **Meetings**

Minutes of all Grafton Lions Club Board of Directors Meetings are posted on the Grafton Lions Club website <a href="https://www.graftonlions.com">www.graftonlions.com</a>.

#### **Future Meetings**

July 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 in Veterans Park

Program: Officers for 2020-2021 will be sworn in, and the current year's budget will be

approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Krueger reported the following June 30, 2020 account balances:

Activity Account \$34,135.49 Administrative Account \$16,816.21 Savings Account \$10,011.00

We have received dues from 56 members and 34 members with dues payments pending. Five members have resigned.

We have committed to \$17,000 toward improvements of Grafton Lions Park from last year's budget and this year's budget that has not been disbursed yet. We are in the process of planning for next year's budget with the knowledge that fundraising will be curtailed to some extent due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Lions' Chicken roast has already been canceled for this year as well as Gala. We are doing Centennial Park Concessions this summer for the Senior Baseball League on Thursday night.

Sincerely

John Krueger

Treasurer of Grafton Lions

As was reported by Lion Bob Hoffman, over the last several months we have lost a number of our Club's members. Now GLC is down to 94 active members while we were at 99 most of the year. I truly believe that now, more than ever, our community needs our support and service. While it is important to attract new members to our Club, I believe it is just or more important for active members to get involved. This year we are looking for a number of new committee leaders, including the Breakfast Buffet and 9 Pin Tap. These are very important fundraisers for us especially this year and I hope there will be interest to get these positions filled.

I wish you all to stay safe and healthy and have some fun this summer and hope to see you at our meetings when it will be safe to do so.

Sincerely, Lion President Slava Krol

#### Tuesday July 7th Board of Directors Meeting

The Grafton Lions Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM on Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>will be held at Veterans Park. Pictures will be taken, so board members are asked to wear Lions clothing. At the meeting the Board will make a final decision on two scheduled events:

The annual Spouses/Significant Others summer social scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>. The annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

As of the deadline for this newsletter, the membership meetings starting in September are still on the schedule.

#### **Lion Club Membership Renewals.**

July 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for renewing your Grafton Lions membership. In addition to the five members who have resigned, many have not sent their 2020-2021 dues. Send your membership renewal to:

John Krueger 353 W. Juniper DR Grafton, WI 53024 262 375-4954

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Grafton Lions Golf Outing Is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>. The event is open to the public. The outing has been moved to Edgewater. See the flyer included in this newsletter for all the details.

Grafton Lion Dan Hubacek is the chair of this year's Lions Golf Outing. Contact him at <a href="mailto:Daniel.Hubacek@sunlife.com">Daniel.Hubacek@sunlife.com</a> for more information or if you have a contact who has a raffle item to donate or would like to sponsor a hole.



### - 22nd Annual Fundraiser -

# Grafton Lions Club Golf Outing Monday, August 24, 2020

### **Edgewater Golf Club Grafton**

1762 Cedar Creek Rd • Grafton, Wisconsin (262) 377-1230

### \$60 Per Person

Includes: Golf & Cart

Dinner, plus
2 'hole-in-one' big prize opportunities
(\$25 Dinner Only)

12:00pm: Registration, Putting Contest

1:00pm: Semi Shotgun Start

9 Holes - Riding

4 - Person Scramble

4:00pm: Dinner, Raffle Prizes

& More

## Register by August 10 www.graftonlions.com

The Annual Golf Outing is a Lions Club fundraiser that allows the Club to carry out its 'mission of service' that includes financial support to many needy causes and organizations in Ozaukee County, including Starting Point of Ozaukee, Ozaukee Family Services, Portal Industries, Ozaukee 4-H, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Student Scholarships, to name a few. Your support of Grafton Lions makes a difference in many people's lives. Visit yww.graftonlions.com for more information