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Prez Sez

Dear Fellow Lions,

First of all, I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year! 2020 was very different. Often at the end of the year we say that the passing year was challenging and remember all the good and bad things which have happened. However I would think that most of you agree that 2020 was one of the weirdest and hardest years of several past decades. Despite all the obstacles this past year, Grafton Lions were able to continue to serve our wonderful community. As it was planned at the beginning of Lion's year, Lion Treasurer John Krueger was able to send our donations to all the charities we support and keep them to the same level we had in recent years.

I would also like to inform you that District Leadership decided to go ahead with the District Convention. It will be a one day event and it will take place on February 20th. We will follow the CDC guidelines to make sure everyone is safe. More information and Registration Forms will be shared with you shortly.

As we are still in one Membership Meeting per month mode, BOD decided to hold the next meeting on the third Tuesday of January to provide the Scholarship Committee with enough time to prepare for the nominations. We will monitor how the nomination process is going and decide within next two weeks if the nominations will happen, but we will still try to hold a meeting in some format.

Once again, I would like to wish all the best to you and your families in the New Year and hope you all stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Lion President

Slava Krol

Treasurer's Report January 1, 2021

Administrative Account:

We received \$150 in dues from one member for last year, current year, and next year's dues.

We paid \$55 for stamps and \$7.17 To LCI for member dues.

Activity Account:

We made \$2,031.70 after expenses on the nut sale this year compared to budgets amount of \$1,050. This compares to \$1,186.90 for last year's nut sale.

We made \$10,795.71 on the golf outing compared to budgeted amount of \$6,000. This compares to \$8,642.30 the previous year.

We received a generous donation of \$200 from Dave Burkhardt.

We made donations as budgeted to the following organizations:

- Badger Girls State: \$350
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- Ozaukee Family Services: \$1,000
- Portal Industries: \$1000
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters: \$1,000
- Wisconsin Lions Foundation: \$3,000.
- Advocates of Ozaukee County: \$1,000
- Leader Dogs for the Blind: \$1,000
- Birch Sturm Memorial Fund: \$1,000
- Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin: \$1,000

\$. Contingency Savings Account:

Part of fund is earmarked toward improvements to Grafton Lions Park.

Leos Account: \$85.41

Annual Lions Club Nut Sale

Lion Sean Fahey reported that this year's nut sale netted over \$2000, compared to last year's net of \$1200.

Thank you to all who helped to sell this year and of course all who bought for themselves!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – LIONS GAZETTE EDITOR

I believe I joined the Grafton Lions in 2007. (It is hard to remember back that far.) One night at a Grafton School District function I talked to my friend (Lion) Dave Mauer, who told me about the wonderful work of the Grafton Lions in the community. Dave invited me to attend a Lions meeting to learn more about the club. At the meeting, I realized that the club motto, “WE SERVE” was a very appropriate description of the work of the club. I joined the Grafton Lions.

One of my earliest activities was working with Grafton Lion Ron Yokes on a project. He was the club Secretary at the time, and editor of the Lion’s Gazette, the club’s monthly newsletter. Ron had been a long time Lion. He told me he was looking for someone to take over as editor of the newsletter. He explained that the newsletter was merely a series of WORD documents merged into a .pdf file. I was familiar with WORD. Looking to become active with the Lions. I agreed to give it a try. Ron was very helpful during the first several months.

Thirteen years later, it is my turn – I am looking for someone to assume responsibility as editor of the Lions Gazette.

Almost all of the content of the newsletter is submitted to me by members. The President writes the “Pres Sez” article. Committee chairs submit stories about their committees -- the upcoming events and the results of the events.

The Lions Gazette is published once a month – on the weekend before the first Lions’ meeting of the month. I have set the deadline for articles to be sent to me by noon on that Friday. Of course I will assist the person who volunteers as editor during the first several months. If you need any additional information about the position, contact me.

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Meetings

January 19th Grafton Lions Membership Meeting, Grafton American Legion Hall

February 2nd Grafton Lions Membership Meeting, Grafton American Legion Hall

February 20-21 District Convention, Country Inn and Suites, Port Washington.

Link to registration form: <http://www.lionsdistrict27a2.org/docs/2021/2021-RegForm.pdf>

GRAFTON LIONS PARK – UPDATES & CHANGES

REMOVAL OF DAMAGED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND NEW EQUIPMENT

True to her word, Grafton Parks and Rec. Director, Megan Phalin, has removed the damaged Playground Equipment at the end of November. With 70 % of the equipment in disrepair, not much is left. See Photos.

New equipment has been ordered and will be delivered as winter turns to spring. Installing this new state of the art playground equipment has been given first priority as soon as the Village crews can get on the grounds and start the project. We expect late spring, maybe June for completion. This will be just in time for the kids to get outdoors and try out every piece.

Sometime in May, expect to see more park benches along the walking trails and two more metal picnic tables near Cedar Creek. In the meantime, the Exercise/Fitness Station, Canoe/Kayak Pier will have been ordered. Weather permitting, a cement/stone patio, capable of handling a tent and doubling the size of the pavilion, will be installed. This additional covered space is sorely needed to protect more guests against rain and hot sun.

As we move into July, the city crews will have taken care of most of the other park projects throughout the Village. We expect the fitness station and kayak pier to be next on the list.

Hopefully, we will get a handle on the Covid-19 pandemic and things can move along. Hopefully, the vaccine will make it possible for all of us to socialize and get back to some sense of normality.

Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate the Grafton Lions Club 60th anniversary this coming summer.

Stay tuned to the Lions' Gazette as developments occur. In the meantime, stay well and safe and have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.

Dave Mauer, Lions Park Chair

NOTE: Dave's pictures of the damage are on the following page.

Dave Mauer's Pictures Showing Damage at Lions Park

