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SEPT. 20, 2022 – APR 2023
1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.
Butler Blind Association
322 North Cedar Street
BOARD MEETINGS
4th Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
Butler Blind Association

MAY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
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Alameda Park Lions Shelter
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APRIL 2023

2023-2024 slate of officers:

President: Adam Fleeger
1st vice president: Rhonda Pilarcik
2nd vice president: Maryann Fleeger
3rd vice president: Connie Ivill
Secretary: Mike Winkler
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IPP: John Hertzog

Tail Twister: Janet Flecken
Lion Tamer: Carolyn Winkler
Membership chair: vacant
Public relations: Connie Ivill
Service chair: Eric Cranmer
Director, 2 years: Betty Basalyga
Steve Bonnett
Randy Pilarcik
Director, 1 year: Bill Criley
Barry Flecken
PDG Linda Gibala

April membership meetings: Our first meeting of April will be April 4, 6:30 at the Blind Association. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, March 31. The election of the 2023-2024 officers will be held at this meeting. This meeting will be a soup, sandwich and dessert dinner. The meal will be donated/provided by our club members. The proceeds from this meal will go to our 100th anniversary celebration fund. We will also have a guest speaker from Victim Outreach Intervention Center (VOICe).

Our second meeting in April will be held on April 18, 6:30 at the Blind Association. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, April 14. At this time no program is scheduled.

Club meeting dinner cost with in-club raffles and reservation policy: The cost of dinner for a club member is \$15 for one or \$25 for a couple. The dinner price includes a ticket for our 3 in-club raffles (Lion Sue Garris Memorial raffle, 50/50 and joker poker). If you are not eating or want an additional raffle ticket, the cost is \$3. That is for the 3 drawings. One ticket enters you in all three raffles.

For all regular club meetings, all Lions are asked to make a reservation with Lion Connie by the Friday prior to the meeting. If you make a reservation and do not come to that meeting, you will be responsible for paying for that reservation. Reservation cancellations must be made by the Friday before the meeting. If you come to a meeting without making a reservation; you will have to wait until those who made reservations have gone through the dinner line. If there is extra food, those without reservations will be invited to partake in the dinner. Be sure to pay Lion Tom for your dinner and get your raffle tickets.

Our meals will be buffet style. You are welcome to return for seconds after every one has gone through the line.

April board meeting: will be held on April 25, 6:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item.

April 4 – Janet Flecken	May 2 – open	June 6 – open
April 18 – Winklers	May 16 – Basalygas	June 20 – open

Joker poker winner: Lion Angie Eyth pulled the joker at our March 7 meeting and won over \$300! Reminder; the other half of the money goes to our administrative account. That is the money used to run our club.



Picture from left to right--President John Hertzog, Past District Governor Tom Toland, Heart of a Lion recipient Nick Bojalad, Lion Eric Cranmer, Heart of a Lion recipient Dave Krimm, and IPP Bob Ogden. Our presentations were at the March 7 meeting. Congratulations Nick and Dave for your unselfish service to our community. The club makes a \$100 donation to a charity of the recipient's choice and Nick chose Leader Dogs for the Blind and Dave chose Misfits on a Mission.

Official provider of Butler Lions apparel: Titler's Special Tees, 201 Kohler Avenue, Lyndora, has our official logo and can provide a variety of shirts and sweat shirts with the logo. The club shirt's color is **ultra marine blue**. However, you can have our logo put on any apparel. Their telephone number is 724-283-0562.

Katie's Kitchen: (St. Mark's) all dinners are carry-out. In addition to the third Thursday, our club has been asked (at least for now) to assist with the meal on the 2nd Thursday. So, if you are available to assist with either of these dinners, contact Lion Eric to assist at the April 13 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the April 20 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, Prez John, Randy and Rhonda for assisting at the March 9 dinner. 160 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Prez John, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the March 16 dinner. 186 meals were distributed.

Sausage sale: thank you to all the Lions that sold and/or bought the sausage. We sold 323 lbs. of the 3 varieties! Thank you to the following Lions for packing it on March 23: Eric, Randy, Rhonda, Bill O., Suzie, BT, Ellen, Barry and Janet.

Child abuse clearances: all club members are advised to obtain their clearances if they plan on being involved in club activities that involve youths. If your clearances are over 5 years old or you don't have one, you can do it online at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/keepkidssafe/Pages/default.aspx> (click on clearances). You can also copy and paste the link in your browser. Any questions, contact President John.

Butler Lions Club's 100th anniversary celebration: is being worked on. The date will be June 24 and it will be held at the Tanglewood Senior Center. Obviously, there are a lot of details to work out. Lion Rhonda Pilarcik is the chair of this event.

Glass jars: The 100th Anniversary Committee is seeking GLASS quart jars-mason, pickles, mayo etc. Please drop them off at the Blind Association or call Lion Rhonda if needed.

Summit Township Elementary School backpack program: we will be collecting food items for this program through March. The information was in last month's Tale. Bring your items to the Blind Association.

Beacon Lodge wish list: we are currently collecting items off the wish list through our second meeting in April (April 18). The Beacon Lodge yellow collection bin is in the large room at the Blind Association.

PA State Convention: the 100th PA Lions Clubs State Convention will be held on May 18 through May 21 at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705. Refer to the recent issue of the "Pride" state newsletter for more information on the convention. This link should get you there. (or copy and paste in your browser)

https://www.lionspa14n.org/uploads/3/6/4/5/3645806/the_pride_december_2022_issue_2.pdf

Community dinners gala art show and sale: was held at St. Michael's Hall on March 11 and 12. Lion Barry reports that the Art Gala was a huge success; each of the 5 churches that do a community dinner will receive \$6,093!! Least year, each church received \$3,300. The following Lions helped at the Gala: Prez John, Neil, Doug Hayes, Randy, Rhonda, Bill O., Suzie, Eric, Adam, Maryann, Janet and Barry. Thank you to these Lions and those that attended the event!

Another year of Adopt-a-Highway: we started AAH in 1990 and we will do it again this year! Our first session will be April 22; we will meet at 7:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Donuts, gloves, garbage bags and vests provided!

Penn Glade rib dinners: will be the 4th Thursday April through September. They are at the Penn Glade Lions Clubhouse, 140 Church Road, Penn Township; 5-7p.m., \$22 all you can eat. If you bring a donation for the food bank, your name gets in a drawing for a free dinner.
April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28



Happy birthday to the following Lions celebrating a birthday in April:

Adam Fleeger (15)
Doug Heltzell (20)
Joan Fulmer (29)

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 4: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Election of 2023-2024 officers. Program: VOICE rep Soup and sandwich dinner. (all proceeds will go Towards our 100th celebration)
- 9: Happy Easter
- 13: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 15: 4:00 District 14-N spring convention, Shakespeare's
- 18: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 20: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 22: 7:00 adopt-a-highway #1, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 25: 6:30 Board meeting, **Trinity Lutheran Church**
- 27: 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse
- 28-30: PA Lions Beacon Lodge work weekend

MAY

- 2: 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions Shelter, Alameda Park**
- 11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 14: Happy Mother's Day!
- 16: 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions Shelter**
- 18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 18: 5:30-8:30 Mingle on Main, Saxonburg
- 20: Flower and food fest, Alameda Park
- 18-21: PA Lions State Convention, IUP
- 23: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association
- 25: 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse
- 27: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, Blind Assoc.
- 29: **Memorial Day**

JUNE

- 6: 6:30 membership meeting, location TBA Installation of 2023-2024 officers
- 8: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 10: 7:00 adopt-a-highway #2, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 15: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 15: 5:30-8:30 Mingle on Main, Saxonburg
- 18: Happy Father's Day!
- 20: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 21: **WELCOME SUMMER!**
- 22: 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse
- 24: Butler Lions Club's 100th anniversary celebration, Tanglewood Senior Center
- 27: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

JULY

- 4: **Happy birthday America!** (no meeting)
- 11: 6:30 Blind Association clients social/dinner/bingo, Blind Association
- 13: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 18: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 20: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 20: 5:30-8:30 Mingle on Main, Saxonburg
- 25: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association
- 27: 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse

AUGUST

- 1: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 5: 7:00 adopt-a-highway #3, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 10: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 15: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 17: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 17: 5:30-8:30 Mingle on Main, Saxonburg
- 22: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association
- 24: 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse

Other Club Officers:

Director, 1 year: Betty Basalyga
Randy Pilarcik
Vacant

Director, 2 years: Bill Criley
Barry Flecken
PDG Linda Gibala

IPP: Robert Ogden

Membership Chair: Steve Bonnett

Tail Twister: Cathie Cox

Lion Tamer: Carolyn Winkler

Marketing/Communications Chair: Connie Ivill

Service Chair: Eric Cranmer
LCIF Coordinator: Mike Winkler

Presidential Appointments:

Chaplain:
Asst. Treasurer: Richard Schwab
Historian: Derek Myers
Photographer: Rhonda Pilarcik
Web Master: Adam Fleeeger

2022-2023 Butler Lions Committees**Budget, Finance & Grants:**

Board oversight/chair: T. Faller
PDG D. Gibala
R. Schwab
M. Winkler

Fundraising:

Board oversight/chair: M. Fleeeger
A. Fleeeger C. Ivill
J. Bindernagel T. Morgan
E. Cranmer R. Ogden
W. Criley R. Shipkowski
W. Hetrick B. Wood

Club Events and Programs:

Board oversight/co-chairs: A. Fleeeger & M. Fleeeger
C. Ivill Rhonda Pilarcik
C. Winkler M. Winkler

Food:

Board oversight: C. Ivill
Chair: E. Fullerton
B. Basalyga C. Cox
J. Basalyga C. Criley
G. Bonnett A. Eyth
S. Bonnett D. McCandless

Service:

Board oversight/chair: E. Cranmer
C. Ivill B. Basalyga
B. Shipkowski M. Fleeeger
A. Fleeeger
B. Wood

Public Relations-Club Promotion:

Board oversight/chair: Connie Ivill
A. Fleeeger
M. Fleeeger
PDG D. Gibala
Rhonda Pilarcik

Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:

Board oversight: B. Wood/chair: S. Colon
J. Bindernagel M. Fleeeger (District diabetes
A. Black chair)
T. Faller PDG D. Gibala
B. Flecken M. Winkler

Webmaster:

Board oversight/chair: A. Fleeeger
J. Criley C. Ivill
M. Fleeeger Rhonda Pilarcik
PDG D. Gibala

Membership/Leadership:

Board oversight/chair: S. Bonnett
W. Criley PDG D. Gibala
A. Fleeeger R. Ogden
M. Fleeeger R. Shipkowski

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