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**OCTOBER 2023 – MAY 2024**  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.  
 Butler Blind Association  
 322 North Cedar Street  
**BOARD MEETINGS**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.  
 Butler Blind Association

**JUNE – SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**  
 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.  
 Alameda Park Lions Shelter  
**BOARD MEETINGS**  
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## APRIL 2024

March 5 meeting: we inducted two of our new members. 1VDG Elliott Hilton did the induction. Pictured on the left is Lion Paul Vensel being “pinned” by his sponsor IPP John. The picture on right is Lion Carol Pawlowicz and her sponsor Lion Betty Basalyga.



April Meetings: our first meeting of the month, April 2, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, March 29. We will be electing our officers for Lions year 2024-2025. (see the slate of officers)

Ou second meeting in April will be April 16 at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, April 12. PDG Tom Toland will be our guest; he will be making a presentation on PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

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 23 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

Upcoming committee meetings:

- Fundraiser committee will meet on April 17 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.
- Club events and program committee and the food committee will hold a joint meeting on May 14 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

All club members are welcome to attend these meetings!

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

April 2 – Lion Rhonda	May 7 – Lion Ellen
April 16 – Lion Carolyn	May 21 – open

Ivy Jug: we are packing the Ivy Jug away until fall. We collected \$263 in the jug. That money will go to the PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation. Thanks to all that stuffed the jug!

Notes from Tail Twister, Lion Janet: asks that all Lions serve with their name badges on.

Guidelines for meetings:

- No Lion will partake of their dessert before the King Lion. Fine - \$1.00
- All Lions will read The Lions Tale for notification of “special” meeting digs! Fine - \$.50.
- All Lions will be respectful of all speakers by turning their cell phone to vibrate or silent during meeting times. Fine - \$1.00 for each ring tone.
- All Lions will wear your name pin or be fined!
- All Lions will properly address fellow Lions as Lion \_\_\_ at all Lions events or be fined!
- Have FUN at meetings and pack those quarters!

All Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account.

2024-2025 slate of officers:

President: Rhonda Pilarcik	Public relations: Connie Ivill
1 <sup>st</sup> vice president: Maryann Fleeger	Service chair: Eric Cranmer
2 <sup>nd</sup> vice president: Connie Ivill	Director, 1 year: Betty Basalyga
3 <sup>rd</sup> vice president: open	Ellen Fullerton
Secretary: Michael Winkler	Randy Pilarcik
Treasurer: Thomas Faller	Director, 2 years: John Hertzog
IPP: Adam Fleeger	Steve Bonnett
Tail Twister: Janet Flecken	Paul Vensel
Lion Tamer: Barry Flecken	
Membership chair: Adam Fleeger	

If you are interested in the open position, contact 1<sup>st</sup> VP Rhonda. The club runs most efficiently if all the positions are filled.

2024-2025 membership dues are due: your 2024-2025 Butler Lions Club dues are now due. Annual Regular Membership dues are \$75 and the Annual Family Membership dues are \$55. Please pay your dues to our Treasurer, Lion Tom Faller. You can either pay them in person or you can mail them (address is noted below). Your dues are to be paid by May 31, 2024. It is preferred that you pay your full year's dues; however, you can make two payments; half now and the other half is due by December 31, 2024. If you do not pay by June 15, your dues will be increased by \$10. Please contact Lion Wink if you have any questions. Thanks!

Lions Year 2024-2025: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025  
 Checks should be made payable to: Butler Lions Club  
 Butler Lions Club Address: PO Box 1905, Butler, PA 16003

NOTE: Our two Life Members (Lion George Bonnett and Lion Bill Hetrick) your dues are \$40.

2024- 2025 Dues Breakdown						
Dues	International	State	District	Beacon Lodge	Admin	
Regular/Privileged \$75.00 (\$6.25/mo.)	\$48.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$ 2.50	
Family \$55.00 (\$4.59/mo.)	\$24.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$ 6.50	
Life \$40.00 (\$3.34/mo.)	0	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$15.50	

Note: LCI is increasing the dues in small increments over several years. We are certain that our club membership dues for Lions year 2025-2026 will be increased.

Katie's Kitchen: (St. Mark's) our club assists serving at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays. If you are available to assist with either of these dinners, contact Lion Eric to assist at the April 11 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the April 18 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, IPP John, Paul, Rhonda and Randy for assisting at the March 14 dinner. 240 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Paul, IPP John, Deb, Carolyn and Wink and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the March 21 dinner. 280 meals were distributed.

Preschool vision screening: Lions Carolyn and Wink (with assistance from Lions Tom and Art at a couple and Zelig and Cranberry Twp. Lions at screenings in their area) have spent 16 days screening 432 kids, with 40 being recommended for a complete eye exam since January. There are 4 days scheduled in April.

Sausage sale: on March 14, we packed 313 lbs. of sausage. Thank you to all who participated in this successful endeavor. Our club made about \$700!





Front row: Lion Paul Vensel

Middle row: Lions Rhonda Pilarcik, Ellen Fullerton, Maryann Fleeger, Connie Ivill and Janet Flecken

Back row: Lions Bob Shipkowski, BT Fullerton, Art Black, President Adam Fleeger, and Bryan Flecken

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.

Beacon Lodge wish list: we are currently collecting items off the wish list through our second meeting in April (April 16). The Beacon Lodge collection bin is in the large room at the Blind Association. The wish list is included and also on the yellow lid of the bin.



Summit Township Elementary School backpack program: Backpack supplies were delivered to Summit Elementary on March 14. The Board approved \$250 of supplies, which were procured at Sharp Shopper. Also included were the supplies donated by club members.  
Left-Right: Lion Eric Cranmer, Service Chair; Lion Janet Flecken, Lion Barry Flecken, Marsha Weleski (front), Ron Weleski and Kathy Cupps (back-right).

Adopt-a-highway: our first session will be held on Saturday, April 27. We will meet at 7:00 am at Trinity Lutheran Church. Everything you need to clean the roadway will be provided.

May 16-18: talk about a full schedule!

- May 16-18: hot dog stand at Sharp Shopper
- May 16-19: PA Lions state convention, Harrisburg
- May 16: Katie's kitchen
- May 18: Flower and food fest, Alameda Park



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

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

## CALENDAR

### APRIL

**2:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
 Election of officers (2024-2025)  
**11:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**13:** 11-3 District 14-N spring convention at  
 Shakespeare's Restaurant & Pub, Ellwood City  
**13:** 6:00-9:00pm Community Meals Gala & Art Show  
 St. Michael's Hall, Center Avenue, Butler  
**14:** Noon-3:00 Community Meals Gala & Art Show  
 St. Michael's Hall, Center Avenue, Butler  
**16:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
 Beacon Lodge items due. PDG Tom Toland will  
 present on Beacon Lodge  
**17:** 6:30 fundraiser meeting, Blind Association  
**18:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**19-21:** Beacon Lodge work weekend  
**23:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association  
**27:** 7:00 adopt-a-highway #1, Trinity Lutheran  
 Church

### MAY

**7:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
 Program-Butler Coffee Lab  
**9:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**12:** *Happy Mother's Day*  
**14:** 6:30 food and event meeting, Blind Association  
**16-19:** PA Lions State Convention, Harrisburg  
**16:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**16-18:** hot dog stand, Sharp Shopper  
**18:** Flower and Food Fest, Alameda Park  
**21:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
 Program-PDG Don Gibala  
**25:** 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, Blind  
 Assoc.  
**27:** **Memorial Day**  
**28:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

### JUNE

**4:** 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions Shelter**  
 Alameda Park  
**13:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**16:** *Happy Father's Day*  
**18:** 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter  
 Installation of Officers  
**20:** **Welcome Summer!**  
**20:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**25:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

### JULY

**2:** No meeting  
**4:** **Happy Independence Day!**  
**9:** 6:30 Blind Association clients' social dinner and  
 Bingo at Blind Association (**not** confirmed yet!)  
**11:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**16:** 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter  
**18:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**23:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

### AUGUST

**6:** 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter  
**8:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**15:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
 Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**20:** 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter  
 Family picnic  
**27:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

**Other Club Officers:**

**Director, 1 year:**

Barry Flecken  
PDG Linda Gibala

**Director, 2 years:**

Betty Basalyga  
Steve Bonnett  
Randy Pilarcik

**IPP:**

John Hertzog

**Membership Chair:**

vacant

**Tail Twister:**

Janet Flecken

**Lion Tamer:**

Carolyn Winkler

**Marketing/Communications Chair:**

Connie Ivill

**Service Chair:**

Eric Cranmer

**LCIF Coordinator:**

Mike Winkler

**2023-2024 Butler Lions Committees**

**Budget, Finance & Grants:**

Board oversight/chair: T. Faller

PDG D. Gibala

R. Schwab

M. Winkler

**Fundraising:**

Board oversight/chair: M. Fleeger

A. Fleeger

T. Morgan

J. Bindernagel

R. Shipkowski

E. Cranmer

C. Ivill

**Club Events and Programs:**

Board oversight/co-chairs: A. Fleeger & M. Fleeger

C. Ivill

Rhonda Pilarcik

C. Winkler

M. Winkler

**Food:**

Board oversight: C. Ivill

Chair: E. Fullerton

B. Basalyga

A. Eyth

J. Basalyga

G. Bonnett

S. Bonnett

**Service:**

Board oversight/chair: E. Cranmer

C. Ivill

B. Basalyga

B. Shipkowski

M. Fleeger

A. Fleeger

**Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:**

Board oversight:

Chair:

J. Bindernagel

M. Fleeger (District diabetes  
chair)

A. Black

PDG D. Gibala

T. Faller

PDG D. Gibala

B. Flecken

M. Winkler

**Public Relations-Club Promotion:**

Board oversight/chair: Connie Ivill

A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

PDG D. Gibala

Rhonda Pilarcik

**Webmaster:**

Board oversight/chair: A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

C. Ivill

PDG D. Gibala

Rhonda Pilarcik

**Membership/Leadership:**

Board oversight/chair:

PDG D. Gibala

R. Shipkowski

A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

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