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Treasurer: Thomas Fallor

**SEPTEMBER 2024 - MAY 2025**  
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 - AUGUST 2024**  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.  
Alameda Park Lions Shelter  
**BOARD MEETINGS**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.  
Butler Blind Association



August meetings: our August 6 meeting will be held at our shelter in Alameda Park, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by August 2. Come on out to enjoy the beauty of the park and socialize with your fellow Lions.

Our second meeting in August, August 20, will be our club’s annual family picnic at our shelter in Alameda Park. The picnic/meeting will start at 6:30. Meat and drinks will be provided. All Lions are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share and your tableware. The cost is \$10 per Lion, which includes raffles. Guests and family are free. RSVP by August 10 to either Lion Connie or Lion Ellen.

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.

August board meeting: will be held on August 27 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item. All dates after Sept. 3 are available.

August 6 – Lions Fleeger  
August 20 – Lions Jim and Betty

September 3 – Lion Ellen  
September 17 – open

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 membership dues are past due: your 2024-2025 Butler Lions Club dues are now past 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). 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. 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

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	

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 August 8 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the August 15 dinner. Thanks to Lions Paul, Rhonda, Janet, John and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the July 11 dinner. 272 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Paul, Janet, Carolyn, Wink and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the July 18 dinner. 334 meals were distributed.

Upcoming meetings: The Food Committee will meet on October 8 at 6:30 at the Blind Association. The Publicity Committee will meet on November 12 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

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.

Sausage sale: Orders are due by September 3, 2024, to Lion Connie. We will pack on September 12 at Fairground market. We will be in a different area this time because there is a big gun rally that Fairground Market caters. Pick up will be at the Blind Association on September 14th from 9:30 to 10:30. The cost to us will be the same \$3.75 and we will sell the sausage for \$6.00.

Butler City farmers market: opened for another season on May 25, every Saturday morning through October. Lions Art and Paul are handling the product set-up for our sales there.

Bingo: although the crowd was a little smaller than past years, we still had a great meal, lots of laughs, gave away some money and had a good time at our social we held for the Blind Association clients and staff on July 9. In addition, we donated \$81 to the Blind Association and Lions Barry and Tyler took home \$40 each from the 50/25/25 handled by Lion Art.



Bingo callers, Lions John and Barry

Big Butler Fair: Thanks to IPP Adam and Lion MaryAnn for maintaining our booth at the fair. Sales at the fair exceeded \$2,000. Also thanks to Lion Rodney for helping every day and to Lions Connie and Eric who put some time in at the booth.

### **BBO RIB DINNER**

(ALL YOU CAN EAT)  
\$22.00

5 & under: Free  
6-12: \$8.00



April 25  
May 23  
June 27  
July 25

**August 22**  
September 26  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Rib dinner: we had 11 Lions (PDGs Linda and Don, Lions Ellen, B.T., Don Eyth, President Rhonda, Randy, Betty, Jim, Carolyn and Wink) attend the July 25 dinner. Great club support and a great dinner!!

### **Penn-Glade Lions Club**

140 Church Road, Penn Township  
No reservations necessary

Bring a food bank donation for a chance to win a FREE DINNER  
Information: 724-968-7513  
Take out available

School supplies: we are collecting school supplies for the Butler Area School District through August. You can bring your items to the meeting or to the Blind Association. If you have any questions, contact our Service Chair, Lion Eric.

Cabinet meeting: will be held on August 17, 3:00, at Strobel Hall, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 215 N. Main Street, Zelienople. This is a dinner meeting; cost is \$12. Reservations for dinner are to be made with Lion Tim Roscoe, District Treasurer, 109 Oakview Drive, Cranberry Township, 16066.

District Governor's official visit: DG Elliott Hilton will make his official visit to our club on September 3. This meeting has been moved from the park to the Blind Association.



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

Eric Cranmer (4)  
Suzanne Colon (11)  
Carolyn Winkler (13)  
Don Eyth (18)

Steve Bonnett (19)  
Dan Marshall (26)  
Rich Cox (27)

## CALENDAR

### 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)  
17: 3:00 cabinet meeting #1, Strobel Hall, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Zelenople  
20: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter  
Family picnic  
27: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

### SEPTEMBER

2: Labor Day  
3: Sausage orders due to Lion Connie  
3: 6:30 membership meeting, **Blind Association**  
DG Elliott Hilton's official visit  
7: Passing of the Banner, TBA  
12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
12: 7:00 pack sausage at Fairground Market  
14: 9:30-10:30 pick up sausage, Blind Association  
17: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
19: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
21: 7:00 adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church  
22: **Welcome Fall!**   
24: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association  
28: 11-6 Butler Fall Festival

### OCTOBER

1: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
8: 6:30 food committee meeting, Blind Association  
10: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
15: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
Annual awards night, family and friends  
17: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
22: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

31: **Happy Halloween!**



### NOVEMBER

3: daylight saving time ends, turn your clock back One hour  
5: No meeting. Election Day. Fundraiser at Trinity Lutheran Church  
11: **Veterans Day**  
14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
19: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
26: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association  
28: **Happy Thanksgiving**  
29: Christmas tree sale begins, Trinity Lutheran Church



**Other Club Officers:**

**Director, 1 year:** Betty Basalyga  
Ellen Fullerton  
Randy Pilarcik  
**Director, 2 years:** Steve Bonnett  
John Hertzog  
Paul Vensel  
**IPP:** Adam Fleeger  
**Membership Chair:** IPP Adam Fleeger

**Tail Twister:** Janet Flecken  
**Lion Tamer:** Barry Flecken  
**Public Relations Chair:** Connie Ivill  
**Service Chair:** Eric Cranmer  
**LCIF Coordinator:** Mike Winkler

**2024-2025 Butler Lions Committees**

**Budget, Finance & Grants:**

Chairperson: Tom Faller

**Club Events and Programs:**

Co-chairs: MaryAnn Fleeger and Randy Pilarcik

**Food:**

Chairperson: Ellen Fullerton  
G. Bonnett  
S. Bonnett

**Public Relations-Club Promotion:**

Chairperson: Connie Ivill  
Ellen Fullerton  
Paul Vensel

**Membership:**

Chairperson: IPP Adam Fleeger

**Fundraising:**

Co-chairs: Janet Flecken and Paul Vensel

**Service:**

Chairperson: Eric Cranmer

**Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:**

Chairperson: Carolyn Winkler  
M. Fleeger (District diabetes chair)  
Mike Winkler  
PDG Don Gibala (hearing)

**Webmaster:**

Chairperson:

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