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# The LIONS TALE

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**SEPT. 19, 2023 – APR 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

**MAY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**  
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 Alameda Park Lions Shelter  
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Our annual Butler Blind Association clients' social/dinner/bingo: was held on July 11, 2023, the Butler Lions Club hosted a free dinner and BINGO for the clients of the Butler Blind Association. Everyone enjoyed a good meal followed by playing Bingo. Bingo callers John Hertzog and Barry Flecken kept the evening flowing with funny commentaries and jokes to entertain everyone. The Butler Lions Club membership did a fantastic job getting everyone fed, helping with Bingo and passing out lots of winnings. The 50/25/25 drawing was split with 2 individuals associated with the Blind Association (\$35 each) and \$69 to the Blind Association. Fun was had by all that attended this annual event. The Butler County Commissioners Leslie Osche, Kimberly Geyer and Kevin Boozel presented a Proclamation for the service that the Butler Lions Club offers to our community and beyond. Lions SERVE!





Bingo callers IPP John Hertzog and Lion Barry Flecken



The Butler Lions Club hosted a free dinner and Bingo night for the clients of the Butler Blind Association. County Commissioners Kevin Booze, Kimberly Geyer and Leslie Osche offer words of gratitude and a Proclamation to the Butler Lions Club. The award was accepted by Lions Club President Adam Fleeger.

August 1 membership meeting: will be at the Butler Lions Shelter at Alameda Park, starting at 6:30. Come on out for the four "Fs" fresh air, food, fun and fellowship! Reservations are due to Lion Connie by July 28.

Our club's family picnic: will be held on August 15 at our shelter at Alameda Park, starting at 6:30. Plan on joining us for an evening of fresh air, good food and great company! This is a family and friends event; steak or chicken along with "pot luck" side dishes and desserts from our members. A sign-up sheet is being circulated or contact Lions Connie or Maryann to let them know what you are bringing. You will need to bring your own tableware which includes plates, steak knife, and silverware. Water and soda will be available to drink. The cost for dinner is \$16 (this includes a ticket for our club raffles). Contact Lion Connie by August 11. You will need to let her know your meat choice(s).

Regular 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 22, at 6:30 at the Butler Blind Association.

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item. Except for August, all meeting dates are open.

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| Aug. 1 – Connie I. | Sept. 5 –  | Oct. 3 –  |
| Aug. 15 – Coxes    | Sept. 19 – | Oct. 17 – |

Notes from Tail Twister, Lion Janet: guidelines for future 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.
- Have FUN at meetings and pack those quarters!

All Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. So, if you are available to assist with either of these dinners, contact Lion Eric to assist at the August 10 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the August 17 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, IPP John, Rhonda, Randy and Paul for assisting at the July 13 dinner. 187 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Paul, Deb Hayes, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the July 20 dinner. 235 meals were distributed.

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 City Farmers Market: will be every Saturday through the end of October. We are planning to have our booth there regularly. Lion Art will do some set-up; but, we need other Lions to agree to set-up. Contact Lion Art if you can be a “set-up” Lion. Lions to help sell products are also needed!

District cabinet meeting and Passing of the Banner: will be held on August 12 at the Butler Blind Association. The cabinet meeting starts at 1:00 and the Passing of the Banner will follow the cabinet meeting. The passing of the Banner event is the formal “passing” of the District Governor’s banner from IPDG Gaylene Toland’s club, Apollo Area Lions Club, to DG Maria Loudermilk’s club, Rverside Area/Hopewell Township Branch Lions Club. Following the event, you can greet our new DG and thank the previous DG and meet other district Lions.

Adopt-a-highway: our next will be held on August 5, 7:00 meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church. All you need for the clean-up will be provided including donuts for energy.

Welcome Lion Paul! Paul Vensel (sponsor IPP John) has become our newest member. We are happy to have him in our den!



Big Butler Fair: was June 30 – July 8. Prez Adam and Lion Maryann, who were there every day, report that product sales exceeded \$1800!

Penn Glade rib dinners: will be the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.  
August 24, September 28

Fundraising event now going on: Boscov's One Day Passes for 25 percent off most items! October 18, 2023 from 8AM to 11PM, in store only! These passes are \$5.00 each and our CLUB KEEPS the entire \$5.00. This is an easy fundraiser! SELL SELL SELL Contact Lion Connie (724-355-2354) or Lion Maryann for your passes.

Butler Fall Festival: will be September 30 from 11:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Butler's Main Street. The event was cancelled last year due to inclement weather. We will have our products booth there; so, we will be in need of Lions (and family or friends) to assist with maintaining the booth. Mark your calendars and plan on being a part of this sale. Contact our fundraiser chair, Lion Maryann to sign-up.

20<sup>th</sup> Slippery Rock Village Fest: is September 16 from 10:00 – 5:00 on Main Street. In our effort to keep Lions visible in Slippery Rock; we are going to set-up our products stand at this event. This will be a new venture for us. We would like to have a good showing of Lions at our booth. Contact Lion Maryann to sign-up to help. We are expecting a busy day!



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

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| Eric Cranmer (4)     | Steve Bonnett (19) |
| Suzanne Colon (11)   | Dan Marshall (26)  |
| Carolyn Winkler (13) | Rich Cox (27)      |
| Don Eyth (18)        |                    |

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 1: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 5: 7:00 adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 10: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 12: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #1, Blind Association; Passing of the Banner to follow
- 15: 6:30 annual picnic, Butler Lions Shelter, family And friends night
- 17: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 22: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association
- 24: 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse

### SEPTEMBER

- 4: Labor day
- 5: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: 10-5 20<sup>th</sup> Slippery Rock Village Fest, Main Street
- 19: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

23: **welcome autumn**



- 26: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse
- 30: 11-6 Butler Fall Festival, Main Street

### OCTOBER

- 3: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 5-7: hot dog stand, Sharp Shopper
- 12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 14: 7:00 adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 17: 6:30 membership meeting, annual awards night, Family and friends event, Blind Association
- 19: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 24: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association



31: **Happy Halloween**

### NOVEMBER

- 4: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #2, Blind Assoc. Daylight saving ends, turn your clock back one hour
- 5: District 14-N Fall Rally, Atrium
- 7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association, Election Day
- 9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 11: **Veterans Day**
- 16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association

23: **Happy Thanksgiving**



24: Christmas tree sale begins, Trinity Lutheran Church



28: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

### DECEMBER

- 5: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 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)

22: **welcome winter**



25: **Merry Christmas!**

26: no board meeting (note: membership meetings subject to change based on the club's Christmas party)

**Other Club Officers:**

**Director, 1 year:** Bill Criley  
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

**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 C. Winkler  
G. Bonnett  
S. Bonnett

**Public Relations-Club Promotion:**

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

**Membership/Leadership:**

Board oversight/chair:  
W. Criley PDG D. Gibala  
A. Fleeger R. Shipkowski  
M. Fleeger

**Fundraising:**

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

**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  
A. Black chair)  
T. Faller PDG D. Gibala  
B. Flecken M. Winkler

**Webmaster:**

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