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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 6, 2022
1ST & 3RD Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.
Alameda Park Lions Shelter
BOARD MEETINGS
4th Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
Butler Blind Association



JANUARY 2023



Happy New Year: we hope you had a very enjoyable holiday; recharged and ready to get back into Lions business!

January membership meetings: our first meeting of the new year will be held on January 3, 6:30 at the Blind Association. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, December 30. There is no program scheduled. It will be a “get back into the swing of things” meeting.

Our second meeting of January will be January 17, 6:30 at the Blind Association. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, January 13. You will need to attend this meeting to see what President John has on his mind!

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.

January board meeting: will be held on January 24, 6:30 at the Blind Association.

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item. All meetings in 2023 are open.

Club's Christmas party: the Butler Lions Christmas party was held on Friday, December 9 at the American Legion, Post 778, in Lyndora. Our party was a very merry event with good food and good company (including Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus). Thanks to Lion Rhonda and her committee for putting together a very enjoyable evening.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus with PDG Linda and great granddaughter Lily



Lions Bill and Cindy's grand kids, Kenna and Rylan, and Rylan's friend, Landon, enjoying Santa and the party



PDG Don enjoying Santa's company.
Maybe, trying to convince him that he's on the nice list.

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: The meals have resumed at St. Mark's; all dinners at this time 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 January 12th dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the January 19th dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, Prez John and Ellen for

assisting at the December 8 dinner. 130 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Carolyn, Prez John and Wink for assisting at the December 15 dinner. 146 meals were distributed. Thanks to Prez John for helping out on Dec. 22 as well!



Christmas tree sale: began on Friday, November 25 (day after Thanksgiving) and we were sold out by December 4. Lion Barry reports the following: "we have not finished this fast since we moved the sale to Trinity. By my count, 18 different Lions helped at the shelter. That includes the crew that went to pick them up. Thursday evening (Dec. 1) we sold 10 trees in 2 hours. Friday evening (Dec. 2) we sold 5 in 2 hours. We sold 40 of the 80 trees the Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving." Thanks to Lions Barry and Doug Hayes for once again chairing the sale. Also, thanks to all those Lions that helped with the sale. Nice job!!!

L-R: Lions Doug Hayes, Barry Flecken, Randy Pilarcik, Prez. John, Bob Shipkowski and Eric Cranmer

Christmas parade float: we were a part of this year's Butler Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 26. In addition to our float; the Butler Lions Mini Ambassadors, Lion Lucy and several Butler Lions (some handing out candy to the kids) and family joined in on the fun. There was a huge crowd lining the parade route. Thanks to Lions Maryann and Adam for coordinating our participation in the parade; Lions PDG Linda and Kim (and of course, Emma and Lily) for getting the Mini Ambassadors ready and to the parade; Lion Lucy (Lion Maryann); Lion Randy for pulling the float and all the Lions who helped with this endeavor.



The ARC of Butler County fundraiser delivery: again this year we helped the ARC with their fruit and candle fundraiser by making deliveries to some of their customers on Tuesday, December 20 and Wednesday, December 21. Thanks to Lions PDG Don, Bob S. and Eric for handling the Tuesday deliveries and Lions PDG Don, PDG Linda, Carolyn and Wink for handling the Wednesday deliveries.

Fruit gift bags for Blind Association clients: a club tradition is to provide the gift of fruit for the Blind Association clients at their Christmas Party. As he has done for many years, Lion George obtained the fruit (most of it from Fairground Market), the gift bags and bows. With help from Lions Carolyn and Wink, a total of 44 fruit gift bags were assembled on Dec. 12 for the Christmas party that was held on Dec. 14.

Slippery Rock Lions Club: sadly, after 60 years, the members of the club reluctantly voted to disband at the end of December. Two of the members (so far) have decided to remain Lions and transfer to our club. They are Lion Ralph Joseph, who has been a Lion for over 40 years and Lion David Mershimer, who has been a Lion for 40 years. We welcome these two longtime Lions into our club.



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

Jeremy Criley (2)
Diane Camus (4)
Art Black (11)
Bill Criley (14)
Carol Pawlowicz (23)
Bill Olszewski (25)
Dean Jones (28)

CALENDAR

JANUARY 2023

- 1: Happy New Year!!
- 3: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 17: 6:30 membership meeting, 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

FEBRUARY

- 7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Program-CCR
- 9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 11: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #3, Blind Assoc
- 14: **Happy Valentine's Day!**
- 16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Heart of a Lion presentations, family/friends night
- 28: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

MARCH

- 7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 11 & 12: community dinners' art gala fundraiser at St. Michael's hall
- 16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 17: **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
- 21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

APRIL

- 4: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Election of 2023-2024 officers
- 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, Blind Association
- 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
- 18-21: PA Lions State Convention, IUP
- 23: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association
- 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
- 27: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

Other Club Officers:

Director, 1 year: Betty Basalyga
Randy Pilarcik
Bruce Wood

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 Fleeger

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. Fleeger
A. Fleeger 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. Fleeger & M. Fleeger
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. Fleeger
A. Fleeger
B. Wood

Public Relations-Club Promotion:

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

Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:

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

Webmaster:

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

Membership/Leadership:

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

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