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OCTOBER 2023 – MAY 2024
 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

JUNE – SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
 1ST & 3RD Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.
 Alameda Park Lions Shelter
BOARD MEETINGS
 4th Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
 Butler Blind Association



JANUARY 2024



January Meetings: our first meeting of the month, January 2, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by December 29. No program is scheduled.

Our second meeting in January will be January 16 at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by January 12. Our program will be Drew and Regan Mooney. They will be talking on youth baseball.

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.

Club Christmas party: was held on December 8 at the Tanglewood Senior Center. 28 Lions and numerous family members and guests enjoyed an evening of good food, yule time songs (thanks to Lion Suzanne and Deb Hines for providing the musical accompaniment) and holiday comradery. Santa made his annual visit and shared his Christmas humor and good will! The kids enjoyed the gift bags we passed out. A good time was had by all!

January board meeting: will be held on January 23 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

Club events and program committee and the food committee: are holding a joint meeting on **February 13, 2024**. Please join us at 6:30 PM at the Blind Association. EVERYONE is encouraged to come!

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item. We need Lions to sign up for calendar year 2024.

January 2 – Jodie Boyer	February 6 – open	March 5 – open
January 16 – open	February 20 – open	March 19 – open

Ivy Jug: in November, we resumed passing the Ivy Jug at our regular club meetings. All donations collected in the Ivy Jug will go to the PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation.

Notes from Tail Twister, Lion Janet: asks that all Lions make a New Year’s resolution to serve with name badges on. Happy New Year to all Lions and their families!

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.
- 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.

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 January 11 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the January 18 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, IPP John, and Randy for assisting at the December 14 dinner. 217 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Barry, Paul, Deb, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the December 21 dinner. 247 meals were distributed.



Lots of soup delivered Nov. 29



Lion Barry, Sharp Shopper Manager Nick and Lisa boxing up mac and cheese and soups



Lion Barry and Wendy at the Moniteau food pantry

The ARC of Butler County fruit basket fundraiser delivery: was done on December 19 and 20. Thanks to the following Lions who helped with the delivery, PDG Don, Doug Heltzell, Janet, Barry, Eric and Wink. A total of 77 fruit baskets and 16 candles were delivered.

Club meat raffle: All the monies from the meat raffle were collected (\$2500.00). The cost of the meat was \$530.00. The cost of the printing was about \$80.00.

1st Prize (Dec. 14th) - Acklin from Chicora

2nd Prize (Dec. 15th) - Charles Furl from Butler

3rd Prize (Dec. 16th) - Jamie Savoia from Beaver Falls

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.

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 IPP John.

Annual Christmas tree sale: started on Friday, November 24 and we were done by December 3. Our lot was open for a total of 33 hours. 20 Lions and several family members helped with the lot. We thank Lions Doug Hayes and Barry for, again, chairing the sale; we also thank the Lions and family members that helped with the lot. We also offer our sincere gratitude to Trinity Lutheran Church for all their hospitality providing us the shelter and use of their facilities and to Eric Tack for, again, providing the transport of our trees.

Slippery Rock Lions Club reopens: as of December 14, 2023, the club has reorganized and is back! Lion David Mershimer has transferred back to that club.

Picnic table at McQuiston School:



Lion elves Derek Myers and Barry Flecken on either side of Santa

One table built, 2 to go. A Lions project for McQuiston School with the assistance of Next Tier Bank and Lezzer Lumber. Designed for use for outdoor classes with treated lumber and Trex composite top. Principal Theresa Cherry and SRO John Stutz, along with Santa's friend, John Negley, were present to help unload the table at the school. Lions Janet and Barry helped deliver the materials and the table. Lion Derek did most of the construction. Lion John was the driving force behind this project. Excellent job, Lions! The table is beautiful and durable.



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

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

CALENDAR


JANUARY 2024

- 1: Happy New Year!
- 2: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: Drew and Regan Mooney, youth baseball
- 18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 23: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

FEBRUARY

- 6: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: LCIF presented by PDG Evan Punched
- 8: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 10: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #3, Blind Assoc.
- 11: N-5 PA Lions spring Leadership Symposium
Blind Association
- 13: 6:30 food and event meeting, Blind Association
- 14: **Happy Valentine's Day**
- 15: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 20: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 27: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

MARCH

- 5: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Induction of new members
- 10: daylight saving time begins, spring forward 
- 14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 17: *Happy St. Patrick's Day*
- 19: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association

- 20: **WELCOME SPRING** 
- 21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 26: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 31: *Happy Easter*

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: 10:30am District 14-N spring convention at Shakespeare's Restaurant & Pub, Ellwood City
- 16: 6:30 membership 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

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:

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

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