

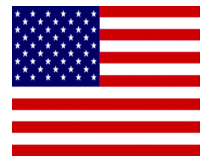


"WE SERVE"

The LIONS TALE

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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



DECEMBER 2023



Club Christmas Party and December meetings: the club's Christmas party is Friday, December 8 at the Tanglewood Senior Center (same room we had our 100th celebration in). Doors will open at 5:30 with dinner planned for 6:30. Set up is at 4:30. We will be doing our White Elephant gift exchange for the adults and there will be grab bags for the kids. The cost is \$25.00/person, \$12.50 children 4-11 and children under 4 are free. RSVP to Ellen Fullerton by December 1st at 724-602-8249 or ellen529@zoominternet.net. Contact Lion Maryann if you are interested in making some cookies, 724-256-2856.

Thank you, Lion Rhonda, for the beautiful invitation.

The Christmas party will be our only membership meeting in December.

December board meeting: there is no board meeting scheduled for December.

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.

December – no raffles
January 2 – Jodie Boyer

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: 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.



So far, Lions have collected 77 cans of soup, 37 can goods and 6 boxes of dry goods. More is pending. This will be donated to the Moniteau food pantry.

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 December 14 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the December 21 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, IPP John, Randy, and Paul for assisting at the November 9 dinner. 210 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, IPP John, Paul, Carolyn, Ellen, Deb and Wink for assisting at the November 16 dinner. 272 meals were distributed.



Hang tough stockings: thank you to all Lions that brought items in for the stockings or dropped off filled ones. These filled stockings are given to cancer patients at cancer centers and hospice units in the area. 20 stockings were picked up on November 8.

Club meat raffle: the stubs and money are due to Lion Maryann or Lion Connie by **December 1**. The winning numbers are determined by the 7:00 p.m. PA lottery 3 digit daily number. The 1st prize winner is December 14; 2nd prize winner is December 15 and 3rd prize winner is December 16.

Lion of the Year: congratulations to Lion Bill Criley who was awarded this honor at our November 21 meeting.

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. Our lot is in the picnic shelter at Trinity Lutheran Church. The tree sale hours are Thursday and Friday, 5-7pm; Saturday 9-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm. Lions Doug Hayes and Barry Flecken are again chairing the sale. Contact one of them to sign-up to help at the sale.



Eric Tack delivering 75 trees from Rural Valley on Nov. 24



Lions unloading the dump truck and trailer.



Lots of Lions at work setting up the tree sale.



Lion John with a couple of trees.



← Lions Jodie, Janet, Barb and Debbie Hayes (not pictured) on Sunday.

Sale update: Friday; sold 20 trees, 3 meat raffle tickets and \$25.00 of products from the church.

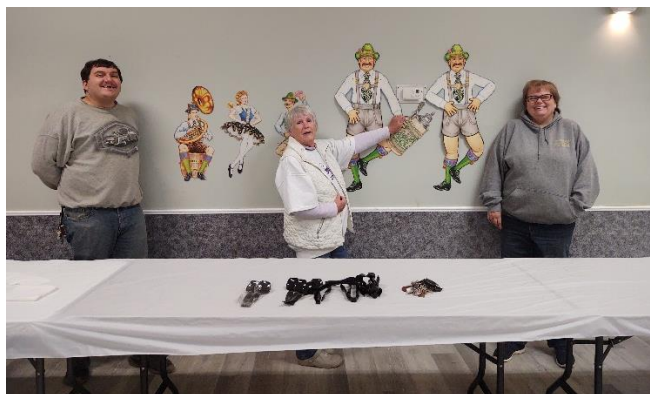
Saturday; sold 20 more trees, had \$55 in donations and have only 4 meat raffle tickets to go!

Sunday; 9 trees sold, one meat raffle ticket left, and products from the church sold. Only 30 trees left!!

District Governor's visit: DG Maria Loudermilk made her official visit to our club on November 7. In honor of DG Maria's German heritage, we had a German themed décor and dinner. At the meeting, we presented DG Maria a check for \$1403, our club's 100% donation to the DG's projects. Below are the DG's projects.

District Governor Maria's Projects
2023-2024

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp / Carl Shoemaker Award	\$4.00
Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester, MI	\$2.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$3.00
PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation / PDG John Crone Award	\$2.50
PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation, Inc.	\$3.75
Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation	\$2.00
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation, Inc.	\$2.50
Lions Youth Outreach Program	\$0.50
Envision Blind Sports -	\$1.25
PA Lions for Dog Guides, Inc.	\$0.50
KidSight Fellowship	\$0.50
District Requests	\$0.50
Total Contribution per Member	\$23.00



PDG Linda Gibala (white jacket), Butler Lions President Adam Fleeger, and Butler Lions 2nd Vice President Maryann Fleeger helped create a fun filled evening.



3000 (12 boxes of 250) pairs of cleaned glasses donated for Mission Vision and delivered to Brother's Brother on the North Side by Lions Janet and Barry on November 9.



Cereal donation: the board approved purchasing boxes of cereal for the Moniteau food pantry from Sharp Shopper. Lion Eric has his truck loaded up for the delivery.

Below is a current listing of where used eye glasses are picked up, the responsible Lion and if there is a product display also. America's Best (on New Castle Road) has just been added.

PLACE	LION	GLASSES	PRODUCTS
AMERICA'S BEST	WINKLER	YES	NO
ARMCO	CRANMER	YES	NO
BALOURIS	SHIPKOWSKI	NO	YES
BILLOTT	SHIPKOWSKI	YES	YES
BLIND ASSOC.	WINKLER	YES	YES
BOSCOVS	SHIPKOWSKI	YES	NO
BUTLER EYE CARE	WINKLER	YES	NO
BUTTERCUP CAMP	IVILL	NO	YES
COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC	SHIPKOWSKI	YES	NO
DITTMAN	SHIPKOWSKI	YES	NO
HINTENBERGER	MINOR	YES	YES
NIMBLE THIMBLE	MINOR	YES	YES
OESTERLINGS	FLEEGER		MINTS ONLY
SARVER EYE CLINIC	FLECKENS	YES	NO
SAXONBURG DRUG	FLECKENS	YES	NO
SAXONBURG EYE DR.	FLEEGER	YES	NO
STIRLING EYE CARE	WINKLER	YES	NO
SUNSET EYE CARE	SHIPKOWSKI	YES	NO
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH	FLECKENS	YES	YES
VISIONWORKS	WINKLER	YES	NO
WIGTON EYE CARE	CRILEY	YES	NO



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

B.T. Fullerton (1)
 Russ Moore (2)
 Paul Vensel (4)

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1: meat raffle tickets and money due to Lions Connie or Maryann
5: **NO** membership meeting
8: 4:30 set-up for party, Tanglewood Senior Center
8: 5:30 club Christmas party, Tanglewood Senior Center
14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
19: **NO** membership meeting
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

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

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 Punchard
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.
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
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*

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
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