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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



FEBRUARY 2024



February Meetings: our first meeting of the month, February 6, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, February 2. PDG Evan Punchedard will be presenting a program on Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Our second meeting in February will be February 20 at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, February 16. Dinner will be a chili cookoff and corn hole competition.

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.

February board meeting: will be held on February 27 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!

Webmaster: our club is seeking a new webmaster to set up our website through LCI. President Adam will help and be a part of the committee. It would be best if the club had several Lions to work together on the website. Please contact President Adam as soon as possible so that this can get going.

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.

February 6 – Lion Janet	March 5 – Lion Jodie	April 2 – open
February 20 – Lion Jodie	March 19 – open	April 16 – 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 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.

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 February 8 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the February 15 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, IPP John, Paul, Rhonda and Randy for assisting at the January 11 dinner. 220 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, IPP John, Deb, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the January 18 dinner. 221 meals were distributed.

Induction of our new members: will happen at our March 5 meeting. Lion Brad Baillie, Ford City Lions Club, and District 14-N Global Membership Team Coordinator, will induct our new members. He will also discuss the importance of finding quality members for our club. We hope all our new members will be able to attend this meeting.

<u>New Lion</u>	<u>Lion Sponsor</u>
Carol Pawlowicz	Betty Basalyga
Lance Fox	John Hertzog
Cathie Lesney	Connie Ivill
Jodie Boyer	John Hertzog
Barbara Pisor	John Hertzog

Sausage sale: we are, again, selling sausage. Our sausage is from Fairground Market; it is fresh lean ground pork and comes in three varieties-salt and pepper, sage and hot. The cost of the sausage is \$6/pound. Sausage orders are due to Lion Connie by March 1. We will pack the sausage on March 14, 7:00 pm, at Fairground Market. Sausage order pick-up is March 16, at the Blind Association, from 9-11am. Contact Lion Connie with any questions.

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.

Summit Township Elementary School backpack program: we will be collecting food items for this program through March 25. The flyer is included. Bring your items to the Blind Association.

Beacon Lodge wish list: we are currently collecting items off the wish list through our second meeting in April (April 16). The Beacon Lodge collection bin is in the large room at the Blind Association. The wish list is included and also on the yellow lid of the bin.

Food distribution: There is a food distribution at Orchard Hill Church, Brugh Avenue, the last Saturday of the month, 9-11 am. Please share with anyone who may benefit from this.



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

Tyler Morgan (1)
Kevin Barnhart (4)
Deb Hayes (7)
Dick Schwab (10)
Bob Shipkowski (11)
Connie Ivill (14)
Ruthann Goff (20)
Kim Jarvis (24)


CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 2: **Happy Groundhog Day!**
- 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

- 1: sausage orders are due to Lion Connie
- 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)
- 14: 7:00 pack sausage at Fairground Market
- 16: 9-11am pick-up sausage, Blind Association
- 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)
- 25: weekend backpack items due (Blind Assoc)
- 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
- 13: 6:00-9:00pm Community Meals Gala & Art Show
St. Michael's Hall, Center Avenue, Butler
- 14: Noon-3:00 Community Meals Gala & Art Show
St. Michael's Hall, Center Avenue, Butler
- 16: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Beacon Lodge items due
- 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

MAY

- 7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 12: **Happy Mother's Day**
- 16-19: PA Lions State Convention, Harrisburg
- 16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 18: Flower and Food Fest, Alameda Park
- 21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 25: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, Blind Assoc.
- 27: **Memorial Day**
- 28: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

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 J. Boyer
J. Basalyga A. Eyth
G. Bonnett B. Pisor
S. Bonnett C. Winkler

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
J. Boyer B. Pisor
E. Cranmer R. Shipkowski
W. Criley

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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