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Treasurer: Thomas Faller

**SEPTEMBER 2024 - MAY 2025**  
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

**JUNE - AUGUST 2025**  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.  
Alameda Park Lions Shelter  
**BOARD MEETINGS**  
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## FEBRUARY 2025

February meetings: our February 4 meeting will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by Friday, January 31.

Our second meeting, February 18, will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by Friday, February 14. The Tail Twister says, bring your quarter for a fun game of 20 questions. You could win the pot! This will be a soup and sandwich night. Our program will be the Butler Coffee Lab.

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 25 at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. All members are welcome to attend.

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item.

Feb. 4 – Lion Ellen

March 4 – open

April 1 – open

Feb. 18 – Lion Connie I.

March 18 – Lion Winks

April 15 – open

District 14-N cabinet meeting #3: will be held on February 8 at the Butler Blind Association, starting at 1:00. The Beaver County Lions are hosting this cabinet meeting. They ask that you make reservations with either of their zone chairs; Lion Mary Ellen Dean, putzie2013@gmail.com or Lion Pam Flara, pflara115@yahoo.com

Notes from Tail Twister, Lion Janet: asks that all Lions serve with their name badges on.

Guidelines for meetings: (all Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account)

- 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!
- Wear you favorite crazy winter hat or scarf for the **February** meetings.
- Have FUN at meetings and pack those quarters!

Katie’s Kitchen: (St. Mark’s) our club assists serving at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays. If you are available to assist with either of these dinners, contact Lion Eric to assist at the February 13 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the February 20 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, John, Janet, and Barry for assisting at the January 9 dinner. 205 meals were distributed. The January 16 dinner was cancelled due to the weather.

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.

Socks for seniors: Lion Eric, our Service Chair, has announced that we will, again this year, collect socks for seniors. The collection period will be January and February. You can bring your socks donations to the club meetings or put them in the collection box at the Blind Association.

MD-14 Spring Symposium: will be held on February 23 at the Blind Association, starting at noon. More details on this symposium will be forthcoming.

2025-2026 dues: will be due before you know it. Not sure, but it is likely they will have to be increased this year. LCI has gradually increased their dues over the last few years. Below is how the dues breakout this coming year. Remember, our dues are used to fund the administration of our club.

2025-2026 Dues Breakdown					
Dues	International	State	District	Beacon Lodge	Total
Regular/Privileged	\$50.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$74.50
Family	\$25.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$49.50
Life	0	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$24.50

Club officers for Lions year 2025-2026: the slate of officers needs to be formed and ready for the election, which will be held on April 1. Lion MaryAnn Fleeger, who will be the incoming president, will be working on the slate of officers for her year. As it stands right now, we are in need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president and three 2 year directors.

April 1 meeting (no fooling!): in addition to the election of the 2025-2026 slate of officers that evening, we will be presenting 3 Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJF) to 3 worthy club members. The club earns a MJF for every \$1,000 donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The last MJF awarded by the club was to the late Lion Joe Smith in 2021. Our club continues to regularly support LCIF. In addition to the three we will be presenting that evening; we still have two more! The plan is to award these at our annual awards night. So, be sure and mark your calendar to be at our April 1 meeting to vote for next year’s club officers and be a part of the MJF presentations.

Sympathies: our sympathies to Lion Eric for the passing of his father, John, on January 28.

PA Lions State Convention: will be May 1 through May 4 in Scranton. Lion Wink has received the registration packet from the PA Lions state office. Contact him if you are interested in going to the convention.



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

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

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

**2: Happy Groundhog Day**  
**4:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
**8:** 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #3, Butler Blind Association  
**13:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**14: Happy Valentine's Day**  
**18:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Soup and sandwich night; Program: Butler Coffee Lab  
**20:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**23:** noon MD14 spring symposium, Blind Association  
**25:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

### MARCH

**4:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
**9:** daylight saving time begins (spring ahead one hr)  
**13:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**17: Happy St. Patrick's Day**  
**18:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
**20:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**20: welcome spring**  
**25:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association  
**29 & 30:** Community dinners Art Gala fundraiser, St. Michael's hall

### APRIL

**1:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
 2025-2026 election of officers/Melvin Jones Fellow presentations  
**10:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**15:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
**17:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**20: Happy Easter**  
**22:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association  
**24-27:** PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp work weekend  
**26:** 7:00 Adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church

### MAY

**1- 4:** PA Lions State Convention, Scranton  
**6:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
**8:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**10:** District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, time and Location TBA  
**11: Happy Mother'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  
**24:** District 14-N spring convention, time and Location TBA  
**26: Happy Memorial Day**  
**27:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

### JUNE

**3:** 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions shelter**  
**7:** Butler County youth field day  
**12:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**15: Happy Father's Day**  
**17:** 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions shelter**  
 Installation of 2025-2026 club officers  
**19:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**20: welcome summer**  
**24:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

**Other Club Officers:**

**Director, 1 year:** Betty Basalyga  
Ellen Fullerton  
Randy Pilarcik  
**Director, 2 years:** Steve Bonnett  
John Hertzog  
Paul Vensel  
**IPP:** Adam Fleeger  
**Membership Chair:** IPP Adam Fleeger

**Tail Twister:** Janet Flecken  
**Lion Tamer:** Barry Flecken  
**Public Relations Chair:** Connie Ivill  
**Service Chair:** Eric Cranmer  
**LCIF Coordinator:** Mike Winkler

**2024-2025 Butler Lions Committees**

**Budget, Finance & Grants:**

Chairperson: Tom Faller

**Club Events and Programs:**

Co-chairs: MaryAnn Fleeger and Randy Pilarcik

**Food:**

Chairperson: Ellen Fullerton

**Public Relations-Club Promotion:**

Chairperson: Connie Ivill  
Ellen Fullerton  
Paul Vensel

**Membership:**

Chairperson: IPP Adam Fleeger

**Fundraising:**

Co-chairs: Janet Flecken and Paul Vensel

**Service:**

Chairperson: Eric Cranmer

**Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:**

Chairperson: Carolyn Winkler  
M. Fleeger (District diabetes chair)  
Mike Winkler  
PDG Don Gibala (hearing)

**Webmaster:**

Chairperson:

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