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SEPTEMBER 2024 - MAY 2025
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 - AUGUST 2024
1ST & 3RD Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.
Alameda Park Lions Shelter
BOARD MEETINGS
4th Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
Butler Blind Association

JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year: we want to wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2025! We would also like to suggest a couple of New Year's resolutions for all club members:

1. To make club meetings on a regular basis.
2. Ask a friend, or family member to consider becoming a Lion (as a reminder, the club will buy dinner for a prospective Lion and, if the prospect joins, the club will pay the entry fee).
3. Pay the club dues before May 15.

January meetings: our January 7 meeting will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by Friday, January 3.

Our second meeting, January 21, will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by Friday, January 17. The Tail Twister says, bring your quarter for a fun game of 20 questions. You could win the pot!

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 28 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.

Jan. 7- Lion George
Jan. 21 – Lion Winks

Feb. 4 – open
Feb. 18 – open

March 4 – open
March 18 – open

Christmas tree sale: was a huge success. Thank you to Lions Barry Flecken and Doug Hayes for co-chairing the sale and to all those who helped. Here's a summary from Lion Barry:

We sold 75 of the 80 trees we bought from Lion Sam Goldstrum. 16 different Lions worked the tree sale. No final sale total yet. Thanks to Eric Tack for hauling the trees. Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church for the use of the picnic shelter. Also, the weather was very, very cold!



Our cold co-chairs, Lion Barry and Lion Doug Hayes



Lions Art, Janet and Eric trying to get warm!



Some frozen Lions. Do you recognize them?



District 14-N food packaging project: was held on December 7 at the Butler Blind Association. The District packers packaged 9,000 meals this year. Each club that participated received a portion of the meals packaged to take back to their community. Thanks to the following Lions who assisted with this project: Carolyn, Wink, PDGs Linda and Don, IPP Adam, MaryAnn, Betty, Jim B., Janet, Ellen, Art, John and Paul.

Lions meals delivered to Wendy Hazlet for the Moniteau Food pantry. Thanks Lion Janet!

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



Katie's Kitchen: (St. Mark's) our club assists serving at the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays. If you are available to assist with either of these dinners, contact Lion Eric to assist at the January 9 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the January 16 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, John, Prez Rhonda, Randy, Paul, Janet, Barry and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the December 12 dinner. 217 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Paul, Janet, Debbie, Wink, Carolyn, Barry, John and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the December 19 dinner. 280 meals were distributed.

Lions Barry, Janet, Paul (Santa in front), Eric, Prez Rhonda, Randy and John at the Dec. 12 dinner. Gift bags were given out to the folks with their dinners.

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.

Club Christmas party: was held on December 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church. We had an excellent meal, lots of laughs, sang some songs, exchanged "white elephant" gifts and, yes, a visit from Santa. Santa came even though we only had 2 youngsters, Lion Derek's two daughters, Alexis and Briele; they were put to work as Santa's elves helping Santa give out gifts from his "naughty and nice" list. It was a very pleasant evening in the spirit of the season!

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.

ARC fruit basket delivery: as we have been for many, many years; we delivered the fundraiser for the ARC of Butler County. The number of deliveries has decreased over the years. This year, we made 7 deliveries between Dec. 18 and 20; a total of 69 fruit baskets and 6 candles were delivered. Thanks to Lions PDG Don, Art and Wink for handling the deliveries.

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

Lion Don McCandless: has officially transferred to the Harris Township Lions Club in the State College area. Because his name has been on our roster so long, we are planning on keeping his information there. However, he is no longer counted as a member of our club.



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

Diane Camus (4) Art Black (11) Carol Pawlowicz (23) Bill Olszewski (25)
Dean Jones (28) will be 92 and is our oldest member by several months

CALENDAR

JANUARY 2025

1: Happy New Year

- 7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

FEBRUARY

2: Happy Groundhog Day

- 4: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 8: District 14-N cabinet meeting #3, time and Location TBA
- 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 Salad 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

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
- 26: 7:00 Adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 30-May 4: PA Lions State Convention, Scranton

MAY

- 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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