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President: Rhonda Pilarcik
1st Vice President: MaryAnn Fleeger
2nd Vice President: Connie Ivill
3rd Vice President: vacant
Secretary: Michael Winkler
Treasurer: Thomas Faller

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 – 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



Happy New Lions Year! On July 1, a new Lions Year begins. You will notice the officer changes on the Tale. You will also notice the 3rd vice-president position is vacant. We thank our immediate past president (IPP) Adam Fleeger for the job he did guiding the club last year. We appreciate his time and effort! We now welcome our new president, Rhonda Pilarcik. Please give her your support and encouragement as she takes on the leadership of our club. Every president brings with them their unique personality and their ideas for making our club the best it can be. Good Luck to President Rhonda!

July meetings: we will not meet on July 2. On July 9, we will hold our annual Blind Association clients and staff social dinner and bingo at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. We hope all club members will be in attendance to interact with our friends from the Blind Association. We will have our "now famous" ham dinner with all the fixings. After dinner, we will play some bingo and be entertained by our bingo callers, Lions Barry and John. It is always a lot of fun! Our July 16 meeting will be held at our shelter in Alameda Park, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by July 12. Come on out to enjoy the beauty of the park and socialize with your fellow Lions.

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.

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

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

July 9 – no raffle August 6 – Lions Fleegers September 3 – Lion Ellen
July 16 – Lion Janet August 20 – Lions Jim and Betty

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.

2024-2025 membership dues are past due: your 2024-2025 Butler Lions Club dues are now due. Annual Regular Membership dues are \$75 and the Annual Family Membership dues are \$55. Please pay your dues to our Treasurer, Lion Tom Faller. You can either pay them in person or you can mail them (address is noted below). It is preferred that you pay your full year’s dues; however, you can make two payments; half now and the other half is due by December 31, 2024. Thanks!

Lions Year 2024-2025: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025
Checks should be made payable to: Butler Lions Club
Butler Lions Club Address: PO Box 1905, Butler, PA 16003

2024- 2025 Dues Breakdown						
Dues	International	State	District	Beacon Lodge	Admin	
Regular/Privileged \$75.00 (\$6.25/mo.)	\$48.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$ 2.50	
Family \$55.00 (\$4.59/mo.)	\$24.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$ 6.50	
Life \$40.00 (\$3.34/mo.)	0	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$15.50	

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 July 11 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the July 18 dinner. Thanks to Lions Paul, Rhonda, Eric and Randy for assisting at the June 13 dinner. 250 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions John, Deb, Paul, Janet, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the June 20 dinner. 350 meals were distributed.

Upcoming meetings: The Food Committee will meet on October 8 at 6:30 at the Blind Association. The Publicity Committee will meet on November 12 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

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.

Little Beaver Lions steak fry: is August 8, 6:30 at the Lions Pavilion at the Darlington Polo Field. Cost of dinner is \$25 which includes steak, fries, corn on the cob, salad, cake and beverages. You must bring your table setting (plate, silverware, etc). Reservations are required. Contact Lion Wink by July 30. He will make the reservations for the club.

Big Butler fair: IPP Adam and Lion MaryAnn have our booth set-up there. Contact one of them if you are available to help. The Fair runs through July 6.

Butler City farmers market: opened for another season on May 25, every Saturday morning through October. Lions Art and Paul are handling the product set-up for our sales there.



Lion Barry Flecken looking at all the boxes on the pallet at Brothers Brother. There are 3,250 pairs of glasses! Way to go Lions! Thank you to Lions Flecken for delivering them and to those Lions who pick up, sort and clean. A great ongoing service project.

BBO RIB DINNER

(ALL YOU CAN EAT)
\$22.00



5 & under: Free
6-12: \$8.00



April 25
May 23
June 27
July 25

August 22
September 26
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Rib dinner: we had 12 Lions (PDGs Linda and Don, Lions Barry, Janet, John, Don Eyth, Rhonda, Randy, Betty, Jim, Carolyn and Wink) attend the June 27 dinner. Great club support and a great dinner!!

Penn-Glade Lions Club

140 Church Road, Penn Township
No reservations necessary

Bring a food bank donation for a chance to win a FREE DINNER
Information: 724-968-7513
Take out available

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends day: October 22, 8:00 am – 11:00 pm, instore and online. We are selling a \$5 discount shopping pass which is for the full day and 25% off the lowest sale price. (exclusions are indicated on the pass) Contact Lions Connie Ivill or MaryAnn to get your passes. Remember, the club keeps the \$5 shopping pass sales.



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

PDG Linda Gibala (12)
Mike Winkler (13)
Larry Nulph (14)

MaryAnn Fleeger (20)
Randy Pilarcik (25)
Don McCandless (30)

CALENDAR

JULY

- 2: No meeting
- 4: **Happy Independence Day!**
- 6: last day of the Big Butler Fair
- 9: 6:30 Blind Association clients' social dinner and Bingo at Blind Association
- 11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: PA Lions appreciation day at Beacon Lodge Camp

And the great duck race



- 23: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

AUGUST

- 6: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 8: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 15: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 20: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter Family picnic
- 27: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

SEPTEMBER

- 2: Labor Day
- 3: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 17: 6:30 membership meeting, **Blind Association**
- 19: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: 7:00 adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 22: **Welcome Fall!** A cluster of colorful autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow.
- 24: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 11-6 Butler Fall Festival

OCTOBER

- 1: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 8: 6:30 food committee meeting, Blind Association
- 10: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 15: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Annual awards night, family and friends
- 17: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 22: 8am-11pm Boscov's friends helping friends day (instore or online) 25% off with one-day \$5 shopping pass
- 22: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 31: **Happy Halloween!** A carved jack-o'-lantern with a smiling face.

NOVEMBER

- 3: daylight saving time ends, turn your clock back One hour
- 5: No meeting. Election Day. Fundraiser at Trinity Lutheran Church
- 11: **Veterans Day**
- 14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 19: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 26: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: **Happy Thanksgiving**
- 29: Christmas tree sale begins, Trinity Lutheran Church



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
G. Bonnett
S. Bonnett

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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