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**SEPT. 20, 2022 – APR 2023**  
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

**MAY – SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**  
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## MARCH 2023



March membership meetings: Our first meeting of March will be March 7, 6:30 at the Blind Association. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, March 3. We will be presenting the Heart of a Lion award to local citizens at this meeting. This is a family/friends night. Please plan on attending to show our support for the recipients. This presentation was originally scheduled for February 21, but had to be postponed due to the floor project in the room.

Our second meeting in March will be held on March 21, 6:30 at the Blind Association. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, March 17. Our program will be a speaker regarding organ donation.

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.

March board meeting: will be held on March 28, 6:30 at the Blind Association.

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

March 7 – PDG Linda  
March 21 – Fleegers

April 4 – open  
April 18 – open

May 2 – open  
May 16 – Basalygas

June 6 – open  
June 20 – open

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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. So, if you are available to assist with either of these dinners, contact Lion Eric to assist at the March 9 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the March 16 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, Prez John, and Ellen for assisting at the February 9 dinner. 143 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Deb, Prez John, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the February 16 dinner. 164 meals were distributed.

Upcoming district clubs events:

- March 19, New Brighton Lions Club is having an all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast from 8:00-1:00 pm at the Beaver County Lighthouse for the Blind, New Brighton, \$12 (at the door).
- March 25, Ellwood City Lions Club is having a Night at the Races at the Wayne Twp. Fire Hall, 5153 Ellwood Road, Ellwood City. Doors open at 5:30 races start at 7:00, \$25/person, \$30 at the door. Horse, food and beer included. Must be 21 to enter.

Board vacancy: Lion Bruce Wood has a scheduling conflict which makes it necessary for him to resign his 1 year director position. The board is looking to fill this vacancy for the rest of this Lions year (June 30, 2023). If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please contact President John Hertzog.

2023-2024 club officers: here is the listing as it stands for next year's officers. 1stVP Adam Fleeger is looking to fill several positions, including 3rdVP, membership chair, 3-2 year directors to mention a few. Please let Lion Adam know if you are interested in serving on next year's board. The election of the 2023-2024 officers will be held at the April 4 meeting. Speaking of the April 4 meeting, that will be a soup, sandwich and dessert dinner. The meal will be donated/provided by our club members. The proceeds from this meal will go to our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration fund.

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Secretary: Mike Winkler  
Treasurer: Thomas Faller  
IPP: John Hertzog

Tail Twister: Janet Flecken  
Lion Tamer: Carolyn Winkler  
Membership chair:  
Public relations: Connie Ivill  
Service chair: Eric Cranmer  
Director, 2 years:

Director, 1 year: Bill Criley  
Barry Flecken  
PDG Linda Gibala

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 President John.

Butler Lions Club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration: is being worked on. The date will be June 24 and it will be held at the Tanglewood Senior Center. Obviously, there are a lot of details to work out. Lion Rhonda Pilarcik is the chair of this event.

Glass jars: The 100th Anniversary Committee is seeking GLASS quart jars-mason, pickles, mayo etc. Please drop them off at the Blind Association or call Lion Rhonda if needed.

Summit Township Elementary School backpack program: we will be collecting food items for this program through March. The information was in last month's Tale. 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 18). The Beacon Lodge yellow collection bin is in the large room at the Blind Association.

PA State Convention: the 100<sup>th</sup> PA Lions Clubs State Convention will be held on May 18 through May 21 at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705. Refer to the recent issue of the "Pride" state newsletter for more information on the convention. This link should get you there. (or copy and paste in your browser)

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District 14-N spring convention: Is April 15 at Shakespeare's Restaurant. We have not received a flyer yet with details.

Spring sausage sale: all orders are due to Lion Connie by March 10. The cost of the sausage is \$5/pound; varieties available are: hot, sage and salt and pepper. The packing of the sausage will be done at Fairground Market on March 23, at 7:00. Sausage pick-up is March 25 from 9:00-10:00am at the Blind Association.

Community dinners gala art show and sale: will be held at St. Michael's Hall, Center Avenue, Butler, Saturday March 11 from 6:00-9:00pm. Admission for this day is \$25 (as a sponsor, our club has 4 free admission tickets; they are on the table in the Blind Association). Sunday's event is free and open to the public from noon-3:00pm. The artwork on display will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds donated to the community meals program.

Helpers are needed to help with set-up on March 10, starting at 9:00am; gala assistance is needed on Saturday and Sunday and helpers are needed to tear down the hall after the event closes on Sunday at 3:00pm. Contact Lion Barry with questions.

Our socks drive: Lion Eric reports that the socks we collected were donated to the Butler Meals on Wheels. They were very thankful to received them and share with their clients.




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

Rodney Fleeger (6)  
Angie Eyth (10)  
Jennifer Bindernagel (19)

Bill Hetrick (29)  
Derek Myers (30)

## CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
Heart of a Lion presentations, family/friends night  
9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
10: Sausage orders due to Lion Connie  
11 & 12: community dinners' art gala fundraiser at  
St. Michael's hall
- 12: daylight saving time begins (spring ahead) 
- 16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
17: **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**  
20: **WELCOME SPRING!**  
21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
23: 7:00 pack sausage at Fairground Market  
25: 9-10am sausage order pick-up at the Blind Assoc.  
28: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

### APRIL

- 4: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
Election of 2023-2024 officers  
Soup and sandwich dinner. (all proceeds will go  
Towards our 100<sup>th</sup> celebration)  
9: Happy Easter  
13: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
15: 4:00 District 14-N spring convention,  
Shakespeare's  
18: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
20: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
22: 7:00 adopt-a-highway #1, Trinity Lutheran  
Church  
25: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association  
28-30: PA Lions Beacon Lodge work weekend

### MAY

- 2: 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions Shelter,  
Alameda Park**  
11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
14: Happy Mother's Day!  
16: 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions Shelter**  
18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
18: 5:30-8:30 Mingle on Main, Saxonburg  
20: Flower and food fest, Alameda Park  
18-21: PA Lions State Convention, IUP  
23: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association  
27: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, Blind Assoc.  
29: **Memorial Day**

### JUNE

- 6: 6:30 membership meeting, location TBA  
Installation of 2023-2024 officers  
8: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
10: 7:00 adopt-a-highway #2, Trinity Lutheran Church  
15: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
15: 5:30-8:30 Mingle on Main, Saxonburg  
18: Happy Father's Day!  
20: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter  
21: **WELCOME SUMMER!**  
24: Butler Lions Club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Celebration, Tanglewood Senior Center  
27: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

### JULY

- 4: **Happy birthday America!** (no meeting)  
11: 6:30 Blind Association clients social/dinner/bingo,  
Blind Association  
13: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
18: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter  
20: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at  
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
20: 5:30-8:30 Mingle on Main, Saxonburg  
25: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

**Other Club Officers:**

**Director, 1 year:** Betty Basalyga  
Randy Pilarcik  
Vacant

**Director, 2 years:** Bill Criley  
Barry Flecken  
PDG Linda Gibala

**IPP:** Robert Ogden

**Membership Chair:** Steve Bonnett

**Tail Twister:** Cathie Cox

**Lion Tamer:** Carolyn Winkler

**Marketing/Communications Chair:** Connie Ivill

**Service Chair:** Eric Cranmer  
**LCIF Coordinator:** Mike Winkler

**Presidential Appointments:**

**Chaplain:**  
**Asst. Treasurer:** Richard Schwab  
**Historian:** Derek Myers  
**Photographer:** Rhonda Pilarcik  
**Web Master:** Adam Fleeger

**2022-2023 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 C. Cox  
J. Basalyga C. Criley  
G. Bonnett A. Eyth  
S. Bonnett D. McCandless

**Public Relations-Club Promotion:**

Board oversight/chair: Connie Ivill  
A. Fleeger  
M. Fleeger  
PDG D. Gibala  
Rhonda Pilarcik

**Membership/Leadership:**

Board oversight/chair: S. Bonnett  
W. Criley PDG D. Gibala  
A. Fleeger R. Ogden  
M. Fleeger R. Shipkowski

**Fundraising:**

Board oversight/chair: M. Fleeger  
A. Fleeger C. Ivill  
J. Bindernagel T. Morgan  
E. Cranmer R. Ogden  
W. Criley R. Shipkowski  
W. Hetrick B. Wood

**Service:**

Board oversight/chair: E. Cranmer  
C. Ivill B. Basalyga  
B. Shipkowski M. Fleeger  
A. Fleeger  
B. Wood

**Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:**

Board oversight: B. Wood/chair: S. Colon  
J. Bindernagel M. Fleeger (District diabetes  
A. Black chair)  
T. Faller PDG D. Gibala  
B. Flecken M. Winkler

**Webmaster:**

Board oversight/chair: A. Fleeger  
J. Criley C. Ivill  
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