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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
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MARCH 2024



Our deepest sympathies: To Cindy and her family on the loss of Lion Bill Criley. He passed away Thursday, February 29. Lion Bill was a great asset to our club.

March Meetings: our first meeting of the month, March 5, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, March 1. 1VDG Elliott Hilton will induct our new members. Lion Brad Baillie, Ford City Lions Club, and District 14-N Global Membership Team Coordinator, will discuss the importance of finding quality members for our club. We hope all our new members will be able to attend this meeting. Dinner will have an Irish theme! (sorry, no green beer!)

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| <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 |

Our second meeting in March will be March 19 at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, March 15. We will be having a presentation on this year's community meals Gala and Art Show.

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 26 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

Upcoming committee meetings:

- Fundraiser committee will meet on April 9 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.
- Club events and program committee and the food committee will hold a joint meeting on May 14 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

All club members are welcome to attend these meetings!

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.

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| March 5 – Lion Maryann | April 2 – Lion Rhonda |
| March 19 – Lion Janet | April 16 – Lion Carolyn |

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!
- It is time to wear something **green** for the month of **March**.
- Have FUN at meetings and pack those quarters!

All Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account.

2024-2025 election of officers: will happen at our April 2 meeting. Here is the current slate of officers:

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| President: Rhonda Pilarcik | Public relations: Connie Ivill |
| 1 st vice president: Maryann Fleeger | Service chair: Eric Cranmer |
| 2 nd vice president: Connie Ivill | Director, 1 year: Betty Basalyga |
| 3 rd vice president: open | Steven Bonnett |
| Secretary: Michael Winkler | Randy Pilarcik |
| Treasurer: Thomas Faller | Director, 2 years: John Hertzog |
| IPP: Adam Fleeger | open |
| Tail Twister: Janet Flecken | open |
| Lion Tamer: open | |
| Membership chair: Adam Fleeger | |

If you are interested in any of these open positions, contact 1st VP Rhonda. The club runs most efficiently if all the positions are filled.

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 March 14 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the March 21 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, IPP John, Paul, Rhonda and Randy for assisting at the February 8 dinner. 220 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Paul, IPP John, Deb, Carolyn and Wink and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the February 15 dinner. 232 meals were distributed.

Chili Cookoff: we had a "chili cookoff" night at the February 20, 2024 membership meeting. Lion Ellen Fullerton's white bean chili and Lion John Hertzog's Beast Chili (elk meat, sausage and more) tied for first place. IPP John won the tie breaker and was "capped" the winner. Congratulations!

Thank you to the many members that provided a wide variety of chili, brought side dishes, desserts, and chips. Lots of good stuff to eat! It was a fun, social, and memorable evening.



Sausage sale: 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.

Socks for Seniors: In January 2024, the Butler Lions Club collected socks and hats for residents of the community. The needed supplies were delivered to Meals on Wheels to distribute to their clients. About 100 pair of socks were delivered. Lions Serve!!



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.

2022-2023 Club Excellence Award: at the recent cabinet meeting, our club was recognized with an LCI Club Excellence Award. We received a banner patch and our IPP John Hertzog received an Excellence lapel pin, acknowledging the success of our club under his direction and leadership. Congratulations Butler Lions Club and IPP John!

Change your roster: as of March 1, Angela Eyth has a new email: angela.eyth@basdk12.org





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

- 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)
9: 6:30 fundraiser committee meeting, Blind Assoc.
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. PDG Tom Toland will present on Beacon Lodge
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
Program-Butler Coffee Lab
9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 12: *Happy Mother's Day*
14: 6:30 food and event meeting, Blind Association
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
Program-PDG Don Gibala
- 25: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, Blind Assoc.
27: **Memorial Day**
28: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

JUNE

- 4: 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions Shelter**
Alameda Park
13: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
16: *Happy Father's Day*
18: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
Installation of Officers
20: **Welcome Summer!**
20: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
25: 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
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