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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: MaryAnn Fleeger  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Connie Ivill  
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Secretary: Michael Winkler  
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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## MARCH 2025

March meetings: our March 4 meeting will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by Friday, February 28.

Our second meeting, March 18, will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by Friday, March 14. Kim Reamer, Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center, will be our program.

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

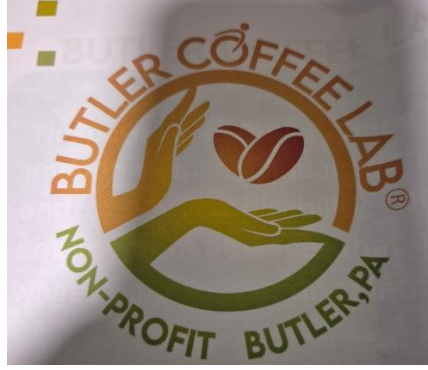
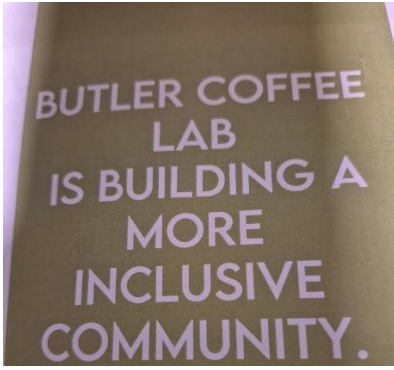
Sympathies: our heartfelt sympathies to Lion George, his wife Carol, Kris Bonnett and her son Kagan on the sudden loss of Lion Steve.

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

March 4 - President Rhonda  
March 18 - Lions Fleeger

April 1 - PDG Linda  
April 15 - Lions Wink

May 6 - Lion Paul  
May 20 - open



Butler Coffee Lab was our speaker at our February 18 soup and sandwich night. Terry and Nadine did an excellent job to explain their organization.

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!
- 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 March 13 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the March 20 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, Paul, Randy, President Rhonda, Janet, Barry and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the February 13 dinner. 225 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Eric, Janet, John, Paul, Carolyn, Wink and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the February 20 dinner. 231 meals were distributed.

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.

Buddy bench: our efforts to collect plastic has been successful. We collected 1000 pounds of plastic; so, we will be getting a bench. The bench will serve as a “buddy bench” at Summitt Township Elementary School.



On Wednesday, February 5, Lions Janet and Barry delivered 2500 pairs of glasses to Brothers Brother!

2025-2026 dues: are now due. At the February 4 membership meeting, the members voted to raise the regular/privileged dues \$10 and the family member dues \$5; thus, the annual dues for regular/privileged member is \$85 and family member dues is \$60. Life member dues (Lions Bill and George) will remain at \$40. Please pay our treasurer, Lion Tom Faller, by June 17, 2025. It is preferred that you pay the full amount of your dues in one payment. However, you can pay half now and the other half by December 31. This increase will put \$598 into our administrative account; if the dues would have remained the same, only \$123 would have gone into the administrative account.

2025-2026 Dues Breakdown					
Dues	International	State	District	Beacon Lodge	Amount to club
Regular/Privileged \$85 (40)	\$50.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$10.50
Family \$60 (13)	\$25.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	10.50
Life \$40 (2)	0	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	15.50

Club officers for Lions year 2025-2026: the slate of officers is listed below:

President: Maryann Fleeger	Public relations: Connie Ivill
1 <sup>st</sup> vice president: Connie Ivill	Service chair: Eric Cranmer
2 <sup>nd</sup> vice president: Paul Vensel	Membership chair: Adam Fleeger
3 <sup>rd</sup> vice president: Adam Fleeger	Director, 2 years: Betty Basalyga
Secretary: Michael Winkler	PDG Linda Gibala
Treasurer: Thomas Faller	Carolyn Winkler
IPP: Rhonda Pilarcik	Director, 1 year: Ellen Fullerton
Tail Twister: Janet Flecken	John Hertzog
Lion Tamer: Barry Flecken	vacant
LCIF Coordinator: Michael Winkler	

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.

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.

Community Meals Ministries Art Gala fundraiser: will be held on Saturday March 29 and Sunday, March 30 at St. Michaels Hall. The event is from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday. Cost of admission is \$30 which includes food and beverages. Sunday, the event is from 12-3. Admission is free. Our club is a gold sponsor of the gala; as such, we have free admission tickets. Contact Lion Barry if you are interested in them. Volunteers are needed to help with the gala from set-up to tear down. Contact Lion Barry if you can help.

Email contact: Lion Neil asks that emails be sent to his work address: [ashbaugh@ncsquared.com](mailto:ashbaugh@ncsquared.com)

Ford City Lions Club: are having their 75<sup>th</sup> celebration on April 26 at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Station, 301 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Ford City. Doors open at 5. The program starts at 6:00. The cost is \$25 per person. Contact Lion Wink to make reservations.



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

**4:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
**9:** daylight saving time begins (spring ahead one hour)  
**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 Program: Kim Reamer, Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center  
**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 Program: Penn State Master Gardeners  
**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  
**26:** 5:00 Ford City Lions Club's 75<sup>th</sup> celebration  
10<sup>th</sup> Street Station, Ford City

### MAY

**1- 4:** PA Lions State Convention, Scranton  
**6:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Program: Glade Run Foundation  
**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)  
**17:** District 14-N spring convention, Camelot, Wexford, details TBA  
**20:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Program: Donna Baughman, American Red Cross  
**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:**

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

**Fundraising:**

Co-chairs: Janet Flecken and Paul Vensel

**Club Events and Programs:**

Co-chairs: MaryAnn Fleeger and Randy Pilarcik

**Food:**

Chairperson: Ellen Fullerton

**Service:**

Chairperson: Eric Cranmer

**Public Relations-Club Promotion:**

Chairperson: Connie Ivill

Ellen Fullerton

Paul Vensel

**Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:**

Chairperson: Carolyn Winkler

M. Fleeger (District diabetes chair)

Mike Winkler

PDG Don Gibala (hearing)

**Webmaster:**

Chairperson:

**Membership:**

Chairperson: IPP Adam Fleeger

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