



"WE SERVE"

The LIONS TALE

Official monthly publication of the Lions Club of Butler, Pennsylvania
Serving others since 1923

Liberty · Intelligence · Our Nations Safety



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

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
BOARD MEETINGS
 4th Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
 Butler Blind Association

Happy
Mother's
Day

MAY 2024



May Meetings: our first meeting of the month, May 7, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, May 3. We will have a program from the Butler Coffee Lab.

Our second meeting in May will be May 21 at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, May 17. PDG Don Gibala will be making a presentation on several Lions organizations that he is involved in.

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.

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

Upcoming committee meetings:

- 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 this meeting!

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

May 7 – Lion Ellen June 4 – Lions Jim and Betty July 9 – no raffle
 May 21 – Lion Paul June 18 – Lion Connie Ivill July 16 – open

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!
- Wear your Lions shirt or hat with pride for all May events!
- Have FUN at meetings and pack those quarters!

All Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account.

2024-2025 slate of officers as elected on April 2:

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	Ellen Fullerton
Secretary: Michael Winkler	Randy Pilarcik
Treasurer: Thomas Faller	Director, 2 years: John Hertzog
IPP: Adam Fleeger	Steve Bonnett
Tail Twister: Janet Flecken	Paul Vensel
Lion Tamer: Barry Flecken	
Membership chair: Adam Fleeger	

If you are interested in the 3rd vice president position, contact 1st VP Rhonda. The club runs most efficiently if all the positions are filled.

2024-2025 membership dues are 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). Your dues are to be paid by May 31, 2024. 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. If you do not pay by June 15, your dues will be increased by \$10. Please contact Lion Wink if you have any questions. 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

NOTE: Our two Life Members (Lion George Bonnett and Lion Bill Hetrick) your dues are \$40.

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	

Note: LCI is increasing the dues in small increments over several years. We are certain that our club membership dues for Lions year 2025-2026 will be increased.

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 May 9 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the May 16 dinner. Thanks to Lions Paul, Rhonda and Randy for assisting at the April 11 dinner. 235 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Barry, IPP John, Deb, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the April 18 dinner. 300 meals were distributed.

Community meals gala and art show: was held on April 13 and 14. Our club was a gold sponsor (\$500 donation) of the event. We had several Lions who helped make the gala a success. Thanks to Lions Barry, Janet, IPP John, Randy and Deb Hayes.

District's Spring Convention: was held at Shakespeare's Restaurant on April 13. Eleven Lions (PDGs Linda and Don Gibala, President Adam, MaryAnn and Rodney; Betty and Jim; Russ; Paul; and Carolyn and Wink) and 3 guests of Lion Russ made their way over hill and dale to get there. There were closed roads due to all the rain/flooding. We had several members who were recognized: PDG Don received a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Beacon Lodge Carl Shoemaker Award; PDG Linda also received a Carl Shoemaker award (our club awarded her that) and she received a Leader Dogs for the Blind award. Lion Russ was inducted into District 14-N's Honor Roll of Lions and Lions Carolyn and Wink received the PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation's PDG John Crone award. The convention went quite well! None of us, however, won any drawings or raffle baskets!

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.

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp: PDGs Linda and Don went to the work weekend on April 19 and 20. They took the Beacon Lodge Collection bin with them. Thanks to all that donated items and to PDGs Linda and Don for working at the camp and transporting our wish list items.

May 16-18: talk about a full schedule!

- May 16-18: hot dog stand at Sharp Shopper, contact Lion Janet
- May 16-19: PA Lions state convention, Harrisburg
- May 16: Katie's kitchen
- May 18: Flower and food fest, Alameda Park, contact Lion Art

Help Lions Help Others

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.

Editor's note: the ribs on April 25 were delicious!!

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



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

Jim Basalyga (25)

Ellen Fullerton (29)

Dorothy Lascuola (31)

CALENDAR

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)
- 16-18: hot dog stand, Sharp Shopper
- 18: 9-4 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
- 28: Big Butler Fair starts

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 (confirmed)
- 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)
- 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!**
- 24: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 11-6 Butler Fall Festival

Other Club Officers:

Director, 1 year:

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

Fundraising:

Board oversight/chair: M. Fleeger

A. Fleeger

T. Morgan

J. Bindernagel

R. Shipkowski

E. Cranmer

C. Ivill

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

A. Eyth

J. Basalyga

G. Bonnett

S. Bonnett

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
chair)

A. Black

PDG D. Gibala

T. Faller

B. Flecken

M. Winkler

Public Relations-Club Promotion:

Board oversight/chair: Connie Ivill

A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

PDG D. Gibala

Rhonda Pilarcik

Webmaster:

Board oversight/chair: A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

C. Ivill

PDG D. Gibala

Rhonda Pilarcik

Membership/Leadership:

Board oversight/chair:

PDG D. Gibala

R. Shipkowski

A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

Butler Lions Club

P.O. Box 1905

Butler, PA 16003

ButlerPALionsClub.org

Lion Mike Winkler – Tale Editor

lionwink@zoominternet.net

724-285-4304

Facebook.com/ButlerPALionsClub

Member Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau

www.visitbutlercounty.com

Sponsor of the Moniteau Leo Club