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The LIONS TALE

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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 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 - AUGUST 2025
 1ST & 3RD Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.
 Alameda Park Lions Shelter
BOARD MEETINGS
 4th Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
 Butler Blind Association

MAY 2025

Club officers for Lions year 2025-2026: below is the slate of officers elected at our April 1 meeting. Installation of the officers will be held at our second meeting in June (June 17) at the Butler Lions Shelter, Alameda Park.

President: Maryann Fleeger	Public relations: Connie Ivill
1 st vice president: Connie Ivill	Service chair: Eric Cranmer
2 nd vice president: Paul Vensel	Membership chair: Adam Fleeger
3 rd 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	Tyler Morgan
LCIF Coordinator: Michael Winkler	

May meetings: our May 6 meeting will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by Friday, May 2. Our program will be on the Glade Run Foundation.

Our second meeting, May 20, will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, May 16. Our program will be on Camp Cadet.





On April 15, 2025 the membership meeting was a very worthwhile and unique evening. I would like to take a minute of your time to say what a rewarding evening the **Meet and Greet** was!

To begin with it was put together with the purpose of getting others, non-members, to hear about Lionism and understand some of the needed things we do in the community and beyond. To maybe spark some interest in new membership. And that was fulfilled. With the Master Gardener, Diane Dallow, as our special speaker, followed by PDG Linda Gibala giving a Lions overview, everyone was fully engaged in the topics, with the interest being seen on the faces of the listeners.

The meal from PIZZA PIE (Route 8) was excellent with lots of compliments from our group. Pepperoni and cheese pizzas and a mouth-watering salad enticed everyone to enjoy. The desserts, provided by our members, were delicious and plentiful. Lots of drink choices rounded out the meal.

The one thing that really stood out was the friendship, the conversations, the smiles and chuckles as the event continued. Meeting new people, friends and relatives of our members was a delight. Many interesting conversations with so many different people could be heard everywhere. You cannot get more inviting than that.

Lion volunteers were plentiful. Bringing supplies and foods and drinks, to set up, clean up, pretty flowers for the tables, and of course the Tale Twister enlightened everyone with an egg opening/prize winning fun time. KUDOS to everyone that pitched in to make this an eventful, fun, social evening with some good food, conversation and new knowledge.

We may not get any new members, but the evening was a success in my eyes. Everyone enjoyed a relaxing evening with the trimmings to go with it. Non-members learned about us. We got the Lions name out to others. Thank you to everyone for helping, inviting guests, organizing things, and for being involved in this new evolution of an event that we will probably do again. THANK YOU!

Lion Connie Ivill
A big shout out to:

Pizza Pie
1734 N. Main Street ext.
Butler, PA 16001
724-282-4400

Fyi—Pizza Pie provided the pizza and salad (dressing also) for our meet and greet on April 15. They gave us an incredible price. Let's show our appreciation by supporting them. Let them know you are from the Butler Lions Club and that everyone appreciated them helping us in our endeavor to get the Lions name out into the public.

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

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

May 6 – Lion Paul	June 3 – Lion Connie I.	July 8 – no raffle
May 20 – Lion Betty	June 17 – Lion Janet	July 15 - open

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!

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 (42)	\$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

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 8 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the May 15 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, Paul, Randy, President Rhonda, and John for assisting at the April 10 dinner. 264 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, John, Paul, Carolyn, Wink and Bryan for assisting at the April 17 dinner. 290 meals were distributed.

Katie’s Kitchen is taking donations of gently used or new children’s books to hand out weekly. You can bring them to our meetings.

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.



On Tuesday, April 1, three Lions were awarded the Prestigious Melvin Jones Award. They are: left to right - Lion John Hertzog, Lion Carolyn Winkler and Lion Russ Moore. Congratulations to these deserving Lions for their service. The picture below shows Butler Lions who have previously received this award along with the three newbees.

District Spring Convention: is May 17 at the Camelot Event Center, 250 Swinderman Road, Wexford. The social hour is from 4-5 with dinner at 5:00. The cost is \$50 per person. Contact Lion Wink by May 8 to make reservations.

Adopt-a-Highway: our first highway clean-up, which was scheduled for April 26, was postponed due to the weather. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Adopt-a-Highway chair: after 10 years of chairing the AAH for our club, Lion Carolyn has decided to step down from this position. If you are interested in this position, contact current President Rhonda or incoming President MaryAnn. We thank Lion Carolyn for her years as club chair!

Hot dog stand: will be Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17. To run the stand effectively, we need Lions to staff it. Lions Paul and Randy are co-chairing the stand. Contact either of them to schedule your time(s) to help. As noted, we need all Lions to help with this project!

Penn State Master Gardeners event: will be at the Butler Farm Show grounds. We will have our sales booth there. The event runs Friday, May 16, from 2-6 and Saturday, May 17, from 10-4. Lion Art, who is chairing our booth, has advised that he has sufficient staffing.

Beacon Lodge wish list: we had a nice collection of items in our Beacon Lodge bin. Thanks to all who donated items and thanks to PDGs Linda and Don for taking our donations to Beacon Lodge and working several days at the camp.



The Community Meals Ministries Art Gala was held on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30.

Help the Lions Help Others

BBQ RIB DINNER - Fundraiser
 (ALL YOU CAN EAT)
 \$25.00
 6-12: \$12.00
 5 & under: Free




May 22
June 26
July 24
August 28
September 25
 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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)

LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION RAFFLE

Has your Club ever thought about presenting someone in your club or community a
LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP AWARD
Here is your chance to win one for only \$10.00

No. XXX

No. XXX

Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation



MATCH THE PA DAILY PICK 3 NUMBER
STRAIGHT 7:00 PM DRAWING ONLY
BONUS NUMBER NOT INCLUDED
SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
JUNE 15 – 21, 2025
SEVEN DAYS & SEVEN WINNERS



For a
Lions of PA Foundation Fellowship Award
Each day

Donation: \$10.00

Two chances to win on each ticket

All proceeds benefit
Lions of PA Foundation

If you would like to purchase a ticket please complete the form below and return to
PDG Don Gibala, 228 West Pearl Street, Butler, PA 15001
He will mail you your ticket.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ District _____

Number of Tickets: _____ (X \$10) Total: _____

Make check payable to: Lions of PA Foundation NO

TICKET WILL BE MAILED WITHOUT PAYMENT.

Contact PDG Don if you want to get a ticket.

CALENDAR

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: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, Blind Association
- 11: **Happy Mother's Day**
- 15: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16-17: hot dog stand, Sharp Shopper
- 16-17: Penn State Master Gardeners event, Butler Farm Show grounds
- 17: 4:00 District 14-N spring convention, Camelot Event Center, 250 Swinderman Road, Wexford
- 20: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: Camp Cadet; induction of new members
- 22: 5-7 Rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions Club
- 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
- 26: 5-7 Rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions Club

JULY

- 1: **No** membership meeting
- 4: **Happy birthday, the great USA!**
- 8: 6:30 Blind Association clients social, dinner
And bingo, Blind Association
- 15: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions shelter
Program: Kaden, Envision Blind Sports summer camp attendee
- 22: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 24: 5-7 Rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions Club

AUGUST

- 5: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions shelter
- 9: District 14-N cabinet meeting #1, passing of the Banner, Blind Association, details TBA
- 14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 19: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions shelter
- 21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 26: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 5-7 Rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions Club

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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