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 Secretary: Michael Winkler  
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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**  
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**MAY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**  
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Happy  
Mother's  
Day

MAY 2023



2023-2024 slate of officers: were elected at the April 4 membership meeting. All positions are filled except the membership chair.

President: Adam Fleeger  
 1<sup>st</sup> vice president: Rhonda Pilarcik  
 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president: Maryann Fleeger  
 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president: Connie Ivill  
 Secretary: Mike Winkler  
 Treasurer: Thomas Faller  
 IPP: John Hertzog

Tail Twister: Janet Flecken  
 Lion Tamer: Carolyn Winkler  
 Membership chair: vacant  
 Public relations: Connie Ivill  
 Service chair: Eric Cranmer  
 Director, 2 years: Betty Basalyga  
 Steve Bonnett  
 Randy Pilarcik  
 Director, 1 year: Bill Criley  
 Barry Flecken  
 PDG Linda Gibala

May membership meetings: Our first meeting of the month will be May 2, at 6:30. We begin our outdoor meetings at the Lions Shelter at Alameda Park. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, April 28.

Our second meeting of the month will be held on May 16, at 6:30 in our shelter at Alameda Park. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, May 12. Come on out to the meetings and enjoy the fresh air and the fellowship.

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 23, at 6:30 at the Butler Blind Association.

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

May 2 – Fleegers	June 6 – Angie and Jim	July 18 – open	Aug. 1 – open
May 16 – Basalygas	June 20 – Ellen		Aug. 15 – Coxes

2023-2024 membership dues are due: your 2023-2024 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, 2023. 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, 2023. Please contact Lion Wink if you have any questions. Thanks!

Lions Year 2023-2024: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024  
 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.

2023- 2024 Dues Breakdown						
Dues	International	State	District	Beacon Lodge	Admin	
Regular/Privileged \$75.00 (\$6.25/mo.)	\$46.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$ 4.50	
Family \$55.00 (\$4.59/mo.)	\$23.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$ 7.50	
Life \$40.00 (\$3.34/mo.)	0	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$15.50	

NOTE: 2023-2024 LCI dues increase. Regular member +\$3.00, family member +\$1.50

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 May 11 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the May 18 dinner. Thanks to Lions Ellen, Prez John, Randy and Rhonda for assisting at the April 13 dinner. 170 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, Prez John, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the April 20 dinner. 239 meals were distributed.

Soup and sandwich dinner thank-you: I would like to thank everyone for the volunteering to help with the soup, sandwich and dessert dinner that we held this month. Many of our members offered to bring the different items, to help set up and to help clean up. I got many phone calls and emails after the evening saying how much people enjoyed it! Mmmmmm...how delicious everything was! It came together easily as a successful event. The monies for this special evening will benefit and help offset the cost of our 100<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary Celebration. There are many things going on “behind” the scenes! Reach out to an officer, board member, or committee chair person if you want to be involved!

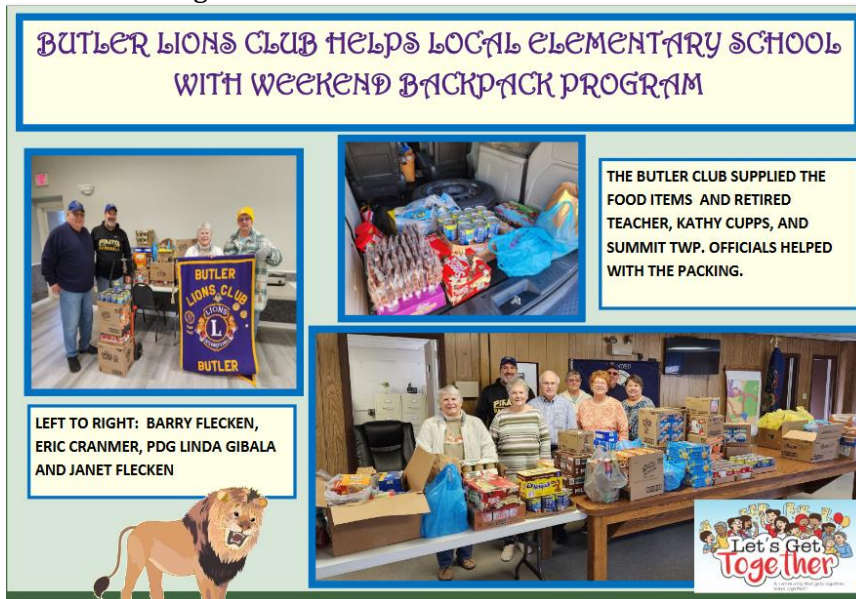
Thanks again everyone,  
Lion Connie Ivill

The club made \$311 for our 100<sup>th</sup> celebration that night!

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. Lion Rhonda Pilarcik is the chair of this event. The event starts at 4:30. The cost is \$35.00, \$17.50 kids 4-11 and free for kids 3 and under.

Summit Township Elementary School backpack program: hundreds of dollars of food items were collected in March through our food collection drive.



Beacon Lodge wish list: we had a lot of items gathered for the wish list. PDGs Don and Linda will transport them to Beacon Lodge. Thanks to all that donated items and to the PDGs Gibala for delivering them.

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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Penn Glade rib dinners: will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday April through September. They are at the Penn Glade Lions Clubhouse, 140 Church Road, Penn Township; 5-7p.m., \$22 all you can eat. If you bring a donation for the food bank, your name gets in a drawing for a free dinner.

April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28

Welcome: to our newest member, Lance Fox. Lion Fox is the principal of Moniteau Senior High School.

Flower and Food Fest: will be held on May 20 at Alameda park, from 9:00 – 2:00. We will have our booth there as we have had for many years. Lion Art will once again chair our presence. Contact him if you can help out.

Butler City Farmers Market: will begin on May 27 and will be every Saturday through the end of October. We are planning to have our booth there regularly. Lion Art will do some set-up; but, we need other Lions to agree to set-up. Contact Lion Art if you can be a “set-up” Lion. Lions to help sell products are also needed!



Hot dog sale: will be at Sharp Shopper May 25-27, 9:00 – 6:00. We will need a minimum of 5 Lions per shift; 9-noon, noon-3 and 3-6. There will be sign up sheets sent around at our May 2 and May 16 meetings. Also, help will be needed for set-up and take-down. Contact Lion Janet if you have questions.

District 14-N Spring Convention: was held on April 15 at Shakespeare’s Restaurant and Pub, Ellwood City. We had nine Lions attend: PDGs Linda and Don, Betty and Jim, Maryann, Rodney and Adam and Carolyn and Wink. The event was filled with fun, fellowship, good food, and awards. PDG Linda was the recipient of two awards; the PA Counsellor’s Award and a Progressive Lions of PA Foundation Fellowship. Lion Dan Marshall (he was unable to attend) was inducted into the District’s Honor Roll of Lions and Lion Wink received a District Excellence Award.



## District Food Service Project

May 13, 2023  
Butler Blind Association  
11:00 - 2:00

**25-30 Lions needed to  
pack 6000 meals!**

Sign up by email or phone  
DG Gaylene  
gaylene.toland@gmail.com  
724-433-3429



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

David Mershimer (2)  
Chris MacGregor (14)  
Jim Basalyga (25)  
Ellen Fullerton (29)  
Dorothy Lascuola (31)

## CALENDAR


### 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)  
**13:** 11:00-2 District food service project, Blind Assoc.  
**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  
**25-27:** 9:00-6:00 hot dog sale, Sharp Shopper  
**25:** 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse  
**27:** 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, Blind Assoc.  
**29:** **Memorial Day**

### JUNE

**3:** Butler County youth field day, Butler Hunting and Fishing Club  
**6:** 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter 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, 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!**  
**22:** 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse  
**24:** 4:30 Butler Lions Club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Tanglewood Senior Center  
**27:** 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association  
**30-July 8:** Big Butler Fair

### JULY

**4:** **Happy birthday America!** (no meeting)  
**1-8:** Big Butler Fair  
**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)  
**16:** PA Lions appreciation day, PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, Duck Race   
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### AUGUST

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**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  
M. Fleeger Rhonda Pilarcik  
PDG D. Gibala

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