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



NOVEMBER 2023



November membership meetings: our first meeting of the month, November 7, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by November 3. District Governor Maria Loudermilk will make her official visit to our club. We always want a nice turn-out when the DG comes. This is our opportunity to show her what our club is! A German theme is planned for this evening, DG Maria is from Germany! The Tail Twister asks that you wear your club **blue** shirt.

Our second meeting in November will be November 21 at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by November 17.

Regular 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 ticket.

Our meals will be buffet style. You are welcome to return for seconds after every one has gone through the line.

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

Club events and program committee and the food committee: are holding a joint meeting on **November 14, 2023**. Please join us at 6:30 PM at the Blind Association. EVERYONE is encouraged to come!

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item. We have no one signed up for calendar year 2024.

Nov. 7 – Jodie Boyer
Nov. 21 – Barb Pisor

December – no raffles

Notes from Tail Twister, Lion Janet: guidelines for future 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.
- Starting in October, our Tail Twister asks that you wear your name pin or be fined!
- Tail Twister Lion Janet asks that you bring a can of soup or dry soup mix to the **November** meetings. This is to help support the Moniteau food pantry. The fine could be \$.50.
- Starting in November, our Tail Twister asks that each Lion properly addresses fellow Lions as Lion ___ at all Lions events or be fined!
- Have FUN at meetings and pack those quarters!

All Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account.

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 November 9 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the November 16 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, IPP John, Randy, Rhonda, Janet and Paul for assisting at the October 12 dinner. 289 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Janet, IPP John, Paul, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the October 19 dinner. 267 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.

Hang tough stockings: we are again participating in this program. These filled stockings will be given to cancer patients at cancer centers and hospice units. You can drop off items or filled stockings at the Blind Association by **November 7**. Contact Lion Eric if you have any questions.

Club meat raffle: Our meat raffle fundraiser is rolling. Please let Lion Maryann or Lion Connie know how many books (10 tickets/book) you would like to sell. Tickets are \$10 each. Stubs and money are due to Lion Maryann or Lion Connie by **December 1**. Call if you need someone to drop off or pick up your fundraiser tickets. Sell...sell,,,sell! Contact Lion Maryann 724-256-2856 or Lion Connie 724-355-2354.

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.

Butler City Farmers Market: is done for another year. We thank Lion Art for his dedication to having our booth open there almost every Saturday. We also thank Lion Paul and other Lions who dropped by for their support of this event.

Hot dog sale report from co-chair Lion Janet: the hot dog sale was held October 5-7, 2023. We went from summer to fall to winter like conditions in three days. Many hot dogs, products and meat raffle tickets were sold. A very special thank-you to all the many Lions who made this event for us and Sharp Shopper a great success. We had Lions cooking, setting up, tearing down, making contacts with our neighbors and friends

and serving our communities with laughs and smiles. Be sure to thank the following Lions for sharing their time, talents and gifts of gab:

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| Lion Eric Cranmer | Lion Randy Pilarcik |
| Lion Tom Faller | Lion Rhonda Pilarcik |
| Lion Kevin Barnhart | Lion Helen Fulmer and Sonny |
| Lion Adam Fleeger | Lion Bob Shipkowski |
| Lion Maryann Fleeger | Lion Doug Heltzell |
| Lion Russ Moore | Lion Art Black |
| Lion Ellen Fullerton | Lion Angela Eyth |
| Lion B.T. Fullerton | Lion Jim Eyth |
| Lion Betty Basalyga | Lion Derek Myers and daughters |
| IPP John Hertzog | Alexis and Brielle |
| Co-Chairs Lions Barry and Janet Flecken and son Bryan | |

Thursday (October 5, 2023)	
Hot Dogs	\$410.00
Brooms/products	\$102.50
Donations	\$ 31.00
Friday (October 6, 2023)	
Hot Dogs	\$403.00
Brooms/products	\$204.00
Donations	\$ 59.00
Saturday (October 7, 2023)	
Hot Dogs	\$460.00
Brooms/products	\$251.00
Donations	\$ 71.00
Hot Dogs	\$1,273.00
Brooms/products	\$ 557.50
Donations	\$161.00
Grand Total	\$1,991.50



Lion Derek Myers's daughters Alexis and Brielle

Welcome two new members: we have added two more members to our pride; they are Jodie Boyer and Barb Pisor. They are sisters! IPP John Hertzog is their sponsor.

Our annual awards night: was held on October 17. Many of our club members were recognized for their service. Due to some extenuating circumstances, the Lion of the Year award was not presented that night. It will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS presented by IPP John Hertzog:

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| 1 Year: Lion Tyler Morgan | 5 Years: Lion Adam Fleeger | 16 Years: Lion John Hertzog |
| 2 Years: Lion Eric Cranmer | Lion Maryann Fleeger | 24 Years: Lion Thomas Faller |
| Lion Robert Shipkowski | 6 Years: Lion Janet Flecken | 27 Years: Lion Steven Bonnett |
| 3 Years: Lion Helen Joan Fulmer | Lion Connie Ivill | PDG Donald Gibala |
| Lion Doug Heltzell | 8 Years: Lion Catherine Cox | 33 Years: Lion Russell Moore |
| Lion Randy Pilarcik | 12 Years: Lion Richard Cox | Lion Michael Winkler |
| Lion Rhonda Pilarcik | Lion Barry Flecken | 38 Years: Lion Daniel Marshall |
| 4 Years: Lion Betty Basalyga | PDG Linda Gibala | 51 Years: Lion William Hetrick |
| Lion James Basalyga | Lion Carolyn Winkler | 56 Years: Lion George Bonnett |
| Lion William Criley | | |

OLD MONARCH AWARDS

10 Years: Lion Don Eyth presented by Lion Barry Flecken and IPP John Hertzog
15 Years: Lion Jennifer Bindernagel presented by Lion Mike Winkler
40 Years: Lion David Mershimer presented by PDG Don Gibala

LION BOB BARON MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE (Lions Year 2022-2023)

Presented by PDG Don Gibala

Sponsor *New Lion*
 IPP John Hertzog Lion Lance Fox
 Lion Betty Basalyga Lion Carol Pawlowicz

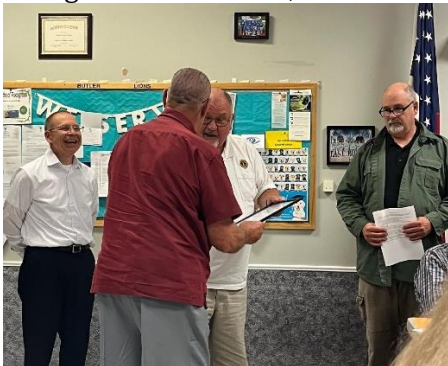
LCI MEMBERSHIP KEY AWARD: presented by Lion Mike Winkler, Secretary
 Lion Connie Ivill (Membership Advancement Key – 2 members)



PDG Don Gibala presenting Lion Betty the Lion Bob Baron Memorial Membership Recognition Certificate, Prez Adam looking on



Lion David Mershimer receiving his 40 Year Monarch Award; Lion Wink and Prez Adam pictured



Lion Donald Eyth was awarded the Ten-Year Monarch Award. The picture includes Lion Mike Winkler, Lion Barry Flecken, IPP John Hertzog, and Lion Donald Eyth (red shirt).

Club Christmas Party and December meetings: the club’s Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 8 at the Tanglewood Senior Center (same room we had our 100th celebration in). Doors will open at 5:30 with dinner planned for 6:30. That is all we know right now. Stay tuned for more information soon!

The Christmas party will be our only membership meeting in December; there will be no board meeting in December.

Annual Christmas tree sale: will start on Friday, November 24, the day after Thanksgiving. Our lot will be in the picnic shelter at Trinity Lutheran Church. The tree sale hours are Thursday and Friday, 5-7pm; Saturday 9-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm. Lions Doug Hayes and Barry Flecken are again chairing the sale. Contact one of them to sign-up to help at the sale.



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

Ralph Joseph (9)
 PDG Don Gibala (10)
 Rick Bonnett (11)
 Suzie Olszewski (14)

Barry Flecken (21)
 IPP John Hertzog (28)
 Janet Flecken (30)

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 4: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #2, Blind Assoc. Daylight saving ends, turn your clock back one hour
- 5: District 14-N Fall Rally, Atrium
- 7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association, District Governor's official visit, election day
- 7: hang tough stockings or items due to the Blind Association
- 9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 11: **Veterans Day**
- 16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 23: **Happy Thanksgiving**
- 24: Christmas tree sale begins, Trinity Lutheran Church



28: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

DECEMBER

- 1: meat raffle tickets and money due to Lions Connie or Maryann
- 5: **NO** membership meeting
- 8: 5:30 club Christmas party, Tanglewood Senior center
- 14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 19: **NO** membership meeting
- 21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 22: **welcome winter**
- 25: **Merry Christmas!**
- 26: **NO** board meeting



JANUARY 2024



- 1: Happy New Year!
- 2: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 23: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

FEBRUARY

- 6: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Program: LCIF presented by PDG Evan Punched
- 8: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 10: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #3, Blind Assoc.
- 14: **Happy Valentine's Day**
- 15: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 20: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 27: 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 A. Eyth
J. Basalyga C. Winkler
G. Bonnett
S. Bonnett

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
E. Cranmer R. Shipkowski
W. Criley
W. Hetrick

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
M. Fleeger C. Ivill
PDG D. Gibala Rhonda Pilarcik

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