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 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 2024**  
 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.  
 Alameda Park Lions Shelter  
**BOARD MEETINGS**  
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 Butler Blind Association



October meetings: our October 1 meeting will be held at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by September 27. Our program will be Jan Rodgers, Life Butler County.

Our second meeting, October 15, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by October 11. This will be our annual awards night. It is a family and friends night. This is the night we recognize many of our club members for their service to Lionism. Please plan on attending to help recognize our fellow club members. We will be getting our dinner from the Butler Meals on Wheels fundraiser, penne pasta and meatballs. There will be no change to the cost of the meal.

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.

October board meeting: will be held on October 22 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

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

Oct. 1 – Lion MaryAnn  
Oct. 15 – Lion Paul

Nov. 5 – Lion Bob  
Nov. 19 – Lion Connie

Dec. 3 – President Rhonda  
Dec. 17 – no meeting

Notes from Tail Twister, Lion Janet: asks that all Lions serve with their name badges on.

Guidelines for meetings:

- Wear your **fall colors** for the October meetings and please bring a cake mix that will be baked up for a delicious desert for Meals on Wheels.
- 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!

All Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account.

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 October 10 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the October 17 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric, John and Debbie for assisting at the September 12 dinner. 304 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Paul, Janet, Debbie, John, Wink and Carolyn for assisting at the September 19 dinner. 352 meals were distributed. Also, thanks to Lions Eric, John, Paul, Janet and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the August 29 (5<sup>th</sup> Thursday) dinner. 300 meals were distributed.

District Governor’s Visit: The Butler Lions Club proudly hosted District Governor Elliott Hilton's visit on September 3, 2024. Guests included DG Elliott Hilton, 2nd VDG Brad Baillie, and 14-N Treasurer Tim Roscoe. Serving, volunteering, leadership, and membership were topics in the inspirational talk given by DG Elliott Hilton. The Butler Lions Club was complimented for the share that they play in promoting Lions "work". Awards were given, laughs were had, a good meal was served, and everyone enjoyed an evening of friendship and socialization. The Butler Lions Club would like to thank DG Elliott Hilton for visiting our club. DG Elliott was presented a check for \$1,334.00 for our district governor projects contribution and also a \$25 gift card for Sheetz.

Submitted by: Lion Connie Ivill



Upcoming meetings: The Food Committee will meet on October 8 at 6:30 at the Blind Association. The Publicity Committee will meet on October 14 at 6:30 at the Blind Association. All are welcome. The Butler Eagle free ad will be in the Jan. 26 edition.

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.

Sausage sale: 247 pounds of sausage was sold. Our profit is \$555.75! Thank you to all of the sellers. Thank you to the following Lions for packing: Art, Bob, Randy, President Rhonda, PDG Linda, PDG Don, Maryann, IPP Adam, Janet, Barry, B.T., John and Connie. Thank you, Lions Wink and Carolyn, for having the lids all labeled.



Lions Randy, Janet and John busily packing hot sausage.



Lions Bob, Art and President Rhonda hamming it up for the camera! I think they are working on the sage sausage.



Lions Janet and John with what looks like hot sausage.



Lion B.T. with an almost full tray of sausage containers.



Lions Connie, MaryAnn and IPP Adam working packing salt and pepper sausage.

**Butler City farmers market:** opened for another season on May 25, every Saturday morning through October. Lions Art and Paul are handling the product set-up for our sales there.

**Adopt-a-highway:** unfortunately, the weather was a bit shaky. Lions Connie, President Rhonda, Randy, John, Art, Eric, Carolyn and Wink showed up at Trinity Lutheran that morning (Sept. 21). Lions Art, Eric and John elected to brave the conditions and went out and cleaned the roadway.

**Butler Fall Festival:** will be held on September 28 from 11:00-6:00pm on Main Street. We have area 74 (which on last check is near the Rite-Aid). Lion Art Black is chairing our booth. Helpers are needed, be sure and contact Lion Art to sign-up.

**Rib dinner:** Penn Glade Lions Club's rib dinners are done for another year. We had 8 Lions (PDGs Linda and Don, Lions B.T., Don Eyth, President Rhonda, Randy, Carolyn and Wink) attend the September 26 dinner. Great club support and a great dinner!!

**Rural Valley Lions Club candy:** they are selling their homemade chocolate candy; a one-pound box is \$10. They have peanut clusters, raisin clusters, coconut clusters and Lions sampler, which has all varieties. Contact Lion Wink by October 13 if interested. The candy will possibly be delivered on November 2.

School supplies report: the club collected school supplies for the Butler Area School District through August. Thanks to all that donated items for this effort. In addition to the items donated by club members; the board approved \$250 to purchase even more items! Lion Eric delivered them to the school district for distribution.



Lion Eric delivered items to the Moniteau Food Pantry.

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Blind Association Harvest Moon Charity Dance: will be held on Friday, October 25, at the American Legion, Post 778, Lyndora. The event will start with cocktails, a basket raffle and a stuffed chicken breast dinner buffet; followed by dancing with DJ Jazzy Jeffrey and Triple Threat Entertainment. Our club is a "Beacon of Light" sponsor (\$1,000 donation) and as such, we receive 8 tickets for the event.



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

Rick Minor (17)  
Cathy Cox (27)

## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 1: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Program: Jan Rodgers, Life Butler County
- 8: 6:30 food committee meeting, Blind Association
- 10: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 14: 6:30 publicity committee meeting, Blind Assoc.
- 15: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Annual awards night, family and friends
- 17: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 22: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

31: **Happy Halloween!**



### NOVEMBER

- 2: District Cabinet Meeting #2, Blind Association Details TBA
- 3: daylight saving time ends, turn your clock back one hour
- 5: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 9: District 14-N Fall Rally, Medure's Catering, New Castle, details TBA
- 11: **Veterans Day**
- 12: 6:30 publicity committee meeting, Blind Assoc.
- 14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 19: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 26: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: **Happy Thanksgiving**
- 29: Christmas tree sale begins, Trinity Lutheran Church



### DECEMBER

- 3: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 6: family Christmas party, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 7: District 14-N food packing project, Blind Assoc. details TBA
- 12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 17: No meeting
- 19: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: **welcome winter**
- 24: no board meeting
- 25: **Merry Christmas!**



### JANUARY 2025

- 1: Happy New Year!!
- 7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

### FEBRUARY

- 2: **Happy Groundhog Day!**
- 4: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 13: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 14: **Happy Valentine's Day!**
- 18: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Program: Butler Coffee Lab
- 20: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 25: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

**Other Club Officers:**

**Director, 1 year:** Betty Basalyga  
Ellen Fullerton  
Randy Pilarcik  
**Director, 2 years:** Steve Bonnett  
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

**Club Events and Programs:**

Co-chairs: MaryAnn Fleeger and Randy Pilarcik

**Food:**

Chairperson: Ellen Fullerton

**Public Relations-Club Promotion:**

Chairperson: Connie Ivill  
Ellen Fullerton  
Paul Vensel

**Membership:**

Chairperson: IPP Adam Fleeger

**Fundraising:**

Co-chairs: Janet Flecken and Paul Vensel

**Service:**

Chairperson: Eric Cranmer

**Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:**

Chairperson: Carolyn Winkler  
M. Fleeger (District diabetes chair)  
Mike Winkler  
PDG Don Gibala (hearing)

**Webmaster:**

Chairperson:

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