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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
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 Alameda Park Lions Shelter
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October membership meetings: our first meeting of the month, October 3, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. At this meeting, we will be inducting our new members. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by September 29.

Our second meeting in October will be October 17 at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Oct. 13. This will be our annual awards night. It is a family and friends night. This is the evening we recognize many of our members for their service to others and Lionism. Please plan on being there as we acknowledge our fellow Lions.

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 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 24, at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

Club events and program committee and the food committee: are holding a joint meeting on **OCTOBER 10, 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. All meeting dates are open starting in November.

Oct. 3 – Winklers

Oct. 17 – Fleegers

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.
- Tail Twister Lion Janet requests that you wear white at the October 17th meeting in honor of White Cane Safety Day (October 15). Fine - \$1.00.
- Starting in October, our Tail Twister asks that you wear your name pin or be fined!
- 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.

Table cover:



Lion Eric standing next to our new club table cloth. Thank you Lion Rhonda for ordering this! It looks great!

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 October 12 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the October 19 dinner. Thanks to Lions Eric and Paul for assisting at the September 14 dinner. 260 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Art, Paul, Randy, Eric, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the September 21 dinner. 309 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. The stockings should be delivered to the Blind Association by October 3 for filling. You can drop off items (list attached) 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.

Potts Family: We had a special family visit our meeting on September 19th. The Potts family has a son that is 3 and has CP. He was invited to go to an intensive therapy program in Allentown, PA the last week of September. Our club, as well as Penn Glade, has donated towards the expenses. Lion Deanna and Lion Bob Potts (Grandparents) from the Townsville Lions Club, District 14-F, their son Jake and Catarina Potts (Parents) and the children Callen (3), Nathan (3) and baby Mila.



L-R, Lion Bob, Lion Deanna holding Nathan, Cat holding Mila, Jake holding Callen and President Adam

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: will be every Saturday through the end of October. We thank Lion Art for his dedication to having our booth open there almost every Saturday. We also thank Lion Paul for his support toward this effort!

Adopt-a-highway: our last one for the year will be held on October 14, 7:30 meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church. All you need for the clean-up will be provided including donuts for energy.

Boscov's One Day Passes: for 25 percent off most items! October 18, 2023 from 8AM to 11PM, in store only! These passes are \$5.00 each and our CLUB KEEPS the entire \$5.00. Contact Lion Connie (724-355-2354) or Lion Maryann for your passes.

20th Slippery Rock Village Fest: was held on September 16. We had a very successful sale, almost \$500! Thanks to PDG Don, President Adam, and Lion Maryann who were there all day. Thanks also to Lions Eric, Rodney, David, Carolyn and Wink.

Hot dog sale: the fall hot dog stand at Sharp Shopper will be Oct. 5-7. Our recent sales have been quite successful! However, it takes many Lions to get the stand done right. Please keep some time available to help and let Lion Janet know when you are able to help. Thanks!



Witches day in Butler: is October 14. We will have a sales booth in front of the Chamber of Commerce, from 11-5:00. We have some products that witches love! Contact Lion Paul to help, 724-282-4198.

District Governor's official visit: District Governor Maria Loudermilk will make her official visit to our club on November 7. We always want a nice turn-out when the DG comes. This is our opportunity to show her what our club is! Mark your calendar, November 7, at 6:30, Butler Blind Association!

Rural Valley Lions homemade chocolate candy sale: the candy is \$10 for a pound box; they have: peanut clusters, raisin clusters, coconut clusters and Lions sampler (some of all 3 varieties). To order: contact Lion Wink by October 17.



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

Rick Minor (17)
Cathie Cox (27)

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 3: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Induct new members
- 5-7: hot dog stand, Sharp Shopper
- 10: 6:30 Club events & programs committee meeting, Blind Association
- 12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 14: 7:30 adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 14: 11-5 Witches Day, Butler Chamber of Commerce
- 17: 6:30 membership meeting, annual awards night, Family and friends event, Blind Association
- 19: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 24: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association



31: **Happy Halloween**

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**

28: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association

DECEMBER

- 1: meat raffle tickets and money due to Lions Connie or Maryann
- 5: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 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)
- 22: **welcome winter**
- 25: **Merry Christmas!**
- 26: no board meeting (note: membership meetings subject to change based on the club's Christmas party)



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

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
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