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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 2024
 1ST & 3RD Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.
 Alameda Park Lions Shelter
BOARD MEETINGS
 4th Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
 Butler Blind Association



September meetings: our September 3rd meeting will be held at the Blind Association (moved from the park), starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by August 30. District Governor Elliott Hilton will be making his official visit to our club. Come to the meeting to show our District Governor who and what our club is all about!

Our second meeting, September 17, will be at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by September 13. We will have a presentation by White Cane Coffee.

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.

September board meeting: will be held on September 24 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item. All dates after Sept. 3 are available.

September 3 – Lion Ellen	Oct. 1 – open	Nov. 5 – no raffle	Dec. 3 – open
September 17 – open	Oct. 15 – open	Nov. 19 – open	Dec. 17 – no meeting

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

Guidelines for 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.
- 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 2nd and 3rd Thursdays. If you are available to assist with either of these dinners, contact Lion Eric to assist at the September 12 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the September 19 dinner. Thanks to Lions Paul and Ellen for assisting at the August 8 dinner. 200 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Paul, Janet, John, Wink and Bryan Flecken for assisting at the August 15 dinner. 337 meals were distributed.

Upcoming meetings: The Food Committee will meet on October 8 at 6:30 at the Blind Association. The Publicity Committee will meet on November 12 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

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: Orders are due by September 3, 2024, to Lion Connie. We will pack on September 12 at Fairground market. We will be in a different area this time because there is a big gun rally that Fairground Market caters. Pick up will be at the Blind Association on September 14th from 9:30 to 10:30. The cost to us will be the same \$3.75 and we will sell the sausage for \$6.00.

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: we will clean our stretch of route 8 on Saturday, September 21. We will meet at 7:00am at Trinity Lutheran Church. We need a good turn-out so we can get our whole stretch done. Donuts will be provided to help fuel you!

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.

Annual Awards night: will be held on October 15, 6:30 at the Blind Association. It is a family and friends night. This is the night we recognize many of our club members for their service to Lionism. Please put this night on your social calendar and be there to help recognize our fellow club members.

Butler Lions Club annual picnic: The Butler Lions Club hosted a well-attended family picnic on August 20, 2024. The fun filled evening was held at the Alameda Park Lions Shelter. Hot dogs and hamburgers smelled wonderful as they grilled to perfection while the club members showed up with a huge array of delicious sides and desserts. A special shout out thank-you to Lion Barry Flecken (blue) and Lion John Hertzog (yellow) for volunteering (!?) for the shaving cream/shower cap game. Thank you team members for tossing the cheese curls into the shaving cream! John Hertzog's winning team showed grace as they won the fun competition. Everyone enjoyed a social evening, seeing others, conversation, great food and lots of fun. A successful night! Submitted by: Lion Connie Ivill



BBO RIB DINNER

(ALL YOU CAN EAT)

\$22.00

5 & under: Free

6-12: \$8.00



April 25

May 23

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Rib dinner: we had 9 Lions (PDGs Linda and Don, Lions Ellen, B.T., Don Eyth, President Rhonda, Randy, Carolyn and Wink) attend the August 22 dinner. Great club support and a great dinner!!

September 26 will be the last dinner until next spring! ☹️

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

School supplies report: we 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!



Lots of supplies at the Blind Assoc.



Items donated from Trinity Lutheran Church



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

Neil Ashbaugh (2)

Tom Faller (18)

Betty Basalyga (21)

George Bonnett (21)

Jim Eyth (26)

Terry Stackhouse (28)

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 2: Labor Day
- 3: Sausage orders due to Lion Connie
- 3: 6:30 membership meeting, **Blind Association**
DG Elliott Hilton's official visit
- 12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 12: 7:00 pack sausage at Fairground Market
- 14: 9:30-10:30 pick up sausage, Blind Association
- 14: Passing of the Banner, Strobel Hall, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Zelianople, details TBA
- 17: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: White Cane Coffee
- 19: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: 7:00 adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church
- 22: **Welcome Fall!** 
- 24: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 11-6 Butler Fall Festival

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)
- 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: No meeting. Election Day. Fundraiser at Trinity Lutheran Church, details TBA
- 11: **Veterans Day**
- 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
- 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!**



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
G. Bonnett
S. Bonnett

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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