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President:	Adam Fleeger	<b>SEPT. 19, 2023 – MAY 2024</b>	<b>MAY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2023</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Rhonda Pilarcik	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.	1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Maryann Fleeger	Butler Blind Association	Alameda Park Lions Shelter
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President:	Connie Ivill	322 North Cedar Street	<b>BOARD MEETINGS</b>
Secretary:	Michael Winkler	<b>BOARD MEETINGS</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
Treasurer:	Thomas Faller	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.	Butler Blind Association
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## SEPTEMBER 2023



Our club’s family picnic: was held on August 15 at our shelter at Alameda Park. We had a beautiful day, dined on steak or chicken along with “pot luck” side dishes and desserts from our members. After dinner, President Adam stumped us with some Lions trivia and then we had the Lions version of “The Price is Right”. Lion Connie served as the host. It was a fun evening with Lions, family and friends.

September membership meetings: our first meeting of the month, September 5, will be our last meeting of the year at the Butler Lions Shelter at Alameda Park, starting at 6:30. Come on out for the five “Fs” fresh air, food, fun, final out door, and fellowship! Reservations are due to Lion Connie by September 1.

Our second meeting in September will be September 19 at the Butler Blind Association, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Sept. 15. We are going to have some Lion guests from outside our District; come to the meeting to greet them!

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.

September board meeting: will be held on September 26, at 6:30 at the Butler Blind Association.

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to sign-up to bring a raffle item. All meeting dates are open starting in November.

Sept. 5 – Bob S.  
Sept. 19 – Betty and Jim

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.
- Have FUN at meetings and pack those quarters!

All Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account.

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 September 14 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the September 21 dinner. Thanks to Lions Ellen, IPP John, and Paul for assisting at the August 10 dinner. 220 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Art, Paul, IPP John, Deb Hayes, and Wink for assisting at the August 17 dinner. 250 meals were distributed.

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 City Farmers Market: 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!

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.

Welcome Lion Cathie! Cathie Lesney (sponsor Lion Connie Ivill) has become our newest member. We are happy to have her in our den! Also, Happy belated birthday to Lion Cathie, August 30!

Last Penn Glade Lions rib dinner of the year: will be September 28, 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.

Fundraising event now going on: 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. This is an easy fundraiser! SELL SELL SELL Contact Lion Connie (724-355-2354) or Lion Maryann for your passes.

Butler Fall Festival: will be September 30 from 11:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Butler’s Main Street. The event was cancelled last year due to inclement weather. We will have our products booth there; so, we will be in need of Lions (and family or friends) to assist with maintaining the booth. Mark your calendars and plan on being a part of this sale. Contact our fundraiser chair, Lion Maryann to sign-up.

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 Maryann know when you are able to help. Thanks!

20<sup>th</sup> Slippery Rock Village Fest: is September 16 from 10:00 – 5:00 on Main Street. In our effort to keep Lions visible in Slippery Rock; we are going to set-up our products stand at this event. This will be a new venture for us. We would like to have a good showing of Lions at our booth. Contact Lion Maryann to sign-up to help. We are expecting a busy day!

Witches day in Butler: is October 14. No details yet; however, there is a chance we could have a sales booth. What we do know is that we have some products that witches love! We'll let you know.

Annual awards night: will be held on October 17 at the Butler Blind Association. This is a family and friends night. This is the evening we recognize many of our members for their service to others and Lionism. Save the date and plan on being there as we acknowledge our fellow Lions.

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!



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

- 4: Labor day
- 5: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: 10-5 20<sup>th</sup> Slippery Rock Village Fest, Main Street
- 19: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

23: **welcome autumn**



- 26: 6:30 Board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: 5-7 rib dinner, Penn Glade Lions clubhouse
- 30: 11-6 Butler Fall Festival, Main Street

### OCTOBER

- 3: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
- 5-7: hot dog stand, Sharp Shopper
- 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
- 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
- 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

- 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:**

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