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President: Adam Fleeger
 1st Vice President: Rhonda Pilarcik
 2nd Vice President: Maryann Fleeger
 3rd Vice President: Connie Ivill
 Secretary: Michael Winkler
 Treasurer: Thomas Faller

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.
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JUNE 2024



June Meetings: our first meeting of the month, June 4, will be our first outdoor meeting of the year at the Lions shelter, Alameda Park, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, May 31. We do not have a program scheduled.

Our second meeting in June will be June 18 at the Lions shelter at Alameda Park, starting at 6:30. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by Friday, June 14. We will be installing our 2024-2025 officers that evening.

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.

June board meeting: will be held on June 25 at 6:30 at the Blind Association.

July meetings: we will not meet on July 2. On July 9, we will hold our annual Blind Association clients and staff social dinner and bingo at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30. We hope all club members will be in attendance to interact with our friends from the Blind Association. We will have our "now famous" ham dinner with all the fixings. After dinner, we will play some bingo and be entertained by our bingo callers, Lion Barry and IPP John. It is always a lot of fun! Our July 16 meeting will be held at our shelter in Alameda

Park, starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations will be due to Lion Connie by July 12. Come on out to enjoy the beauty of the park and socialize with your fellow Lions.

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

June 4 – Lions Jim and Betty	July 9 – no raffle	August 6 – open
June 18 – Lion Connie Ivill	July 16 – open	August 20 – open

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.

2024-2025 slate of officers as elected on April 2:

President: Rhonda Pilarcik	Public relations: Connie Ivill
1 st vice president: Maryann Fleeger	Service chair: Eric Cranmer
2 nd vice president: Connie Ivill	Director, 1 year: Betty Basalyga
3 rd vice president: open	Ellen Fullerton
Secretary: Michael Winkler	Randy Pilarcik
Treasurer: Thomas Faller	Director, 2 years: John Hertzog
IPP: Adam Fleeger	Steve Bonnett
Tail Twister: Janet Flecken	Paul Vensel
Lion Tamer: Barry Flecken	
Membership chair: Adam Fleeger	

If you are interested in the 3rd vice president position, contact 1st VP Rhonda. The club runs most efficiently if all the positions are filled.

2024-2025 membership dues are due: your 2024-2025 Butler Lions Club dues are now due. Annual Regular Membership dues are \$75 and the Annual Family Membership dues are \$55. Please pay your dues to our Treasurer, Lion Tom Faller. You can either pay them in person or you can mail them (address is noted below). Your dues are to be paid by May 31, 2024. It is preferred that you pay your full year’s dues; however, you can make two payments; half now and the other half is due by December 31, 2024. If you do not pay by June 15, your dues will be increased by \$10. Please contact Lion Wink if you have any questions. Thanks!

Lions Year 2024-2025: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025
Checks should be made payable to: Butler Lions Club
Butler Lions Club Address: PO Box 1905, Butler, PA 16003

NOTE: Our two Life Members (Lion George Bonnett and Lion Bill Hetrick) your dues are \$40.

2024- 2025 Dues Breakdown						
Dues	International	State	District	Beacon Lodge	Admin	
Regular/Privileged \$75.00 (\$6.25/mo.)	\$48.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$ 2.50	
Family \$55.00 (\$4.59/mo.)	\$24.00	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$ 6.50	
Life \$40.00 (\$3.34/mo.)	0	\$16	\$3.50	\$5	\$15.50	

Note: LCI is increasing the dues in small increments over several years. We are certain that our club membership dues for Lions year 2025-2026 will be increased.

Picnic tables: A shout out and thank you to IPP John Hertzog as the completion of the outside picnic tables for McQuiston Elementary School were completed. Lion Derek Myers, Lion Barry Flecken, Adam Beggs (Lezzer Lumber) and John Revelli (NexTier Bank) helped make this project possible. Thank you to all involved with this community projects. The children will enjoy them for many years to come.

Submitted by: Lion Connie Ivill



Butler Lions Club President Adam Fleeger, accompanied by Lion MaryAnn Fleeger and Leader Dog Issac offered a Leader Dog Presentation at Hartman Elementary School in Ellwood City. On May 20, 2024, fourth and fifth grade students enjoyed a learning experience as information was presented, handouts were given and encouraging behavior around animals was offered. Another fine example of Lions in action, community interactions and educating those around us.

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 June 13 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the June 20 dinner. Thanks to Lions Paul, IPP John, Eric and Randy for assisting at the May 9 dinner. 250 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions IPP John, Deb, Paul, Carolyn and Wink for assisting at the May 16 dinner. 301 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.

Hot dog sale: was May 16-18. It was a huge success. We made \$3,400 from hot dog sales, donations, product sales. Here is the report from co-chair Lion Janet:

The hot dog sale was held May 16-18, 2024. We went from cool spring to summer in three days and sold so many hot dogs and products. A very special thank-you to all the many Lions who made this event for Sharp Shopper and our club 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 and even dressing up as a hot dog!

Eric Cranmer
Tom Faller
Paul Vensel
President Adam Fleeger
MaryAnn Fleeger
Russ Moore

Derek Myers and daughter Alexis (in Lion costume)
Bryan Flecken (son of chairpersons)
Barry Flecken (chairperson)
Janet Flecken (chairperson)
Bob Shipkowski
Doug Heltzell

B.T. Fullerton
Ellen Fullerton
Carol Pawlowicz
IPP John Hertzog
Neil Ashbaugh (as a hot dog)
Connie Ivill

Art Black
Randy Pilarcik
Mike Winkler
Carolyn Winkler
Bill Olszewski
Suzie Olszewski



PA Lions state convention: was held May 16-19. We had several Lions attend; PDGs Linda and Don, Lions Betty, Jim, MaryAnn and President Adam. PDG Linda was appointed as the state chair person for Lead Dogs for the Blind! Congratulations PDG Linda! Also, PDG Linda was elected president of PA Lions for Dog Guides, and PDG Gaylene Toland was elected treasurer, Lion Mindy Hill vice-president and Lion Carolyn as secretary. Congratulations all!!

Flower and food fest: was held on May 18 at Alameda Park. It was a good day. Sales were nearly \$500! Thank you to Lion Art for once again chairing this event and to Lions Tyler, Wink, Carolyn, IPP John and Tom for helping out.

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. Thanks to Lions Art, Paul and Kevin for covering the first one of the year.

Help Lions Help Others

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.

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



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

Mindy Hill (9)

Lance Fox (14)

Connie Minor (16)

Doug Hayes (26)

Rhonda Pilarcik (26)

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1: Butler County Youth Field Day
- 4: 6:30 membership meeting, **Butler Lions Shelter** Alameda Park
- 13: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: *Happy Father's Day*
- 18: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter Installation of Officers
- 20: **Welcome Summer!**
- 20: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 25: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
- 28: Big Butler Fair starts

JULY

- 2: No meeting
- 4: **Happy Independence Day!**
- 6: last day of the Big Butler Fair
- 9: 6:30 Blind Association clients' social dinner and Bingo at Blind Association
- 11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 16: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 21: PA Lions appreciation day at Beacon Lodge Camp



- And the great duck race
- 23: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

AUGUST

- 6: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 8: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 15: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 20: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter Family picnic
- 27: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

SEPTEMBER

- 2: Labor Day
- 3: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
- 12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
- 17: 6:30 membership meeting, **Blind Association**
- 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
- 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!**

Other Club Officers:**Director, 1 year:**

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

Fundraising:

Board oversight/chair: M. Fleeger

A. Fleeger

T. Morgan

J. Bindernagel

R. Shipkowski

E. Cranmer

C. Ivill

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

G. Bonnett

S. Bonnett

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
 chair)

A. Black

PDG D. Gibala

T. Faller

PDG D. Gibala

B. Flecken

M. Winkler

Public Relations-Club Promotion:

Board oversight/chair: Connie Ivill

A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

PDG D. Gibala

Rhonda Pilarcik

Webmaster:

Board oversight/chair: A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

C. Ivill

PDG D. Gibala

Rhonda Pilarcik

Membership/Leadership:

Board oversight/chair:

PDG D. Gibala R. Shipkowski

A. Fleeger

M. Fleeger

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