



"WE SERVE"

The LIONS TALE

Official monthly publication of the Lions Club of Butler, Pennsylvania

Serving others since 1923

Liberty · Intelligence · Our Nations Safety



President: MaryAnn Fleeger
1st Vice President: Connie Ivill
2nd Vice President: Paul Vensel
3rd Vice President: Adam Fleeger
Secretary: Michael Winkler
Treasurer: Thomas Faller

SEPTEMBER 2025 – MAY 2026

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 2026

1ST & 3RD Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.
Alameda Park Lions Shelter

BOARD MEETINGS

4th Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.
Butler Blind Association

JANUARY 2026

Happy new year to all!!!!

January meetings: January 6 will be our first membership meeting in January. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by January 2.

January 20 will be our second membership meeting in January. We will be getting our meal from the Butler Meals on Wheels pasta dinner fundraiser. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by **January 14**. Our program will be Susan McCandless from the Butler VA.

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.

January board meeting: will be held on January 27 starting at 6:30 at the Butler Blind Association. All members are welcome to attend.

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

Guidelines for meetings: (all Tail Twister fines go into our administrative account)

- 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!
- January and February: wear and ugly sweater or hat.

- Have FUN at meetings and pack those quarters!

Lion Sue Garris Memorial Raffle: Contact Lion Wink to schedule to bring a raffle item. We have many open dates. Please consider signing up. All monies raised by this raffle goes to our administration account.

Jan. 6 – Pres. MaryAnn
Jan. 20 – open

Feb. 3 – Connie I.
Feb. 17 – open

Mar. 3 – open
Mar. 17 – open

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 January 8 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the January 15 dinner. Thanks to Lions Randy, IPP Rhonda, John, Paul, Bryan and Eric for assisting at the December 11 dinner. 300 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Paul, Carolyn, John, Bryan, Deb and Janet for assisting at the December 18 dinner; 387 meals were distributed. Lion Paul also assisted on December 4. 300 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.



Lion Don McCandless (on far right) our Eastern Lion. The Harris Township Lions Club held a veterans appreciation event on November 10. This was in the local paper.

Christmas tree sale: another very successful sale. Lion Barry encountered a lady who didn't have a tree, so he gave her one! Lions are generous.



Lions Doug Hayes and Barry Flecken, co-chairs



First 2 customers from Portersville with Lion John



Unloading trees with a flurry of activity!



More customers and trees selling on a cold and windy day with Lion Eric.



Our youngest tree hauler, Jayce Budmark. This tree was sold too!

Vision screening: Lions Wink and Carolyn (along with Lion Tim Roscoe from the Cranberry Township Area Lions and Lion Janet Senka from the Penn Glade Lions Club) screened 87 kids at the CCUPC preschool in November and 9 children were recommended to have a complete eye exam. One of the little girls Mom contacted Lion Jennifer to say how thankful she was that her daughter had the screening as she needs surgery for a cataract.



Club Christmas Party: was held on Sunday, December 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Good company, good food, good fun and Santa equals a very enjoyable afternoon Christmas party!

Some photos from the party.

Santa had several helpers, including Lion Dick and PDG Don. Also Jayce Budmark and President MaryAnn's grandson, Abram helped guide folks up to Santa. Lion Russ's granddaughter, Charlotte, was the youngest to visit with Santa.





Adopt-a-Veteran: our club adopted a veteran this year. Lion Ellen made the contact with the V.A. and IPP Rhonda did the shopping.



Volunteers pack bags of cookies to accompany meals served on Christmas Day by Community Meal Ministries at Butler Global Church. Lions Jim and Betty are on the right helping to pack the cookies. Picture in the Butler Eagle 12/26/25

District food packing project: is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, starting at 10:00, at the Butler Blind Association. The district will be packaging over 10,000 meals this year. Each club from the district that has Lions helping with the packaging will receive a portion of the food that can be donated to a food pantry. We have had a number of Lions helping with this project over the years; please mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this very worthy project!



Happy birthday to the following Lions celebrating a birthday in January:
Diane (4) Art (11) Bill O. (25)

CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026

1: Happy New Year!!

6: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association

8: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

10: 10-done District food packing project, Butler Blind Association

15: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

20: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: Susan McCandless, Butler V.A.

27: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

FEBRUARY

3: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Soup and sandwich night. Program-Lion Wendy Fagan
Envision Blind Sports

7: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #3, Blind Assoc.

12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

14: Happy Valentine's Day!

17: 6:30 membership meeting, 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

MARCH

3: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: Lia Noel and Katy DeHart, teachers of the visually impaired, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV

8: Daylight saving time begins (spring forward)

12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

17: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Happy St. Patrick's day!

19: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

20: welcome spring!

24: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

APRIL

5: **HAPPY EASTER**

7: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Election of our 2026-2027 club officers

9: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

11: 11:00 District 14-N spring convention,
Shakespeare's Restaurant

16: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

18: 7:00 Adopt-a-highway, Trinity Lutheran Church

21: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association

23: 5-7pm Penn Glade Lions rib dinner

24-26: Beacon Lodge work weekend

28: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

MAY

5: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association

10: Happy Mother's 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)

25: Memorial Day

26: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

28: rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse

30: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4,
Blind Assoc.

JUNE

2: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
Alameda Park

11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

16: 6:30 membership meeting, Butler Lions Shelter
Installation of 2026-2027 officers

18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)

21: Happy Father's Day!

Welcome summer!

23: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

25: rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse

Other Club Officers:

Director, 1 year: John Hertzog
Ellen Fullerton
Tyler Morgan
Director, 2 years: Betty Basalyga
PDG Linda Gibala
Carolyn Winkler
IPP: Rhonda Pilarcik
Membership Chair: Adam Fleeger
Tail Twister: Janet Flecken

Lion Tamer: Barry Flecken
Public Relations Chair: Connie Ivill
Service Chair: Eric Cranmer
LCIF Coordinator: Mike Winkler

2025-2026 Butler Lions Committees**Budget, Finance & Grants:**

Chairperson: Tom Faller

Fundraising:

Chairperson: Paul Vensel

Club Events and Programs:

Chair: IPP Rhonda Pilarcik

Service:

Chairperson: Eric Cranmer

Food:

Chairperson: Ellen Fullerton

Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:

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

Public Relations-Club Promotion:

Chairperson: Connie Ivill
Ellen Fullerton
Paul Vensel

Membership:

Chairperson: Adam Fleeger

Butler Lions Club
P.O. Box 1905
Butler, PA 16003
Lion Mike Winkler – Tale Editor
lionwink@zoominternet.net
724-285-4304
Facebook.com/ButlerPALionsClub