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The LIONS TALE

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1 st Vice President:	Janet Flecken
2 nd Vice President:	Adam Fleeger
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Secretary:	Michael Winkler
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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

AUGUST 2026

August meetings: August 4 will be our first membership meeting in August. This will be our annual family picnic at the **Butler Lions Shelter**, Alameda Park, starting at 6:30 p.m. The club will be providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, along with plates and table ware. Members are asked to bring a dish to share and your drink. The cost will be \$15 per Lions family; every Lion will receive a ticket for the club's internal raffles (remember only Lions are eligible for these raffles). Dinner reservations are due to President Connie by July 28.

August 18 will be our second membership meeting. We will meet at the **Blind Association** starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to President Connie by August 14. Nothing in particular on the agenda for this meeting; just come and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow Lions.

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.

August board meeting: will be held on August 25 starting at 6:30 at the Blind Association. All members are welcome to attend.

Tribute to late Lion George Bonnett: was held at our meeting on July 21. At that meeting, we shared memories and discussed the many contributions he had made to Lions in his 59 years as a member. There is no doubt he made a significant mark on Lions and also his community. We were honored to have his daughter-in-law, Kris and his grandson, Kagan, at the meeting. Rest in peace Lion George!

Notes from Tail Twister, Lion Janet:

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!
- 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.

August 4 – President Connie I.
August 18 – Lion Janet

September 1 – open
September 15 – 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 August 13 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the August 20 dinner. Thanks to Lions Art, Bryan, Randy and Rhonda for assisting at the July 9 dinner. 221 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Carolyn, Barry, Wink, Eric, Bryan, and Janet for assisting at the July 16 dinner; 306 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.



Big Butler Fair: was July 3-11. IPP MaryAnn reports the following:

We brought in a total of \$3,330. This is split between \$35 in the basket won by the owner of "Crabby" Patty. Basket was turned into her daughter who is in with John the Greek as she requested. \$25 in 50/50 with \$12.50 coming back to the club, winner Adam Fleeger. \$2,800 worth of black 33-gallon drawstring bags sold to the Powers carnival. \$476.50 sold at the table, \$6 donation.

Thank you IPP MaryAnn and Lion Adam for all your time and efforts in selling our products and promoting Lionism and thank you to any other Lions who stopped by to help. Well done!!

Butler City farmer's market: We will have our table there on **August 8 and 22.**

Box of garbage bags: the 33-gallon bags with twist ties has had a price increase, effective now. They are now **\$28.00** per box (100/box).

Our raffle tickets: October 2026 Weekends Cash Giveaway tickets are currently on sale. Please return all unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money to Prez Connie by **September 1.**

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp great duck race: was held at the camp on July 19. I have heard of no club winners; so, we have to conclude that our ducks did not float fast enough to win!

Envision Blind Sports youth summer sports camp: Was held on July 13-18. PDGs Linda and Don and Lions Carolyn and I assisted with the dinner the first night. The first order of business; pick-up 46 pizzas (24 pepperoni and 22 cheese) from a Domino's Pizza in Erie and take them to Waldemeer Amusement Park. They finished their activities for the day at the park. The 46 pizzas were loaded into the van and then over to the park. At the park, the pizzas were unloaded and taken to the shelter where dinner will be held. 46 pizzas sounds like a lot; but, when you are feeding 90 young athletes and 50-60 counselors, the pizzas go fast! At the end, there was one pizza left that was given to a park goer who happened to be leaving at the same time! The serving line never seemed to end! We enjoyed the opportunity to see Lion Wendy's program in full swing; it was amazing how well everything ran and how well behaved and appreciative all the participants were! We totally enjoyed the experience!

Lion Wink





A Lions visit to the Friendly Lions Club: was made by PDGs Don and Linda Gibala and Lions Mike and Carolyn Winkler to Friendly, WV. PDG Don was asked to install their incoming officers and PDG Linda was asked to provide a brief overview of Lions. Both did an excellent job. Lion Mike spoke of Melvin Jones Fellows and LCIF. The gentleman in the yellow shirt behind PDG Linda is PDG Dan Heintzman of the Friendly Lions Club. He has come this way several times to attend some leadership forums and our spring or fall district events. We all stayed in the historic Wells Inn in Sistersville, about 15 minutes from Friendly. The hotel was built 1894-1895 and has been under-going renovations since 2010.





On Friday, July 24, Lion Terry Stackhouse was presented with his 40 year Monarch at the Community Living Center (VA). His wife Marilyn was there to enjoy the presentation and fond memories.



District 14-N cabinet meeting and passing of the banner: the first cabinet meeting of this Lions year, and the passing of the banner, will be August 22 at the Butler Blind Association. The cabinet meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. and the passing of the banner at 3:00. No details yet for the passing of the banner.

Fall sausage sale: orders are due to Prez Connie October 17; packing will be October 29 at Fairground Market at 7:00 pm and pick-up at the Blind Association October 31 from 9:30-10:30. Order forms will be available once the cost is confirmed. We will continue with our three varieties: salt and pepper, hot and sage.

BBQ RIB DINNER - Fundraiser

(ALL YOU CAN EAT)

\$25.00

6-12: \$12.00

5 & under: Free



August 27

September 24

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

(as long as ribs last)

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 \$25

Come join us!

The Hat Makers are getting together
at 6:00 p.m. **Monday,**

August 24 in the lower level
knitting room, Trinity Lutheran
Church.

Learn to crochet or knit hats, prayer
shawls, prayer pockets and scarves.

Hats will be taken as a service
project to clients of Katies Kitchen
and the warming center.

Prayer shawls and prayer pockets
will be given for those in need to be
wrapped in comfort and prayers in
time of need

July Hat Makers now have 89 hats, 13 scarves
and 21 shawls made for this service project.



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

Eric (4)

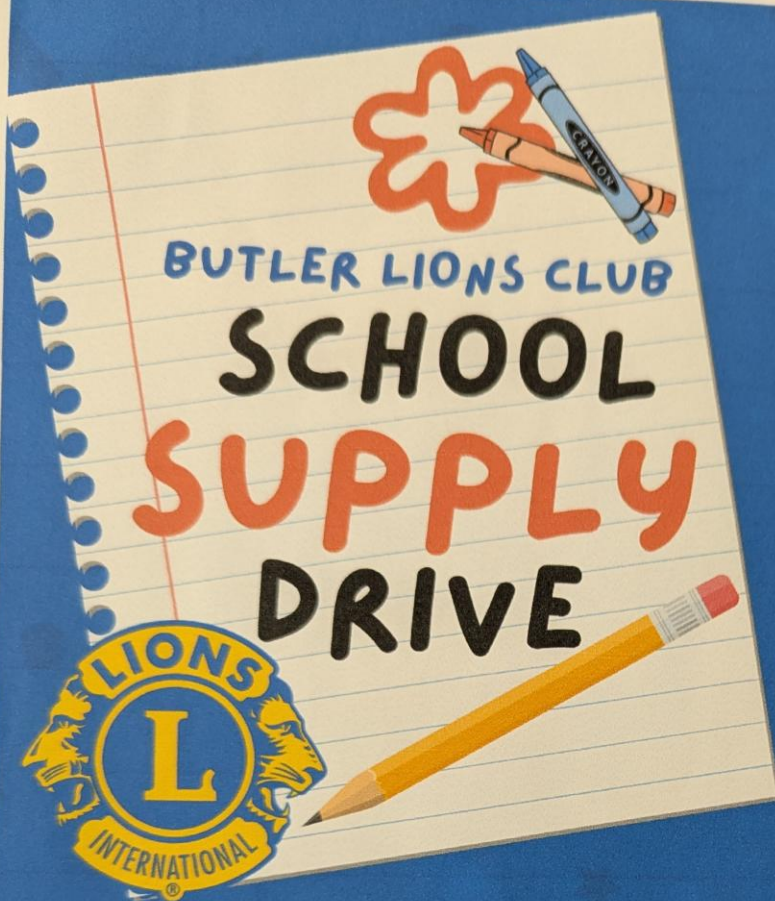
Suzanne (11)

Carolyn (13)

Don E. (18)

Dan (26)

Rich (27)



Please help us, assist students of all ages, we are looking for donations of school supplies, such as notebooks, pencils, markers, and more.



MEETINGS IN
Deadline -

August & Sept.

Sept. 15



BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT LION ERIC CRANMER
SERVICE CHAIRMAN

Items Needed:

- #2 Pencils
- Crayons
- Ballpoint Pens
- Waterbase Markers
- Looseleaf Paper
- Notebook
- Eracer
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- Folders



CALENDAR

AUGUST

4: 6:30 membership meeting, club family picnic, Butler Lions Shelter, Alameda Park
13: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
18: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
20: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
22: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #1, Blind Assoc
22: 3:00 passing of the banner, Blind Assoc
25: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
27: 5-7pm rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse

SEPTEMBER

1: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: IPP MaryAnn diabetic presentation
7: Happy Labor Day!
10: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
13: noon-5 Duke's Diner community event
15: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Committees meeting night
17: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
22: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
23: **Welcome fall!**
24: 5-7pm rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse
Last rib dinner!!!

OCTOBER

4: 12:00 PA Lions fall symposium, Blind Association
6: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
District Governor's official visit & Octoberfest dinner
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)
17: Sausage orders due to Prez. Connie
20: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Annual awards night, family and friend night
27: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
29: 7:00 sausage packing, Fairground Market
31: 9:30-10:30 sausage pickup, Blind Association
31: **Happy Halloween!!**

NOVEMBER

1: daylight saving time ends (fall back)
1: 4:00 District 14-N fall rally, The Atrium, Prospect
3: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
11: thank you to our Veterans
12: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
14: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #2, Blind Assoc
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
26: **Happy Thanksgiving!!**
27: Christmas tree sale begins

DECEMBER

1: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
5: 10:00 am district food packaging, Blind Assoc
10: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
15: No membership meeting
17: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
21: **Welcome winter!**
22: No board meeting
25: **Merry Christmas!!**
TBA club Christmas party

Other Club Officers:

Director, 1 year: Kevin Barnhart
Ellen Fullerton
Randy Pilarcek
Director, 2 years: PDG Linda Gibala
John Hertzog
Carolyn Winkler
IPP: MaryAnn Fleeger
Membership Chair: Rhonda Pilarcik

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

2026-2027 Butler Lions Committees

Club Events and Programs:

Chair: IPP Rhonda Pilarcik

Food:

Chairperson: Ellen Fullerton

Public Relations-Club Promotion:

Chairperson: Connie Ivill

Membership:

Chairperson: Rhonda Pilarcik

Fundraising:

Chairperson:

Service:

Chairperson: Eric Cranmer

Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:

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

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