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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

FEBRUARY 2026

February meetings: February 3 will be our first membership meeting in February. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by January 30. Our dinner will be soups and sandwiches (soups made by club members; sandwiches from Pizza Pie, and cookies/brownies provided by club members). This will be a fund raiser for our administrative account. The program that night will be our club member, Lion Wendy Fagan, who will provide us with all the information on her program: Envision Blind Sports.
February 17 will be our second membership meeting in February. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by February 13. Our program will be our district's Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) coordinator, PDG Maria Loudermilk.

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.

February board meeting: will be held on February 24 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.

Feb. 3 – Connie I.	Mar. 3 – Jim and Angie	April 7 – Jim and Betty
Feb. 17 – PDG Linda	Mar. 17 – President MaryAnn	April 21 – IPP Rhonda

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 February 12 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the February 19 dinner. Thanks to Lions Randy, IPP Rhonda, and John for assisting at the January 8 dinner. 275 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Carolyn, John, Bryan, Deb, Wink and Janet for assisting at the January 15 dinner; 227 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.

Socks for seniors: Our Service Chair, Lion Eric, announced that we are again this year collecting new winter socks to donate to Butler Meals on Wheels. They will deliver the socks with the meals to their clients. The sock drive will go through the second meeting in February (**17**). You can donate socks at our meetings or you can drop them off at the Blind Association; there is a collection box in the meeting room.

District 14-N cabinet meeting #3: District 14-N's third cabinet meeting of this Lions year is scheduled for February 7 at the Butler Blind Association starting at 1:00 p.m. All club members are welcome to attend the cabinet meeting.

PA Lions spring leadership symposium: is Sunday, Feb. 15, noon-5 at the Butler Blind Association. To register, contact PDG Bill Grager at bilbomzk@gmail.com or call 717-615-1974.

Community meal art gala: will be held April 25 and 26 at St. Michael's Hall. More information in next month's Tale.

Sharp Shopper hot dog stand: we will again be running the hot dog stand at Sharp Shopper as part of their customer appreciation event, May 7, 8 and 9. As you know, this is a very successful fund raiser for us. We need Lions and family members to help staff the hot dog stand. Mark your calendar and keep several days open to help sell hot dogs! More specifics on this event in the upcoming months.

District food packing project: was held on January 10, at the Butler Blind Association. The district packed over 10,000 meals. Each package serves 4. Each club from the district that had Lions helping with the packaging received a portion of the food to be donated to a food pantry. Our club had several members assist with this project; thanks to Lions Carolyn and Wink who assisted with the set-up on Friday and to Lions President MaryAnn, her son Steven, Betty, PDG Linda, Adam, PDG Don, Connie and Eric for assisting with the packaging. We received 3 cases of the packed food. Lion Eric delivered one to Katie's Kitchen and two to the Moniteau Food Pantry.

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

Tyler (1)	Deb (7)	Bob (11)	Ruthann (20)
Kevin (4)	Dick (10)	Connie I. (14)	Kim (24)

CALENDAR

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!**
15: noon PA Lions State training program, Blind Assoc.
17: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: LCIF district chair PDG Maria Loudermilk
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:

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
25: 6-9 Community Meals Art Gala, St. Michaels
26: 12-3 Community Meals Art Gala, St. Michaels
28: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

MAY

5: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
7-9: hot dog stand, Sharp Shopper
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, club picture day and pizza. Wear your
Club blue shirt
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

Club Events and Programs:
Chair: IPP Rhonda Pilarcik

Food:
Chairperson: Ellen Fullerton

Public Relations-Club Promotion:
Chairperson: Connie Ivill
Ellen Fullerton
Paul Vensel

Membership:
Chairperson: Adam Fleeger

Fundraising:
Chairperson: Paul Vensel

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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