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# The LIONS TALE

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

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – 6:30 p.m.

Butler Blind Association

322 North Cedar Street

## BOARD MEETINGS

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.

Butler Blind Association

## JUNE 2026

June meetings: June 2 will be our first membership meeting in June. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by May 29. We are going to take a club photo; so, please wear your club shirt. For dinner, we are going to have pizza and wings from Pizza Pie. Might not be a bad idea to bring a bib or a change of shirt so you don't get your club shirt messy. Nothing else on the agenda except Lions and enjoy the “fun” food!

June 16 will be our second membership meeting in June. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by June 12. This is a “family and friends” night. The 2026-2027 club officers will be installed; IPDG Elliott Hilton will be our guest to handle the installation.

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 23 starting at 6:30 at the Blind Association. All members are welcome to attend.

### 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.

June 2 – Lion Art  
June 16 – Lion Bob S.

July 7 – Lion Betty  
July 21 – open

August 4 – Lion Connie I.  
August 18 – open

Katie’s Kitchen: (St. Mark’s) our club assists serving at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays. If you are available to assist with either of these dinners, contact Lion Eric to assist at the June 11 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the June 18 dinner. Thanks to Lions Randy, IPP Rhonda, Bryan and John for assisting at the May 13 dinner. 318 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions John, Bryan, Carolyn, Barry, Wink and Janet for assisting at the May 21 dinner; 345 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.

PA Lions Beacon Lodge work weekend: PDGs Linda and Don were part of the work crew who worked on numerous projects to get the camp ready for the camping season.

Community meal art gala: was held April 25 and 26 at St. Michael’s Church Hall.



Lions Bryan and John bartending



Tail Twister Janet (wearing her derby hat) and Lion Deb were the wine bartenders



Delicious cookies



Our beautiful basket created by Lion Janet



Lots of great baskets

Sharp Shopper hot dog stand: was held May 7-9. It was a huge success. A grateful thank you for all Lions that donated their time and talents in serving the community and serving hot dogs. And, a thank you to Sharp Shopper for generously partnering with us again for their customer appreciation days. From Lions Flecken: thank you to all who served and those who supported our fundraiser in many ways. A special thank you to Valerie McMahon who wore the hot dog costume all day Saturday, through rain

showers, wind and sun. Three day totals: products-\$876, hot dogs-\$2511.22 and coupons-\$142.00 = \$3529.22!!!



Lions Paul and Angi on Friday



Lions Ellen and Kevin making a cold morning warm



Lion Adam ready to sell our items on Friday



Take time to thank the following 29 Lions for the fun sharing with our community the hot dogs, products and raffle tickets:

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| Kevin Barnhart       | PDG Linda Gibala |
| Art Black            | Doug Heltzell    |
| Carolyn Bukovich     | John Hertzog     |
| Nancy Cingolani      | Mandy Houston    |
| Eric Cranmer         | Connie Ivill     |
| Angela Eyth          | Connie Minor     |
| Jim Eyth             | Russ Moore       |
| Tom Faller           | Tyle Morgan      |
| Barry Flecken        | Bill Olszewski   |
| Janet Flecken, Chair | Randy Pilarcik   |
| Adam Fleeger         | Rhonda Pilarcik  |
| Prez MaryAnn Fleeger | Paul Vensel      |
| Ellen Fullerton      | Carolyn Winkler  |
| B.T. Fullerton       | Mike Winkler     |
| PDG Don Gibala       |                  |



Lion John cooking up the dogs!

2026-2027 slate of officers: were elected at our April 7 meeting. The listing of officers for next Lions year is below; they will be installed at our June 16 meeting by IPDG Elliott Hilton.

President: Lion Connie Ivill  
1VP: Lion Janet Flecken  
2VP: Lion Adam Fleeger  
3VP: vacant  
Secretary: Lion Mike Winkler  
Treasurer: Lion Tom Faller  
Lion Tamer: Lion Barry Flecken  
Tail Twister: Lion Janet Flecken  
LCIF Coordinator: Lion Mike Winkler

2-year Director: Lions John Hertzog, Carolyn Winkler and PDG Linda Gibala  
1 year Director: Lions Betty Basalyga, Randy Pilarcik and Ellen Fullerton  
Public Relations: Lion Connie Ivill  
Service: Lion Eric Cranmer  
Membership: Lion Rhonda Pilarcik  
IPP: Lion MaryAnn Fleeger



Our Blind Association's clients social/dinner/bingo: On May 19, 2026, the Butler Lions Club hosted their annual free dinner and free bingo for the clients of the Butler Blind Association of Butler and Armstrong. Following a delicious ham and fixings dinner, bingo callers Lions John Hertzog and Lion Barry Flecken entertained the group with their funny stories, their one liner jokes, and surprise packages. As laughter and chuckles came from the participants, bingo winners continued to collect their earnings. A fun night was had by everyone. The Butler Lions Club members are always eager to enjoy an evening of reaching out to others as they fulfill their motto "WE SERVE".

Submitted by Lion Connie Ivill



2026-2027 dues are now do: please pay our treasurer, Lion Tom, by **June 16**. If you want to mail your dues, please mail them to:

Butler Lions Club  
 PO Box 1905  
 Butler, PA 16003.

The chart below provides the annual dues amount and the distribution of where your dues go.

2026-20267 Dues Breakdown					
Annual Dues	International	State	District	Beacon Lodge	Club Admin Account
Regular/Privileged \$85.00	\$50.00	\$16	\$5	\$5	\$ 9
Family \$60.00	\$25.00	\$16	\$5	\$5	\$ 9
Life \$40.00	0	\$16	\$5	\$5	\$14

Butler City farmer's market: the market opened for the season on May 23. We had our table there and did well, about \$300 in sales! We will have our table June 6, 13 and 27. It may go to every other week after that.

Butler County youth field day: will be held on June 6. Contact either Lion John or Lion Randy if you are available to help out that day.

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

## Join Us!

Lion's Club and Trinity Ladies are  
teaming up together on  
June 22 6:00 p.m.

Downstairs of Church in Knitting Room  
Learning to Crochet or Knit Hats, Prayers  
Shawls, and Prayer Pockets  
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.

Both are very important ministries.

See you there! Lol Hat Ladies



Above: hats from the ladies hats night

Below: one group of hat ladies



## BBQ RIB DINNER - Fundraiser

(ALL YOU CAN EAT)

\$25.00

6-12: \$12.00

5 & under: Free



June 25

July 23

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



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

Mindy (9)  
Connie M. (16)

Doug Hayes (26)  
IPP Rhonda (26)

## CALENDAR

### JUNE

**2:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association club picture day, pizza & wings. Wear your Club blue shirt  
**6:** Butler County Youth Field Day  
**11:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**16:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association Installation of 26-2027 officers. Family & friend night  
**18:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**21:** **Happy Father's Day!**  
**21:** **Welcome summer!**  
**22:** 6:00 hat making, lower level, Trinity Lutheran  
**23:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association  
**25:** 5-7pm rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse

### JULY

**3-11** Big Butler Fair  
**4:** **USA's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday!**  
**7:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
**9:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**16:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**19:** PA Lions appreciation day at Beacon Lodge and the great duck race  
**21:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association  
**23:** 5-7pm rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse  
**28:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

### 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)  
**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  
**7:** Happy Labor Day!  
**10:** 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)  
**13:** 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:** PA Lions fall symposium, Blind Association  
**6:** 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association District Governor's official visit  
**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, Blind Association Annual award night, family and friend night  
**27:** 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association  
**31:** Happy Halloween!!

**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

**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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