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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



March meetings: March 3 will be our first membership meeting in March. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by February 27. The program this evening will be Lia Noel and Katy DeHart, teachers of the visually impaired, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV.

March 17 will be our second membership meeting in March. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by March 13. Come on out to the meeting for the 3 Fs: food, fun and fellowship!

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.

March board meeting: will be held on March 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!
- Wear your PA Lions **green** for the month of March.
- 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.

Mar. 3 – Jim and Angie	April 7 – Jim and Betty	May 5 – open
Mar. 17 – President MaryAnn	April 21 – IPP Rhonda	May 19 – open

Joker Poker winner: congratulations to Lion Betty who won \$95 in our Joker Poker fundraiser at the February 17 meeting. Lion Art will start with a new deck of cards and jackpot at our March 3 meeting.

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 March 12 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the March 19 dinner. Thanks to Lions Randy, IPP Rhonda, Eric, Bryan and John for assisting at the February 12 dinner. 294 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Carolyn, John, Eric, Bryan, Deb, Alex, Barry, Wink and Janet for assisting at the February 19 dinner; 381 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.

Dear Members,

I would like to thank everyone for the support they offered as two of our meals were out of the ordinary. But really good!

Weather caused the Meals on Wheels fundraiser dinner to be canceled. Pizza Pie’s stuffed shells and salad were a delicious last-minute change. Many members helped and the compliments were plentiful.

For the past several years, we have helped fund our administrative account by having a soup and sandwich night at one of our meetings. This year members made delicious, mouth-watering soups, flavorful chili and tempting desserts. Pizza Pie gave us a very good price and brought scrumptious hoagies over. Thanks everyone for bringing foods, helping organize the menu and for enjoying everything!

Reach out to Pizza Pie (on Route 8) and let them know that you appreciate their support of our Club!

Submitted by:

Lion Connie Ivill

Community meal art gala: will be held April 25 and 26 at St. Michael’s Church Hall. Saturday evening (as a sponsor of this event, the club has 6 free tickets) from 6-9pm and Sunday (free) 12-3pm with the basket drawing at 2pm.

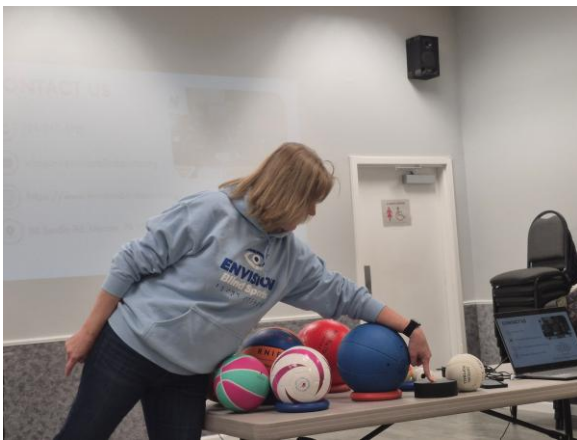


Socks for seniors: Our Service Chair, Lion Eric, announced that we collected 156 pairs of socks. The socks were donated to Butler Meals on Wheels. They will deliver the socks with the meals to their clients. Thanks to all that donated socks.

At the February 3, 2026 Butler Lions Club meeting, Butler Lions Club member, Wendy Fagan, founder and Executive Director of Envision Blind Sports, gave a captivating speech and video show about her program. Club members were given the opportunity to understand the impact of being included in sports and physical activity on blind and visually impaired children and adults. Adaptive sports equipment was brought in so first hand understanding of Wendy's riveting undergoing could be better understood. The Butler Lions Club, as well as many other Lions Clubs, sponsor children to attend the week-long summer sports program available for the blind and visually impaired seven-to-eighteen-year-olds. Wendy is making a huge impact in their lives and as Lions we should be proud to be a part of empowering these young children. Thank you, Wendy. You are an inspirational force!

I highly recommend that other clubs invite Wendy, Envision Blind Sports, to your club. It is an eye opener!

Submitted by:
Lion Connie Ivill



Happy birthday Lion Bill H.: Lion Bill H is currently living at Concordia in Cabot. He is in the Lund Building, room 2040. Lion Bill is always happy to welcome visitors. Lion Bill's birthday is March 29; if you would like to send him a card his address is: 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023.



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.

PA Lions Beacon Lodge wish list: we move from one collection to the other; because that's what Lions do, help and support worthy causes. The Beacon Lodge collection bin is on our table in the big room at the Blind Association. The wish list is included with this Tale.

Adopt-a-highway: our first AAH is scheduled for April 18. This date coincides with LCI's "week of service" for the environment. As in the past, we will meet at 7:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church and fan out from there. We need at least 12 Lions/friends/family members to cover the 4 sections we patrol on our stretch of Route 8, between Clearview Mall and the bottom of Main Street Hill. Contact President MaryAnn with any questions.

District 14-N spring convention: is scheduled for April 11 at Shakespeare's Restaurant in Ellwood City, starting at 11:00 a.m. A flyer with all the convention details will be forth coming. The start time ensures that all travel to and from the convention will be in the daylight (a big deal for those of us that have difficulty driving at night!).

2026-2027 slate of officers: below are the nominations for next Lions' year's slate of officers. The election of this slate of officers will take place at our April 7 meeting. If you have any officer nominations, contact Lion Connie I. Before you nominate any Lion; please confirm with that Lion that they will indeed be willing to serve in the position they are nominated for.

President: Lion Connie Ivill	2 year Director: Lions John Hertzog, Carolyn Winkler and
1VP: Lion Paul Vensel	PDG Linda Gibala
2VP: Lion Adam Fleeger	1 year Director: Lions Betty Basalyga, Randy Pilarcik and
3VP: vacant	Ellen Fullerton
Secretary: Lion Mike Winkler	Public Relations: Lion Connie Ivill
Treasurer: Lion Tom Faller	Service: Lion Eric Cranmer
Lion Tamer: Lion Barry Flecken	Membership: Lion Rhonda Pilarcik
Tail Twister: Lion Janet Flecken	IPP: Lion MaryAnn Fleeger
LCIF Coordinator: Lion Mike Winkler	

PA Lions State Convention: is scheduled for May 14-17 at the Kovalchick Convention Complex in Indiana, PA. To attend the convention, you must register by April 21; cost of registration is \$15 per attendee. Convention information and the registration form are available on the PA Lions website or contact Lion Wink.

Here is a current price list of our items we sell. The corn brooms increased by \$1; household, warehouse, toy and whisk.

Item Prices effective March 1, 2026		Selling price
Lions corn household broom, PURPLE handle		14.00
Lions warehouse corn broom with wire band, natural wood handle		18.00
Lions Large angle broom		10.00
Toy broom		7.00
Whisk broom		7.00
Lions Lobby dust pan		14.00
18" outdoor (hard) sweep & handle		15.00
24" outdoor (hard) sweep & handle		18.00
18" fine (soft) sweep & handle		15.00
24" fine (soft) sweep & handle		18.00
GARBAGE BAGS	tall kitchen 13 gal. drawstring (100)	14.00
	33 gal box (100)	26.00
	33 gal drawstring (45)	14.00
	45 gal (20)	14.00
FIRE STARTERS (12)		10.00
KAYWOS CLEANING CLOTHS (2 pkgs)		5.00



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

- Rodney (6)
- Angie (10)
- Jennifer (19)
- Bill H. (29)
- Derek (30)

CALENDAR

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
- 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)
- 14-17:** PA Lions State Convention, Kovalchick Convention Complex, Indiana, PA
- 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!**
- 21:** **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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