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The LIONS TALE

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Treasurer:	Thomas Faller

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

MAY 2026

May meetings: May 5 will be our first membership meeting in May. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by May 1. No program is scheduled; we will discuss club business.

May 19 will be our second membership meeting in May. We will meet at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Dinner reservations are due to Lion Connie by May 13. We will be hosting the Blind Association clients to our annual social, dinner and bingo. More information on this event is in the Tale.

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.

May board meeting: will be held on May 26 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.

May 5 – Prez MaryAnn
May 19 – no raffle

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

July 7 – Lion Betty
July 21 – 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 May 14 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the May 21 dinner. Thanks to Lions Randy, IPP Rhonda, Bryan and John for assisting at the April 9 dinner. 293 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions John, Bryan, Carolyn, Deb, Wink and Janet for assisting at the April 16 dinner; 359 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.

Community meal art gala: was held April 25 and 26 at St. Michael's Church Hall. The report will be 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!

District 14-N spring convention: was held on April 11 at Shakespeare's Restaurant in Ellwood City. There were over 100 Lions in attendance. We congratulate Lion Carolyn, who was inducted into the District 14-N Honor Roll of Lions at the event. She was unable to attend the convention; so, she was recognized at our club meeting on April 21. The write-up from the convention program is below.

Lion Carolyn Winkler (Butler Lions Club) is married to Lion Mike and they have a son. Lion Carolyn became a Lion in 2011 and has been very active in the club and the District. In her club she has served on the Board of Directors, as Lion Tamer and is the Assistant Editor of the club's monthly newsletter "The Lions Tale." She was the Chair of the club's Adopt-A-Highway project for many years; is a regular at club projects and activities. Lion Carolyn supports other clubs by attending their fundraisers; is a regular on club visitations and is in attendance at most District functions to include Cabinet Meetings, Rallies and Conventions. She assists with room set-up for club meetings, District Cabinet Meetings, training sessions,

rallies and conventions. She has served on the District's Leader Dogs for the Blind Committee; was Secretary of PA Lions for Dog Guides; and District's Rally and Convention Committee. Lion Carolyn assists with meal distributions at Katie's Kitchen community meals and is actively involved in scheduling and performing youth vision screenings in Butler County. She is a volunteer of the Blind Association of Butler and Armstrong and works with the Executive Director in coordinating and promoting youth vision screenings in Butler County. She has been recognized by her club as Lion of the Year; she is a Melvin Jones Fellow, Lions of PA Foundation Fellow, Kids Sight Fellow, and PDG John Crone Fellow. We are very thrilled to induct Lion Carolyn into the Honor Roll of Lions!



Adopt-a-highway: our first AAH of the year was held on April 18. Eleven bags of trash were collected. Thanks to Lions: Prez MaryAnn, Adam, John, B.T., Ellen, Rhonda, Randy, and Eric for coming out and cleaning our stretch of roadway.

PA Lions Beacon Lodge wish list: we filled the Beacon Lodge collection bin. It was picked up by PCC Bill Morgan after the April 21 meeting; he delivered the items for us.

2026-2027 slate of officers: were elected at our April 7 meeting. The listing of officers for next Lions year is below:

President: Lion Connie Ivill	2-year Director: Lions John Hertzog, Carolyn Winkler and PDG Linda Gibala
1VP: Lion Janet Flecken	
2VP: Lion Adam Fleeger	1 year Director: Lions Betty Basalyga, Randy Pilarcik and Ellen Fullerton
3VP: vacant	
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	

Our Blind Association’s clients social/dinner/bingo: will be held on May 19 at the Blind Association starting at 6:30. Prior to playing bingo, we will have our traditional ham, baked beans and potato salad dinner and dessert. The cost for dinner for our members will be \$10. Reservations are due to Lion Connie by May 13. We will not be holding our in-club raffles this evening. There will be a 50/25/25 drawing with the proceeds going to the Blind Association; cost for the raffle is \$2/ticket or \$5/for 3 tickets. Please plan on attending to meet and greet our friends from the Blind Association.

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: will open for another season on May 23. We are going to share a space with Grandma Betty; she will be there one week and we will be there the next. In other words, we will be at the market every other week. Lion Art will, again, be our presence at the market.

Last District 14-N cabinet meeting of the Lions year: will be held on May 30 at the Blind Association, starting at 1:00.

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).



At our March board meeting, we approved a donation of \$250 of food items to the Moniteau Food Pantry. Lion Eric contacted Wendy to see what was most needed and he went to Sharp Shopper and got a great selection of items. Thank you Lion Eric!!

Join Us!

Lion's Club and Trinity Ladies are teaming up together on
May 18 6:00 PM

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

BBQ RIB DINNER - Fundraiser

(ALL YOU CAN EAT)

\$25.00

6-12: \$12.00

5 & under: Free



May 28

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 May:

Jim B. (25) Ellen (29) Dorothy (31)

CALENDAR

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 Dinner, bingo social for blind assoc. clients
21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
23: Butler City farmers market begins for another season
25: **Memorial Day**
26: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
28: 5-7pm rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse
30: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #4, Blind Assoc.

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 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: 5-7pm rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse

JULY

3-11 Big Butler Fair
4: **USA's 250th 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)
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)
19: Duke's Diner community event
22: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
23: **Welcome fall!**
24: 5-7pm 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

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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