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President:	Connie Ivill
1 st Vice President:	Janet Flecken
2 nd Vice President:	Adam Fleeger
3 rd Vice President:	vacant
Secretary:	Michael Winkler
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



October 2026

October meetings: October 6 will be our first membership meeting in October at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are due to President Connie by October 2. Our District Governor, Maria Loudermilk, will be making her official visit to our club; we always like to have a nice turnout when the DG visits. We will be having an Octoberfest meal.

October 20 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 October 14. We will be holding our annual awards night. This is a friends and family night. As always, we have numerous awards and recognitions to pass out. This meeting is to formally recognize our fellow Lions for their service over this past Lions year. We will be getting our dinner from the Butler Meals on Wheels fundraiser; cost for dinner is \$16 per Lion/person.

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.

October board meeting: will be held on October 27 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.

October 6 – IPP MaryAnn
October 20 – Lion Ellen

November 3 – Lion Kevin
November 12 – 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 October 8 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the October 15 dinner. Thanks to Lions Bryan, Randy, Eric, John and Rhonda for assisting at the September 10 dinner. 320 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Carolyn, Eric, Wink, Deb, and Bob for assisting at the September 17 dinner; 312 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.

Butler City farmer's market: We will have our table there on **October 3, 17 and 31.**



The Butler Lions Club proudly displays the products that we sell at the Butler City Farm Market. Lions Kevin Barnhart and Art Black participate in this fundraiser several times a month during the spring, summer and fall seasons. As they pass on information about Lions Clubs, sales reflect in the opportunities that we have to offer assistance to those in need. Lions following our motto "We Serve".

Submitted by:
Butler Lions Club President and Publicity Chair
Connie Ivill

Our raffle tickets: All of the October 2026 Weekends Cash Giveaway tickets are sold! Watch for your numbers!

Welcome to our newest member: Diane Bialecki has joined our pride! Lion Carolyn will be Lion Diane B.'s sponsor.

Last rib dinner: on September 24, 9 Butler Lions enjoyed the last Penn Glade Lions Club's rib dinner of the year. As with all the others, it was delicious!



Our Lions sign going down into Butler on Main Street.



Our other sign coming into Butler from the south. This is at the intersection before crossing the Bridge. The horse and rider are behind the Rotary Sign and the bush.



The Butler Lions Club successfully collected school supplies for the Butler Area School District. Members and Club donations accumulated an abundance of various items needed for student and teacher use. This is another way that we meet our motto "WE SERVE".

Submitted by:
Butler Lions Club President and
Communication Chair Person
Lion Connie Ivill



The school supplies were delivered to Broad Street School on Friday, September 25.

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 9:00-11:00. We will continue with our three varieties: salt and pepper, hot and sage; they are \$6/lb.

District Fall Rally: will be held on November 1 at the Atrium in Prospect. The social is at 4:00, dinner at 4:30 and the program at 6:00. Cost of the meal is \$40. RSVP to Lion Wink by October 15. District Cabinet meeting #2 will be held on November 14 at the Butler Blind Association, starting at 1:00.

Hang Tough Stockings: we are going to do this again this year. You can bring items in for the stockings that we will put together or if you rather bring in a filled stocking to the Blind Association. Collection period is Nov. 1 – Nov. 15: you can bring things in now. See the naughty and nice list for acceptable items.

Heart of a Lion Award: nominations for this award are now being accepted. The Heart of a Lion award is to recognize community non-Lion individuals who are making a difference in our community. Please get your nominations to the committee by February 1, 2027. The committee, so far, is IPP MaryAnn, Prez Connie and Lion Adam. If you would like to be a part of this committee, contact one of the committee members.

Come join us!

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

October 19 and **November 16** 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



Happy birthday to the following Lion celebrating a birthday in October:

Alex (9)

CALENDAR

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
Dinner: Butler Meals on Wheels fundraiser
Cost: **\$16** per Lion/person
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
Program: David Baynes, Program Manager, Warming Center on the Diamond
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

JANUARY 2027

1: **Happy New Year!**
5: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
14: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
19: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: Terry Tirk from Butler Meals on Wheels
21: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
26: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

FEBRUARY

2: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: Judy Kahl, Foundation Fighting Blindness
Happy Groundhog Day!
6: 1:00 District 14-N cabinet meeting #3, Blind Assoc
11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
14: **Happy Valentine's Day!!**
16: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Assoc, Souper Meal!
18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
21: noon MD 14 Spring Leadership symposium, Beaver County Lighthouse for the Blind, New Brighton
23: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association

MARCH

2: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
11: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
14: day light saving time begins (spring forward)
16: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
17: **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
18: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
20: **Welcome spring!**
23: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
29: **Happy Easter!**

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: IPP 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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