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The LIONS TALE

Official monthly publication of the Lions Club of Butler, Pennsylvania

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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

SEPTEMBER 2026

September meetings: September 1 will be our first membership meeting in September at the Blind Association, starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are due to President Connie by August 28. IPP MaryAnn will be providing us with information on diabetes. We hear there is going to be a game as part of the presentation.

September 15 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 September 11. Nothing in particular on the agenda for this meeting; just come and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow Lions.

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.

September board meeting: will be held on September 22 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.

September 1 – Lion Diane	October 6 – IPP MaryAnn
September 15 – PDG Linda	October 20 – Lion Ellen

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 September 10 dinner and Lion Janet to assist at the September 17 dinner. Thanks to Lions Bryan, Randy, Eric and Rhonda for assisting at the August 13 dinner. 320 meals were distributed. Thanks to Lions Carolyn, Barry, Wink, Deb, Bryan, John, and Janet for assisting at the August 20 dinner; 412 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 **September 5 and 19**.

Our raffle tickets: October 2026 Weekends Cash Giveaway tickets are currently on sale. Please return all unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money to Prez Connie by **September 1**.

October meetings: our District Governor, Maria Loudermilk, will be making her official visit to our club on October 6; we always like to have a nice turnout when the DG visits.

Our annual awards night will be held on October 20. 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.

On August 12, 2026 the Butler Lions Club proudly presented a TREX Bench to the Prospect Area Library. Outside, peaceful, relaxing reading can be enjoyed by the community members as they enjoy the nature filled area. The LIONS motto is "WE SERVE" and this is another fine example of how we do so.



Back row: LIONS Eric Cranmer, Barry Flecken, Treasurer Tom Faller, Vice President Janet Flecken, Ellen Fullerton, and Secretary Mike Winkler
Front Row: Lion President Connie Ivill with Granddaughter Breanna Betty (4) and Prospect Children's Librarian Suzanne Adams



On August 13, Service Chair Lion Eric delivered \$250 of items to the Moniteau Food Pantry. This purchase was approved at our last board meeting. Thank you, Lion Eric!



At the Passing of the Banner, held after the 1st District Cabinet meeting on August 22, IPP MaryAnn was presented with the plaque for our club coming in first in the District point contest for the 2025-2026 Lions year.

Prospect Library Book Fair is Oct 8 -10. We are collecting books and puzzles for them. Members are welcome to drop them off at the library or the Blind Association. They will not take dictionaries, encyclopedias, bibles, magazines, VCR tapes, audio tapes. All donations should be in good shape. Last day to drop anything off is September 20th.

Duke's Diner community event: is Sunday, September 13, from noon to 5, with set-up about 10:00. Duke's Diner is part of the truck stop on 422, just west of the I-79 interchange, past Pilot. We will have a table with our products.

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.

Diabetes information: submitted by IPP MaryAnn, Diabetes Awareness chair:

The types I want to make known and will touch on for future issues would be;

1. Pre Diabetes
2. Gestational Diabetes
3. Type 1
4. Type 1.5
5. Type 2

Type 1 and 2 can be found in children now so there is no child diabetes. As the months go by, I will be explaining more on each type, their symptoms, and other information about that type.

BBQ RIB DINNER - Fundraiser

(ALL YOU CAN EAT)

\$25.00

6-12: \$12.00

5 & under: Free



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

Come join us!

The Hat Makers are getting together
at 6:00 p.m. **Monday,**
September 28 and October 19 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

School Supply

Drive



Please help us, assist students of all ages, we are looking for donations of school supplies, such as markers, crayons, and more.

WE ARE COLLECTING

- Staples and Staplers* ✓
- Highlighters and Sharpies* ✓
- Crayons* ✓
- Colored pencils* ✓
- Journals - Unlined* ✓
- Washable Markers* ✓
- Dry Erase Markers* ✓
- Lined Paper* ✓

WE WILL BE COLLECTING
AUGUST 1ST - 31ST

BUTLER LIONS CLUB 



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

Neil (2)
Bryan (9)
Tom (18)
Terry (28)

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

1: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
Program: IPP MaryAnn diabetic presentation
7: Happy Labor Day!
10: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
13: noon-5 Duke's Diner community event
15: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
17: 5:00-6:00 assisting with community dinner at
Katie's Kitchen (St. Mark's)
22: 6:30 board meeting, Blind Association
22: **Welcome fall!**
24: 5-7pm rib dinner at Penn Glade Lions clubhouse
Last rib dinner!!!

OCTOBER

4: 12:00 PA Lions fall symposium, Blind Association
6: 6:30 membership meeting, Blind Association
District Governor's official visit & Oktoberfest 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
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

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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