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Pin Trading Events

LITPC Pin Traders at the International Convention Chicago IL 6/30-7/4/17

Missouri PTC Swap Branson MO 8/10-12/17

Northeast Pin Swap Cramwell CT 8/15-18/17

Kentuck PinFest Cave City KY 9/14-15/17

Colby Pin Swap Colby WI 9/28-29/17

Western Pin Swap Reno NV 10/8-11/17

Presidents Message

Hello again fellow C.L.P.T.A. Members,

Welcome to a new year of Lionism and pin trading. This year is extra exciting since we are also ringing in another 100 years of service.... just in case you haven't heard. While on that note, I hope many of you made it to Chicago! Sadly my work situation prevented me from attending (and yes, I'm still brooding about it). On a more positive note, one of my club members had a very special experience, being that this was her first International Convention. I of course was very happy for her, but I have to admit that I was also a little envious when she showed off her pins, flashing lights and all. I guess I will have to catch up at the next swap I go to.

Speaking of swaps, I look forward to seeing all of you in October at the Western States Pin Swap in Reno, Nevada. As always there will be plenty to do including meeting new friends and reminiscing about past ones too. I am sure many stories will be shared



about our Golf Game "Commish" Lion Lucille Romig who we lost in May. I know my favorite one will always be about winning the Booby (last place) Prize, especially the next year when it seemed like a number of Lions were trying for the same prize! It will obviously not be the same without her special charm, but her presence will definitely be felt as it does with all our past friends. I know our feelings go out to Lion Jerry and family for their loss.

As I talk about past friends, I'd like to thank PDG Brad Weeks contribution to the last Bear News installation of "How I Got Started in Pin Trading". It brought

back memories of friends like Lions Roy Perry and Harvey & Patsy Rose. I also liked what he said about having a forum for new pin traders. A little information goes a long way in the same way that pin catalogues have been helpful to the rest of us. I know it would have helped me when I first got started trading. I don't think it would hurt if our Lions First motto and our many contributions and service to the Lions were a part of such a forum.

In looking forward, I encourage you to share this kind of information with all Lions, not just new pin traders. We know as pin traders how important our service is in Lions. Why keep it a secret?

Again, I looking forward to seeing you.

Yours,

Lion Carl Miller

Pres. C.L.P.T.A.

Editor's Note

by Lion Jay Puls

Every now and then you feel the need to express yourself about a troubling set of facts (I have). You feel the need to write them down for the Bear News (I did). You set them aside for a while (I did). After a while you decide not to submit for publication (I did). Rather than boring you with a page of what I think is wrong let me say this. Our relationship with the Council of Governors .SUCKS They do nothing and we take all the risks. One thing really stands out and it is the fact that they are unable to notify Lions in their own district about MD4 Pins.

While in Hawaii at International in 2015 I lost count of the California Lions coming to my table and discov-

ering that there was an MD4 pin because their District Governor had not informed them such pins were available. That is just one of many things I would bitch about.

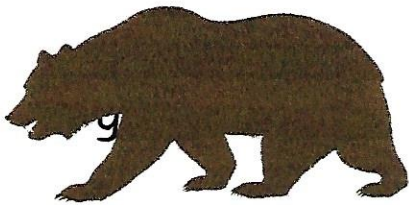
Have you sent anything to Brad Weeks to help him with his project? He is trying to put together a booth at the next MD4 Convention for CLPTA. I sent him several ideas as to what I thought needed to be present in the booth. He wants to have this project ready for Reno so that we may see it also we can approve it or not. He doesn't need your ideas then HE NEEDS THEM NOW.

I have had a few phone calls from out of state Lions wanting to know if there is a 2017 CLPTA pin out. Are we going to have a pin or have I

missed out?

Had a beer (root beer) the other day with Joe Trezza and of course pins were discussed. I mentioned that one of my sons said that all he wanted of my pins would be one of every pin that I designed. I have started a new board and am now up to the 70's in number of pins. Joe decided it would be impossible for him to do the same. If for no other reason than the number of WPS pins he designed every year. He also has about 40 Betty Boop pins to his credit. Sit down and try to do the same with your pins even if only for fun.

Getting ready for Chicago don't expect to take too many pins got them in three piles to carry them in three separate suitcases. Not too many pins what a " bunch of crap" that is.. Jay Puls Editor



California

Lions Pin Traders Association

PO Box 1908, Oakhurst, CA 93644

The California Lions Pin Traders Association was formed in 1984 with the purpose of promoting fellowship through the hobby of pin trading. CLPTA is one of many clubs across the national and through out the world in Lions.

Lion First Pin Trader Second



How I got Started in Pin Collecting by Joe Trezza

I joined the Pittsburg Lions Club in Oct. 1981. By the Summer of 1982 I started trading pins.

Lions Joe Vinci and George Webb got back from the International Convention in Hawaii 1982 with an incredible amount of pins. They had given me a handful of the Pittsburg Lions Club's First pin in Feb but I hadn't traded any. Pretty much they were giving me pins after Hawaii but I did trade some of my Pittsburg Pins back to them, I was hooked. I bought some of their extra's and began to go on visitations to the other clubs in my district and found they had pins from their clubs to trade. That took care of my addiction temporarily.

I was then given the honor of becoming the 3rd Vice President of my club, fresh meat always gets that honor still today. The club sent all of the Vice Presidents, President

and Secretary to our District Convention at the Rancho Tropicana in Santa Rosa, Ca. where another pin trading eye opening event occurred. My District at that time had a pin trading area that was bigger than the MD4 Convention trade is today. Lions from other Districts would join us. This is when I met Al & Kaye Stack, Stanley (?), Bunny Ribbs, Dave Lopes and Dave Santiago from outside our District. Also met Larry Hammond, Nat Lord, Glenn Papasan, Tom Lemasney and Al Funk from my District. Was given many pins by most of them.

I went to our MD4 Convention in Newport Beach that year. Met Chuck Weldon, Larry Opkins, Roy Perry, Thelton "Brownie" Brown and a few other characters. That year I attended my first Lions International in SF. Brownie kept slipping me pins as I ran out, really made my

convention.

My 2nd MD4 convention really opened the pin world for me. LITPC attended our convention for a board meeting to encourage us to form the CLPTA. Most notable to me was Mike Turcone from Rhode Island. Gave me a few pins, Rhode Island Roosters, for the junk pins I had to trade. Became one of the Life long friends of mine as so many others have with the introduction through exchanging a pin.

35 year later I am still making new friend through trading pins. Hope you will too!

29th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP

Circus Circus in Reno, Nevada

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2017

*Early registration pin if you register prior to September 15th, 2017

*Events; Besides pin trading we'll have our Championship Nine Hole Golf Tournament, pin auction, 50/50 raffles, hospitality and breakfast.

*To place pins in the auction send them to PDG John Holland no later than September 15th, 2017.

*Hotel information- We'll be at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada. The room rates for our event are \$82.00 for the weekend and \$39.00 Sunday thru Thursday, in the Sky Tower and in the North Tower \$87.00 for the weekend and \$42.00 Sunday thru Thursday. To make reservations call 1-800/648-5010 and be sure to mention you are with the Lions Western States Pin Swap. The cut off date for reservations is September 11, 2017.

*For those of you who do register and would like a set of pins from our 2016 swap we do have a limited number of sets available for \$15.00. These sets will be issued on a first come first serve basis.

*All registration fees will remain the same as last year. First timers do not have to pay the registration fee of \$30.00.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration includes Table, Swap Pin Reg. Pin and early Reg. Pin if timely (9-15-17)
Breakfast includes a Breakfast Pin. Extra tables are available at a reduced rate, no pins.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

Registration, No. _____ @ \$30.00 each = _____

Extra Table, No. _____ @ \$20.00 each = _____

Breakfast, No. _____ @ \$20.00 each = _____

2016 WSPS Pin Set _____ @ \$15.00 per set = _____

TOTAL _____

Will you be staying at the Circus Circus? _____, if yes, how many nights _____

Are you sharing a room? _____, if yes, with whom _____

Make check payable to CLPTA and mail check and this form to PDG John Holland, 1770 Autumn Rust Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89119. Phone 702/614-8654. Email newlife69@cox.net

29th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP
RENO, NV. OCTOBER 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2017
Swap agenda

- Oct. 8, Sunday Registration, 11:00 am in the hall 3rd floor of the Sky Tower.
Hospitality noon in the Sky Tower Carson, Sierra & Tahoe rooms.
- Oct. 9, Monday Pin Trading, Mandalay A, 2 & 3 8:00am until 5:00pm.
Hospitality 5:00pm Tahoe Carson rooms in the Sky Tower.
Golf 6:30pm Carson room in the Sky Tower.
- Oct. 10, Tuesday Pin Trading, Mandalay A, 1 & 2 8:00am until 3:00pm.
Auction, Mandalay A beginning at 3:00pm, items will be on display on the Holland's tables at 1:00 pm.
Hospitality 5:00pm Tahoe Carson rooms in the Sky Tower.
Golf 6:30 Carson room in the Sky Tower.
- Oct. 11, Breakfast 7:30 Mandalay B

AUCTION RULES

1. All items must be given to PDG John Holland by Sept. 15th.
2. Bids on all items will begin at \$5:00, no bid the item will be returned to the owner.
3. Any bidder bidding on his/her item and winning, will only have to pay the 10% fee.
4. Checks will be mailed, less 10%, to everyone submitting items to the auction within three weeks of the close of the swap.



THE CALIFORNIA LIONS PIN TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership (New ___ Renewal ___)

Lion/Lioness (Please Print) _____

Address: _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Regular Member _____ Home Phone() _____ Bus. Phone() _____

Associate Member _____ E-mailAddress _____ Fax _____

Signature _____ Club Name _____ District _____

Membership Dues: \$10. per year (July 1 to June 30)

(Membership entitles member to 4 Issues of The BEAR NEWS each year)

Checks payable to: CLPTA (California Lions Pin traders Association)

Please return completed form & dues to:

Lion Marie Bunch

P.O. Box 1908

Oakhurst, CA 93644

Phone: (559) 683-8616

E-mail: rwfeex@sti.net

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PIN TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Application New ___ Renewal ___

Name (please print) _____ Spouse _____

Address (St. & No.) _____

State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Res. Phone () _____ Fax _____

E-mail address (exactly as typed) _____

Club _____ District _____ Multiple District _____

Name of sponsoring Lion _____ year joining LITPC _____

Trade by mail? Yes ___ No ___ Trade outside your country? Yes ___ No ___

Annual dues are \$15.00 per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30: U.S. funds)

Make checks payable to L.I.T.P.C. and mail to :

PDG Richard Durham

LITPC Treasurer

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