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# Bear News

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## Officers

- President: Lion Greg Martella
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## Pin Trading Events

Kentucky Pin Swap  
Cave City KY  
9/13-14/18

Colby (WI) Pin Swap  
Colby WI  
10/4-5/18

Western States Pin Swap  
Reno NV  
10/7-10/18

Virginia Pin Swap  
Winchester VA  
11/8-10/18

Southwest Pin Swap  
Ardmore OK  
1/18-19/19

Southeast Pin Swap  
Nashville TN  
2/21-23/19

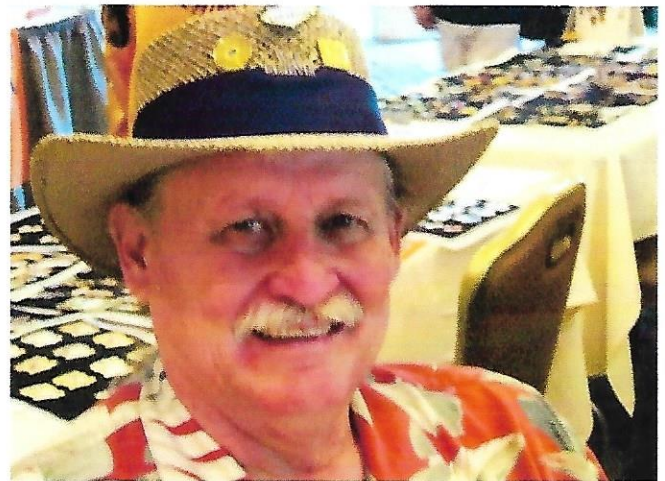
## Presidents Message By Lion Greg Martella

Hello Pin Traders,

I'd like to start this year, as your new president, by introducing myself. My name is Greg Martella, most know me but for those who don't, let's get acquainted and trade some pins. I have been a Lion for 20 years and a pin trader all my life, just realized it after joining Lions. I'll try to do my best to listen to all, also trying not to reinvent the wheel. Looks like most everything's running great. Looking forward to a great time as president and meeting all at the Western States Pin Swap in Reno on October 7th-10th.

New membership at MD-4 was great. Hope a lot of them make it to Reno.

Welcome to all the officers, Directors and new members. Looking forward to working with you and hope you all can make it to Reno.



## Editor's Note

by Lion Jay Puls

Convention Report. Went to Las Vegas, walked too far, traded pins, ate very expensive food, saw some old friends, met some new, came home early. How was that for a report on the 101 International Convention?

1. Walking too far. Venue was way too spread out for these old legs. To make things worse whenever I came back to our hotel room it was never the same way I went.

2. Traded pins. At the end of another long walk was the pin trading area. It was a bit crowded and some Lions doubled up on tables. I went with about 95 pins and came home with about the same number. I guess that was pretty good as I only

had MD-4 and CLPTA to trade.

3. Expensive food missed the usual food court near by. Not that the food courts have been inexpensive but not like MGM food courts. It was another long walk from pin trading area and Exhibit Hall. Breakfast was way too much, lunch blew your mind and dinner was unreal. The one bright spot in our dining experiences was when the manager asked Mary Ann (mistake) how her meal was and she told him. Don't ask if you do not want a truthful answer. We did not have to pay for her dinner.

4. Saw old friends from out of state, my Aussie friends and that Brit. Best part of the whole trip. I am beginning to

think this is the only reason I go to these events and swaps.

5. Getting too old for all this crap. International will be out of the country for the next three to four years which will give me time to decide if I ever want to go again. Of course, I will not be any younger in three to four years. Time will tell how I feel then.

Happy Pin Trading

Jay Puls



# Immediate Past President Message

By Lion Carl Miller

Hi everybody,

This will be my first report as IPP of CLPTA. Wow, has it already been two years? Two MD-4 and International conventions come and gone. Not to mention our LCI 100th anniversary. And a new Theme Series starting. Sounds like fun.

Of course some of the best memories will be of our swaps in Reno. Always great friends and comradery punctuated by many hard to forget experiences, including winning all that cash in the raffle (LOL). And yes, a big chunk of that is going to the LITPC Youth Scholarship fund. I was too embarrassed to spend it all on pins. Maybe I'll skip a year of buying tickets to give somebody else a chance to win.

There of course have been our share of somber moments, having lost some good friends, including more recently Lion Jim DeRouchey. It will seem very different not seeing those big crazy hats with a smile to go with them. Dorothy in are prayers.

During this time one of the constants has been Because of these Lions this has been one of the to do. I think the toughest it ever got for me was club pin design. I suppose I'm not surprised, contribute to this club. As outgoing club prescriptive of the work they have done. This of course, chair Lion John Holland has done for the West-Thank you Lion John and thanks to all of you for what you have done the past two years.



I know we all have wife

my board of officers. easiest jobs I have had deciding a split vote on a sidering how they all dent I am very apprecia- includes what our swap ern States Pin Swap.

I would like to wish Lion Greg Martella a great two years as the new president of CLPTA. I hope you enjoy the position as much as I have. I look forward to serving on the board with you.

As far as my regular report goes, I really enjoyed reading what was said in the last Bear News. Good stuff! Thanks again as always to Lion Jay Puls and Lion Rich Silveria for putting out another great newsletter.

Also, congratulations to Lion John Leggett, Lion Jim Moffit and Lions Larry & Barbara Anderson for the awards they received in the LITPC pin contest. Kudos all around!

Clue: Heat, International Parade, great meetings, great speakers, fantastic entertainment (including Wayne Newton) and pin trading of course. Did I say HEAT?

Answer: You got it- LAS VEGAS (nutshell version)

Forgot to mention that I treated myself to the Blue Man Group. What a show. Well worth seeing. Also rode the roller coaster at NYNY. Rather violent I must say. And that's coming from a coaster fan. All in all, a fun and enjoyable convention. Will not be making it to Milan, Italy next year but am looking forward to my first 'alternate site' event.

Time now to wrap up my message. I wanted to make sure I finished with something very important to me. Simply said, I have been honored to serve as CLPTA President these past two years. I've experienced a special pride in representing us to other pin traders, but especially when talking to Lions who do not trade, always making sure I explain to them about the meaning of our motto 'Lion First- Pin Trader Second'. Somewhere along the way I came to the realization that pin trading, which involves worldwide friendships and helping those in need through all the fundraising we do is being a Lion. From Campaign Sight First 2 in the past to the LITPC Youth Scholarships today, we really are doing the work of Lions.

So next time you find yourself explaining who we are and what we do, just say that pin trading is just another excuse to do the work of Lions!

See you all in Reno!

Always yours,

Lion Carl Miller

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# Las Vegas International Convention

By Lion Joe Trezza

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## Las Vegas International

Every one that went had a great time once they got where they were going. was in a hotel across the street from the MGM convention center. Took me 10 minutes to get across the street taking walkways over the street. One in the MGM it took another 20 minute walk to the Convention floor. Everyone was jealous of the people on scooters. Wish I had rented one!

Pin trading was lively, finished 2018 pins except for Ill and small Michigan. A few 2019 pins were out. Even won pins at the LITPC Breakfast for the first time. Got to socialize with many friends. Missed several close friends that passed away.

Vegas was a lot of fun. Eating , drinking, gambling and shows. Was not the best place for a convention. My legs have just about recovered!

Western States Swap in Reno is around the corner. Cheap rooms 3 nights for the price of 1 night in Vegas. Very little walking involved. Plenty of pins, golf card game, Italian Festival friendship and hospitality.

See you all there.

## Report of MD-4 Convention

By Brad Weeks

We have complained about our membership for the last 2 years I've been on the board and attended meetings. We held a seminar about pin trading and the CLPTAs attended. No one outside the membership attended so we were preaching to the choir on Friday afternoon. At this point we had brought in 2 new members. Greg started marketing to the Lions that were dropping by the tables that by joining CLPTA for \$20 they would get 40 pins for there collect. This caught on and by the end of the convention we had 20 new members. We are growing in California again. My personal opinion is to list each new member and where they are from, in the Bear News and send them a copy. I am also thinking we should come up with a new club membership pin. The current one is probably pricy as it is 3-D but I would stay similar. I am also thinking we should give these pins out to new members after the have received their first dues bill and have paid it. Initial membership dues do not count because we are not sure they became new members because of the give-a-ways. We want them to be sustaining members.

The slate of officers was changed and approved with Richard Silveria will remain as the 1st Vice President and Greg Martella becoming our new President. Both had agreed this will work out better for each one at this time. I think this was a great convention and we may want to go to future conventions prepared to increase our membership with a seminar and bags of pins for starter sets.



# Special Pin Offer for All Members

## Scholarship Benefit-LITPC

Some boxes may have duplicates or a stray pin, Have Club-MD-Pin Traders-Personal-LCI

Order while supplies last

(Shipping Cost) (Price/Box) (US Only)

Small box Club (80-100 pins) \$ 5.00 + \$ 7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Small box MDS-Pin Trader-Personal \$10.00 + \$ 7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Medium box Club (over 300 pins) \$10.00 + \$14.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Medium box Club MD-Pin Trader-Personal \$20.00 + \$14.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery

Check payable to: Kaye Stack 301 Petaluma Blvd. N. Petaluma, CA. 94952 2819

Questions 707-763-5685 or 707-333-9323 Email: kayestack@yahoo.com Please print:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# 30th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP

Circus Circus in Reno, Nevada

OCTOBER 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2018

\*Early registration pin if you register prior to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

\*Events; Besides pin trading we'll have our Lucille Romig Memorial Nine Hole Golf Tournament, Pin Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Hospitality and Breakfast.

\*To place pins in the auction send them to PDG John Holland no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

\*Hotel information- We'll be at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

The room rates for our event are \$85.00 for the weekend and \$40.00 Sunday thru Thursday, in the Sky Tower and in the North Tower \$90.00 for the weekend and \$45.00 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 5, 2018.

\*For those of you who do register and would like a set of pins from our 2017 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.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Registration includes Table, Swap Pin Reg. Pin and early Reg. Pin if timely (9-15-18)  
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 = \_\_\_\_\_

2017 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](mailto:newlife69@cox.net)

30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP  
RENO, NV. OCTOBER 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2018  
Swap agenda

- Oct. 7, Sunday Registration, 11:00 am in the hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Sky Tower.  
Hospitality noon in the Sky Tower Carson, Sierra & Tahoe rooms.
- Oct. 8, 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. 9, 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. 10, Breakfast 7:30 Mandalay B

AUCTION RULES

1. All items must be given to PDG John Holland by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.
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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

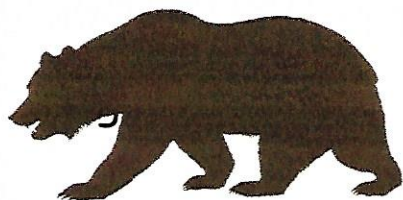
Name of sponsoring Lion \_\_\_\_\_ year joining LITPC \_\_\_\_\_

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**  
**411 Green Drive**  
**Goldsboro, NC 27534**



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

