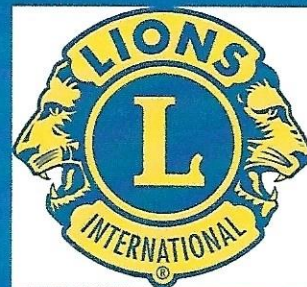


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# Bear News

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## Officers

- President: Lion Carl Miller
- Immed Past Pres: Lion Jerry Walden
- 1st Vice Pres: Lion Rick Silveria
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- 1 Year Directors: Lion Jay Puls, Lion Emily Romero
- Director Emeritus: Kay Stack

## Pin Trading Events

Southwest Pin Swap  
Ardmore OK  
1/19-20/18

Pennsylvania Pin Swap  
York PA  
3/14-19/18

Michigan Pin Swap  
White Cloud MI  
5/4-5/18

Lions 101st International Convention  
Las Vegas NV  
6/29-7/3/18

## Presidents Message

Welcome to winter fellow Lions,

I hope everybody had a great time in Reno. As always, it was nice to see all of you again and make some new acquaintances too. While catching up with friends, there was of course pin trading. I somehow was organized enough to find the pins on my want list this time. In fact, I even found pins and sets that I didn't know I was looking for in the first place. Preaching to the choir, right. Could not resist those Las Vegas Host Committee pin sets in the auction either. Am looking forward to the International Convention in June, starting another 100 years of Lionism. Wow!

I'd like to thank again all the CLPTA members that made this happen. Also our visiting Lions



who helped with the hospitality room and then some. A special thank you to Lion Jerry Romig. We're glad you were able to attend and help with the golf game.

As usual, great reading in the last issue of the Bear News. Thanks to Lions Jay Puls and John Leggett for your articles. Thank you also to Lions Richard Silveria and Fred & Marie Bunch for making sure everybody gets their issue.

I would like to remind everyone of our MD-4 convention in San

Diego coming up in February. Please mind the early bird date for the discount. Also, CLPTA will have a pin-trading information booth in the pin-trading area. The goal is to find new members through a little education of who we are and what we are all about, including as always, 'Lion First, Pin Trader Second'. Of course, a lot of shiny Lions pins never hurts. Hope to see you there.

As this will be my last meeting as President, I invite you to sit in and see if you might be interested in serving on the board in the future.

I hope this holiday season and the New Year bring peace in your lives with a little happiness sprinkled in there.

Yours,

Lion Carl Miller

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

## Editor's Note

by Lion Jay Puls

As the holiday months approach I start thinking about family and friends. Some I will see and some I will not. My family has expanded with the addition of great grandchildren I now have 5 great granddaughters. I often think of my other family, my Lions family, which seems to be getting smaller and smaller as we age. Lions like Bob H. and Loris C. of WA, George W. and Don M. of FL., Bob T. of ME, Mike T. of RI. Maxine and Luttrell W. of TX and the list goes on and on. Of course there are so many that CLPTA have lost also.

About 10 years ago the membership in CLPTA was over 200, 5 years ago it was over 100. Not

all of these losses were due to the passing of CA members. As it now stands out membership is about 60 and of those 60 CA members number at 26. We have core membership of 13 - 14 who attend the Reno Pin Swap every year where are the other 12-13 and why are they not coming?

All of the above is leading up to one thing we need new members and active members. How do we achieve this? Our opportunity may come at the MD4 Convention in February. Brad Weeks has organized a presentation for us and a booth and trading area. When we talk to potential new members maybe we should

do more about what to collect, maybe encourage them to collect a type of collection. For an example Brad only collects from his district, Mike only collects CA club pins most of us collect too much for a beginner to even think about. Maybe we should suggest fish, ducks, airplanes, dogs, clowns etc. Maybe it would be a good idea if some of us bring to the MD4 Convention a pad or two of just one type of subject as listen above. Maybe we can show how they can have a fun collection but be concentrated and therefore less money spent. Think about it.

YIL Jay



# CLPTA: How it all got Started

By PDG John Holland

In July of 1983 Lion Al Stack approached me with the idea of a District 4-C7 pin, since the District ( only 3 years old) had never had one. Hal Tavalero was District Governor and I was Cabinet Secretary . Al's idea was the walking bear, a two pin set, with the golden bears walking towards each other. Governor Hal liked the idea but stated his budget was already approved by the delegates in May so there was no money in the budget to pay for the pins manufacture nor could the District accept any funds from the sale of the pins.

Al decided he would front the funds for the pins manufacture and if there were any profits we would figure that out later. Well there were profits and we came up with the idea of a California Pin Club. Many other states had pin clubs including Nevada which was part of MD-4. We talked to Governor Hal( Council Chairman 1983-84) and agreed to put me on the agenda for the August Council Meeting. I made a presentation to the Council of Governors in August of 1983, explaining the benefits of a State pin Club, which would allow the production of a California State Pin in addition to the MD-4 pin annually. Nevada was already doing this and had been since 1969. The Council of Governors approved the creation of a California Pin Traders Club as an approved MD-4 activity.

We had profits from the sale of the Golden Bear sets of approximately \$1500.00, the set was a hit in 4-C7. I arranged for meeting space, rooms, and meals at the FReasno Holiday Inn. I believe that was scheduled for the late spring of 1984. Al, Kaye and I put together packets of information, probably 5 or 6 sheets of paper, explaining what we were trying to create, including hotel information, costs and an agenda for our meeting on Saturday. We spent several evenings at the Stack's shop in Petaluma putting together 955 packets which were mailed out to every club in California. We almost burned up their copy machine, but we got it done.

I don't remember just how many Lions came to that meeting, probably 12 to 15, but we had an organizational meeting and the California Lions Pin Traders Association (CLPTA) was born. Al Stack was our Charter President, Al Funk was our Charter Vice President, I was Charter Secretary and Kaye Stack was our Charter Treasurer.

Our first club pin was designed for the International Convention in Dallas (1985) and the California State Pin was designed for the International Convention in New Orleans (1986). We have not missed a year since.

Al and I met with Mike Barskey, at the 4-C7 Convention in 1985 to discuss a news letter. Mike agreed to be our bulletin editor and the Bear News was born. It was issued four times a year and was actually a newspaper in the early years.

During a CLPTA swap in Ontario, California in 1988 we had pin traders from Arizona, Washington, Utah, Oregon and Idaho either in attendance , or by phone, expressing a desire to host a combined pin swap. The idea was well accepted by those in attendance and the Western States Pin Swap was born. We were in Arizona in 1989, Sacramento in 1990 and 1991. Because Reno was sorta centrally located the Board decided to stay in Reno. We were at the Holiday Inn on Wells street until 2003 when we moved to Circus Circus in 2004. We did go to Las Vegas one year (2008) at the request of the Board. That was a bust and we returned to Circus Circus in 2009 where we have been ever since.

A Lot of Pin Traders have contributed a ton of work and effort over the years in making the CLPTA what it has grown to be over these past 33 years. I personally thank each and every one of you, because without your energy, input and knowledge we wouldn't have survived. Hopefully we'll have another 33 years (or more) with the help of you pin trading Lions who are the core of the CLPTA.

# MIDWEST PIN SWAP

HOSTED BY: 5M Pin Trading Club

**April 4-7, 2018**

**TRAVELODGE DAVENPORT** (Formerly Hotel Davenport)

**5202 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52806**

- ☐ PIN TRADING ALL DAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
- ☐ SILENT AUCTION (As our Service Project, proceeds to LCIF. You are invited to bring Donations)
- ☐ LIVE AUCTION FRIDAY NIGHT
- ☐ LUNCH AVAILABLE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NOON
- ☐ BREAKFAST SATURDAY MORNING

HOTEL RESERVATION BLOCK: \$81.59 PLUS TAX for 2 Doubles or a Standard King.

Room rate includes breakfast buffet Thursday and Friday mornings

To make hotel reservation call: Travelodge Davenport at 877-325-7666.

Mention you are with the Lions Midwest Pin Traders group.

Room reservation block deadline is March 15, 2018.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please list each attendee using name you wish on the name badge.

Registration of \$40.00 includes: 1 trading table for Thursday & Friday and the Annual Midwest Swap pin.

HIGHEST OFFICE ATTAINED IN LIONISM: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROV: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion; Lioness; Leo; Non-Lion

ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION (Includes Swap Pin & Hospitality): \$40.00 per trader- \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST HOSPITALITY: \$15.00 per Guest----- X \$15.00=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

BREAKFAST (Includes Breakfast Pins) \$18.00 per person----- X \$18.00=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA TABLES: \$10.00 per Table----- X \$10.00=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Payment in US Funds Only please)----- TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AVAILABILITY OF EXTRA SWAP PINS ON SATURDAY: SEE PRESIDENT TIM NEWELL

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 5M Pin Traders Club

MAIL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO: Lion Jim Hazeltine, 155 Cardinal Lane, Clearwater MN, 55320

QUESTIONS CALL: LION JIM at 320-558-1106, or E-MAIL jim4166@hotmail.com



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

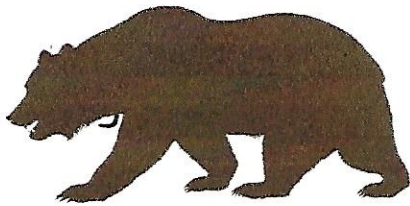
Trade by mail? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Trade outside your country? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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.

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