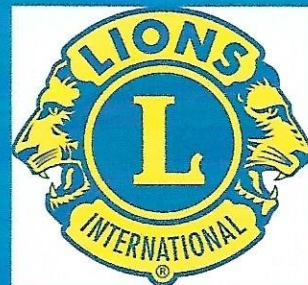


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# Bear News



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## Pin Trading Events

LIPC Alternative Site  
Meeting & Swap 6/5-8/19  
Hebron Ky Steve Sherer  
330-339-6060

LCI 102nd Convention 7/5-9/19  
Milan Italy Convention Division  
630-468-6761

Branson Family MO PTC Swap  
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Frehse 573-392-1410

Colbey Pin Swap 10/3-4/19  
Madison WI

Bruce Frei 715-865-4416

Western States Pin Swap  
10/13-16/19 Reno NV

Joe Trezza 925-864-2927

Virginia Pin Swap 11/7-9/19  
Winchester Va.

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## Presidents Message

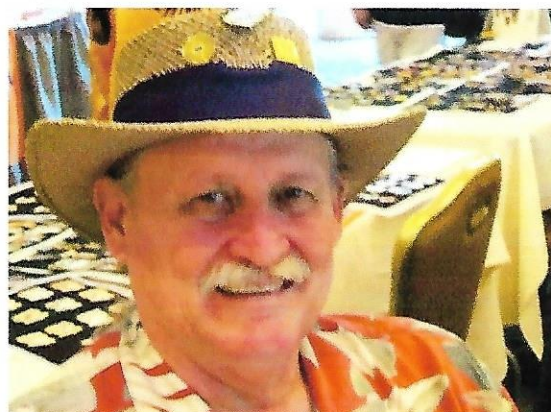
By Lion Greg Martella

Hello Pin Traders,

One of the many words of wisdom and advice offered by presidents was how fast the term would go by as president. Turns out they were correct. I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you for the job you've done. It has made my term a lot more enjoyable.

It was great to see everyone at the MD-4 Convention. Had to do a little shuffling on place to set up but as usual we all made it work.

Signed up several new members and looking forward to them



attending the Western States Pin Swap in Reno and seeing all of you There as well.

Had a chance to see the West-

ern States Pin set (game fish) at the convention, it looks great. It was mentioned that we're looking for ideas for next year's art, if you have any ideas let any board member know.

See you all in Reno

Greg Martella President CLPTA

## Editor's Note

by Lion Jay Puls

Time for a short message for the Bear News. I started this before I went to York, Pa.. Last time I planned on going to the Pa. pin swap I fell and broke my hip. This year I fell in a grocery store, a week before leaving, (no bones broken). After I got there I spent a day and a half in the hospital, (little heart problem). The Pa. pin swap is now off my bucket list.

There have been major changes in the Western Pin Swap (Reno). Our longtime Chairman, John Holland, has resigned. I would like to offer my personal thanks for a job well done. You done a great job for many years and again I thank you. Our new Chairman will be Joe Trezza, I

am confident he will do a good job also, but he will need our help. Lion Fred will be able to help this year but not next year. The Board of Directors of the LITPC will have a meeting during the WPS in October.

We will need to replace the office of Club Secretary. Marie has informed us that she needs and wants to step down, yet she will continue until we can get somebody to replace her. As soon as possible therefore we need someone to step-up.

Had a good turnout at the May convention in Sacramento. We did miss the Bunches, seems they had some trees down in the wrong places. Lion Joe T. had a

copy of the Fish Friendship pins for Reno. It is my hope that we can get some of our new members to come often enough to include them in the WPS set. Remember we started with 22 pins-all those many years ago.

I spoke to Lion Joe Trezza the other day, (he was checking on my health). He has over 100 pins for the auction. It will be interesting to see how the bidding goes. In York, Pa. some pins went for great prices, yet some great pins and/or sets went dirt cheap. Why?

Yours, Jay



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# Western States Pin Swap 2019

By Lion Joe Trezza

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Hi, I am Lion Joe Trezza. I am in Charge of Obtaining high quality pins for the Reno Western States Swap Auction this October 14th –16th. If you would like to put an item in the auction please contact me by phone (925) 864-2927 or e-mail me at [jetlion@comcast.net](mailto:jetlion@comcast.net). Lion Tim McCaulley of Pennsylvania will be assisting me. He will be coordinating the auction list with me.

We will be having a pre-bid option this year. You will be able to put in one bid remotely by email ahead of the Live Auction. Your bid will be the starting bid for the item. If you make it high enough you will be the winner. It would be better if you came out to the swap, then you can bid as many times as you want for an item.

I have over 50 items so far. Get to me as soon as you can before I reach our limit. Don't be left out.

I will send out a complete auction catalog on or around Sept 15th.

A few of the items I have so far are: Va. Jorge Bird, Vermont Prestige Scror Ball, 1974 NM Prestige Roadrunner, 78 Large Hawaii Prestige, New York 64 Charm, New York 64 Silver,

Utah 63 Bronze, plastic Lion, Texas Plastic Pistol, Virginia Scrip and 61 Kansas Money clip. A full listing coming in September.

Remember first time attendees get free registration for the swap. Come early for the Reno Italian Festival on Saturday and Sunday it is a blast and free. Room rates are the lowest for any of the swaps and of course there is entertainment for your evening enjoyment.

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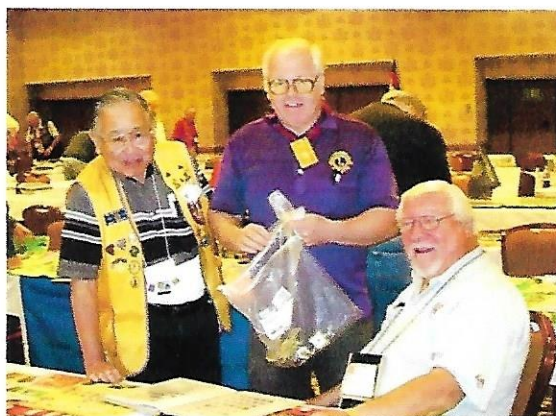
# A Pin Traders Travels

By Past CLPTA President Mike Okamoto

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I have been asked by our newsletter editor to write about my personal experiences at 2 different swap meets, which I have been very fortunate to have attended this year.

In April, it was the Mid-West Swap help in Rock Island, Illinois and hosted by the Michigan Pin Traders. They have a group of 6 or 7 pin trading clubs that alternate in hosting the event. I believe that there were about 90 traders at this event which makes it larger than our own Western States Pin Swap which is coming up in October. As is the case with all pins swaps that I have attended, the food was OK, but the pin trading and friendships made and renewed was GREAT!



This month, I was fortunate to attend the Branson Swap Meet, held in Branson, Missouri. The meet was hosted by the Branson Lions Club and the Trading was done at their clubhouse. I believe there were 49 pin traders in attendance and the trading was fast and furious. But as always, it comes down to the friendships that are made along the way and these are long term friendships, even though we may only see each other annually. Some of them make the rounds and are at many swap meets during the year.

There is so much information available at these events that I wish it was possible for each and every Lion to attend. These events are even more fun than attending conventions, if you are a pin trader at heart. One must be prepared for anything to show up for sale or trade. Be prepared to spend some money if you don't have pins to trade. As people always say, "Everything has a price". As with anything, a pin is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it, but there are those who have already fixed a price on their pins, so be aware of some history before you attempt to buy.

Happy Hunting!!

Past President Mike Okamoto

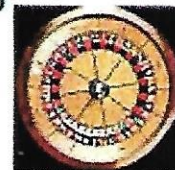




## 31th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP

Circus Circus in Reno, Nevada

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15 AND 16, 2019



- Early registration pin if you register prior to September 15th, 2019.
- Events: Besides pin trading we'll have our Lucille Romig Memorial Nine Hole Golf Tournament, Pin Auction, 50/50 Raffles, Hospitality and Breakfast.
- To place pins in the auction, contact Lion Joe Tressa (925) 864-2927 no later than September 15, 2019.
- Hotel information- We'll be at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada. The room rates for our event are \$125.00 for the weekend and \$50.00 Sunday thru Thursday. To make reservations call 1-800-648-5010. Our Rate code is LPCS19. The cutoff date for reservations is September 11, 2019.
- The Italian Food Festival is right outside the hotel and will be going on October 12th thru the 13th 2019.
- The registration fee has been raised to \$40.00 out of necessity. First timers do not have to pay the registration fee of \$40.00.

### REGISTRATION FORM

- Registration includes Table, Swap Pin Registration pin and early Registration Pin if timely before (9-15-2019)
- Breakfast includes a Breakfast Pin.
- Extra tables are available at a reduced rate, no pins.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 each =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Table No: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 each =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast No: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

2018 WSPS Pin Set \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Will you be staying at the Circus Circus? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many nights? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you sharing a room? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, With whom? \_\_\_\_\_

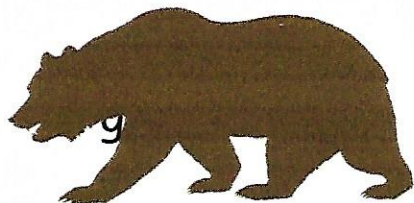
Make check payable to CLPTA and mail check and this form to Lion Joe Trezza, 130 EAST Leland Road, Suite A  
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**31th ANNUAL WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP  
RENO, NV OCTOBER 13, 14, 15 & 16, 2019  
SWAP AGENDA**

- ☐☐ October 13, Sunday Registration: 2:00 pm in the hall 3rd floor of the Sky Tower.
- ☐☐ Hospitality noon in the Sky Tower Carson, Sierra & Tahoe rooms.
  
- ☐☐ October 14 Monday: Pin Trading, Mandalay A, 2 & 3 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.
- ☐☐ Hospitality 5:00 pm Tahoe Carson rooms in the Sky Tower.
- ☐☐ Golf 6:30 pm Carson room in the Sky Tower.
  
- ☐☐ October 15 Tuesday: Pin Trading, Mandalay A, 1 & 2 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- ☐☐ Auction, Mandalay A beginning at 3:00 pm. items will be on displayed on the Trezza's tables at 2:00 pm.
- ☐☐ Hospitality 5:00 pm Tahoe Carson rooms in the Sky Tower.
  
- ☐☐ October 16th Wednesday: Breakfast 7:30 pm Mandalay B.

**AUCTION RULES**

1. All items must be given to Lion Joe Trezza, or his designate by September 15, 2019.
2. If the item does not get at least a \$5.00 bids on the item it 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. We will have remote prebids. If winner at the live auction has a lower bid than highest prebid they will be given a chance to beat the prebid by \$5.00 to win the item.
5. Checks will be mailed, less 10%, to everyone submitting items to the auction within three weeks of the close of the swap.



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

