



Lions International Pin Trading Club

The Trading Post

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President Lion Bill Sour



Number 19

Let me begin by saying how honored I am to be the 19th president of the Lions International Trading Pin Club. It is my intention to improve upon our accomplishments of the past and implement new ideas to strengthen our organization.

The LITPC activities at the LCI convention in Minneapolis were most memorable.

The excitement I felt at our annual meeting as I assumed the role of president was wonderful. However, it was the check presentation to LCIF for Campaign Sight First II that had me choking back tears. What an accomplishment for all of you.

All of us in the LITPC owe a hearty congratulations and thank you to our Immediate Past President Lion Larry Shaull for his guidance during the Campaign Sight First II program.

Back to this number 19. What an unusual number. It is what is known in math as a prime number, divisible only by one or itself. Baseball teams rarely score 19 runs. Football teams do only occasionally. As a teenager I did not aspire to be 19. Once I made 18 my only goal was 21 and the privileges that came with it. The number 19 however was worn by some special athletes. Football's Johnny Unitas, baseball's Tony Gwynn, and Colorado's own Joe Sakic in hockey. I doubt that my being president number 19 will give me a similar status, but I'll try my best.

My goals during the next two years are few and simple. As I mentioned earlier, I want to continue the working relationship my predecessors have established with LCI. I want to offer more benefits to our members, more ways to gain the friendships and fellowship we all enjoy. Most of all I want to strengthen the LITPC and our individual Lions Clubs with more members. I firmly believe that one of the best ways to add members to the LITPC is to add new Lions at home. First Vice President Jim Minnich and I will detail a new membership program later in this issue. The reward for helping us gain new members is, what else, pins. Very attractive pins.

I conclude by saying thank you and may God bless. I hope to see you at a swap or convention soon.



LITPC Breakfast

Sight First II Check Presentation



Is it possible for one single event to match the excitement of the Super Bowl, World Series, Stanley Cup or any other major sport championship? That's what was felt at the LITPC breakfast in Minnesota when LITPC presented a check for \$143,000 to Lions International President Al Brandel for Campaign Sight First II. Past International President and Chairman of Sight First II Tai Sup Lee and Past International President and Vice Chairman of Sight First II J. Frank Moore were also in attendance. What an exciting and proud moment for all of the members of LITPC who followed IPP Lion Larry Shaull's vision to make this not just a dream, but a reality. Words cannot begin to describe the feelings and emotions in the room the day of the breakfast. We as Lions First and Pin Traders second helped save the sight of between 23,000 and 24,000 sight impaired individuals throughout the world. We should be proud of they way our organization worked together in this truly worthwhile humanitarian effort. President Al Brandel stated the members of LITPC performed a modern day miracle with all of our efforts. President Al Brandel presented LITPC with a beautiful crystal Lion along with a vest of many the of Sight First II pins that were collected. Many awards were given out at the breakfast with IPP Lion Larry Shaull receiving the Lions Friends of Humanity Award and the LCI Presidential Award. There were fifty LCIF Helping Hands Awards presented by President Al Brandel. IPP Lion Larry presenting several Presidential Awards. There were also 10 Melvin Jones awards presented. What a fantastic day of celebration for the over one hundred eighty Lions and guests who were in attendance at the breakfast. Every member of LITPC who bought or sold raffle tickets, made quilts, or sold pins should be proud to say I helped to make a difference in someone's sight!



International Convention Minnesota 2009



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Congratulations to the 2009 LITPC Hall of Fame Inductees

Lion M W Dutch Blair - Pennsylvania

Lion Argene Hodge - Texas

Lion Bob Walker - South Carolina

Thank You Thank You Thank You

**Thank You to the Following Pin Trading Clubs for Your Generous Donations
for the Hospitality Room in Minneapolis.**

British Isle Pin Traders

Florida Pin Traders

Illinois Pin Traders

Nevada Pin Traders

New York Pin Traders

North Carolina Pin Traders

MD22 Pin Traders

Ohio Pin Traders

Oregon Pin Traders

Pennsylvania Pin Traders

Texas Pin Traders

**Thank You to the Following Pin Trading Clubs For Hosting
the Hospitality Room in Minneapolis. The food and beverages were great!**

Colorado Pin Traders

California Pin Traders

LITPC

Minnesota Pin Traders

Virginia Pin Traders

Wisconsin Pin Traders



Congratulations to LITPC Director Lion Jerry Townsend for being elected to The Mississippi Lions Hall of Fame.

2009 LITPC Pin Contest Winners



Congratulations to all of the winners of the 2009 LITPC Pin Contest. Thanks to everyone who took the time to enter their pins in the contest and good luck in the upcoming 2010 LITPC Pin Contest.

Multiple District Pin or Set
(Paul Viano - Massachusetts)

District Pin or Set
(Rod Wright - District N1)

Lions/Lioness Pin or Set
(Bill Smith - Virginia)

Personal Pin
(Verle Malik - Virginia)

Personal Pin Set (by an individual)
(Jim DeRouchey - Texas)

Personal Pin Set (by a group)
(Phil Sharpe - Virginia)

Trading Pin Club
(Virginia Pin Traders Harry Fulwiler)

Special Projects Pin
(Rich Koch - Wisconsin)



Deceased LITPC Members

Remembering Our Friends, Fellow Lions and Pin Traders

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Lion Tom Banyard | California |
| PDG James Baumgardner | Indiana |
| Lion Chuck Blom | Iowa |
| Lion Bob Callender | New Mexico |
| Lion Ken Evans | California |
| Lion Adolph Gorke | Wisconsin |
| Lion Anna Hunt | Michigan |
| Lion Judy Johnston | Missouri |
| PDG Peter Kowalick, Jr. | New Jersey |
| Lion Walter Krupa | Pennsylvania |
| PDG James Martinie | Illinois |
| Lion H J Orme | Utah |
| Lion Dwight Reynolds | Missouri |
| Lion John Sexton | Delaware |
| Lion Carol Spillman | Texas |
| Lion Francis Stockman | Pennsylvania |

Congratulations To Our 2009 Newly Elected LITPC Board Members

LITPC 2nd VP Lion Paul Viano
Of Massachusetts



LITPC Director Lion Phil Baumann
Of Minnesota



LITPC Director Lion Gene
English Of North Carolina



LITPC Director Lion Lance
Balding Of Colorado



Upcoming History Report

By LITPC Historian Lion Bill Smith

Photos Needed! Very briefly, our first attempt at recording the LITPC History is well underway and, hopefully, you will see evidence of it by the end of this calendar year. What is really needed are any snapshots that you might care to share with your fellow pin traders. We promise to scan them and return the originals to you. We are particularly in need of anything of a pin trading nature that you may have from the 1970s and 1980s. However, we will not turn down any of your recent snapshots. In this connection, if you have snapshots of any of our pin trading friends who have passed away, we would like to chat with you about them. We are attempting to include as many as we have in a special memorial section.

You can send your snapshots to:

PCC Bill Smith

3643 Osborne Drive

Warrenton, VA 20187

From The Editor

Lion Bill Smith is irreplaceable. That's it in a nut shell, I cannot replace him. I have been given the honor to follow Lion Bill Smith as your Trading Post bulletin editor. Not replace him, but to succeed him. I am not a writer, but I will attempt to provide the finest newsletter I can on our great hobby of Lions pin trading. When you see Lion Bill, take a moment and thank him for all of the wonderful articles and efforts he has displayed making the Trading Post the Lions pin trading publication we all enjoy to this day. I am sure going to miss reading his newsletter and his views on LITPC.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been honored to be a Lion for over 22 years, and all of them as a Schererville Lion, from Schererville, Indiana. You know that after 22 years, I have held most of the clubs offices, but I have also served on the District and State level as well.

Several years ago, fellow Schererville Lions, PDG Mike Gutyan and Lion Joe Cooke, talked me into going to a pin swap in La Crosse, Wisconsin. At the time I was a pin collector not a pin trader. After my first pin swap I was "hooked". Little did I know then the adventure pin trading would bring. All of the great Lions I have met, the great friendships I have made and the many different places pin trading has taken me.

If you have suggestions or ideas on articles you would like to see in The Trading Post, please do not hesitate to submit them to me. If you would like to write an article on a subject relating to pin trading, that would be great. My email address is kj1832@sbcglobal.net. I can not say that I will use all of your ideas, but they will definitely be placed under consideration for future works of the Trading Post. Remember, my e-mail box is always open. As a LITPC member The Trading Post is your bulletin and together we can continue to make it the informative avenue it is to reach fellow Lions Pin Traders around the world.

Please join me in thanking Lion Bill for the 21 years he has served as our editor. And Remember Lion Bill, there is always unlimited space in the Trading Post for "Lion Bills Corner"!



Multiple District Pins For The Trading Post and the Web Site

Caring on the tradition we will continue to show the new (2010) Multiple District Pins that are sent to us in trade for the 2010 Indiana set. Please send us your MD pins when they become available. We will send you the Indiana set in return, they usually become available in early August. In addition to showing your pins in "*The Trading Post*", we will also get them to our Web Master, PCC **Phil Schrack**, so he can include them on the LITPC web site. This way everyone will be able to see what your current set of MD pins look like. Thank You in advance for your cooperation with this effort.

Michigan Pin Swap June 4-5, 2009

The Michigan Lions held a pin swap on June 5th and 6th in White Cloud Michigan. Everyone in attendance received a nice swap pin. A great time was had by all. There were pin traders in attendance from Michigan, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and New York. The White Cloud Lions Club helped host the swap at their clubhouse and were very gracious hosts. The lunch cooked and served by Lions Mary Ann Allen and Becky Strong was outstanding. A great big thank you to Michigan Lion Jim Walls and all of the other Michigan Lions who worked hard in organizing this very nice pin swap. Good luck with your next swap!



**Please Remember To Keep Your
Personal Information
Up To Date Including Email Address,
Phone Numbers And Home Address**

**Please Forward Any Changes To
LITPC Treasurer Lion Don Wagner**

New Pin Trading Club **Wyoming Lions**

The Wyoming Lions have started a new Lions Pin Trading Club called International Lions Pin Traders Of Wyoming. For information on how to join this new and exciting club please contact Lion Tom Hinderliter. His address is P. O. Box 123 Basin, Wy. 82410. Sorry I do not have an email address or phone number.

LITPC Treasurer's Corner

If you are one of the LITPC members with email and not getting the Quarterly Newsletter in color via email, you are missing the opportunity to get THE TRADING POST sooner. About one half of our members are getting THE TRADING POST via postal service.

I can set you up to receive the newsletter via internet in color. The more members using the internet to receive to quarterly newsletter results in a cost savings to the organization in postage, printing and supply cost.

I am looking forward to serving you as LITPC Treasurer. If you have questions for me, you can contact me at

Lion E. Don Wagner, PDG,
5853 Frank Gailey Road, Clermont, GA 30527-2038.

EMAIL: wagner5853#@bellsouth.net

PHONE 770-983-0984 or CELL 678-617-0184.

If you have changes in your postal address, email address or phone numbers, please let me know, so I can keep the data base current.

Yours in Lions service and Pin Trading,

Lion E. Don Wagner, PDG

LITPC Dues Are Due

If you receive a printed copy of The Trading Post by mail, please check your mailing label. If the label says 2009 then your annual LITPC dues are now due.

Please take the time and write a check for **\$15.00 and mail to our LITPC Treasurer**

PDG Don Wagner
5853 Frank Gailey Road
Clermont, GA. 30527.

If you receive your copy of **The Trading Post** by e-mail, and if you owe dues, you will receive an e-mail from our Treasurer Lion Don. Please fill out the Membership Form that is included in The Trading Post and mail it with a check to Lion Don. You can even pay your dues by PayPal by following the directions on our web site at **WWW.LITPC.ORG**

Can You Help?

Immediate Past President PCC Jim Schiebel is the membership chairman for the North America Conference of Lions Camps. Working seminars are held at various locations each fall. PCC Jim is looking to expand their participant base and would like the contact name and address for anyone involved in sponsoring or administering Lions' camping programs in your area. This fall's program will be hosted by the Colorado Lions Camp in Woodland Park, Colorado from October 1st to the 4th. Board members, directors and camp staff are all invited to attend. Please send contact information to PCC Jim Schiebel, 748 Wiler Road, Hilton, N.Y. 14468 or jschiebel@rochester.rr.com.

LITPC BANNER

The LITPC Board of Directors recently approved a new 2' x 6' banner, featuring the LITPC logo, to be displayed at all pin swaps. The purpose of the banner is to create an awareness of the LITPC at all pin trading events. Event chairs are asked to display the LITPC banner in a prominent location at their events. With everyone's cooperation, we can create a richer pin trading environment. Lion Jim Minnich is charged with coordinating the banner display. Pin trading clubs will receive a letter from Lion Jim asking for their help. Since this is a new concept for us, it will take some time to become accustomed to it, but if we work together, we can continue provide a positive perspective of LITPC.

LITPC CAMPAIGN MEMBERSHIP

By 1st VP Lion Jim Minnich

The LITPC membership goal for 2009-2010 is 300 New Members!

Here's a real deal! At the LITPC Board Meeting in Minneapolis, a motion was approved to present an official LITPC logo pin to any member who brings in a new member. The new member will also receive the logo pin. Additionally, members who invite more than one new member will be entitled to another pin for each new member. There will be a special recognition for those members bringing in ten or more new members. At the end of the year, the person bringing in the most new members will receive a special award and the second and third place winners will also receive recognition awards. Does it get any better than that?

The pins can be worn on any jacket, hat or vest. Not only will everyone notice and comment on your pins, you can wear them with the pride that you stepped forward and passed on your love of pin trading. It was suggested that every pin trader carry a membership application with him/her all of the time. That will keep you constantly aware of your membership mission while you attend Lion events. Such a simple suggestion ... why didn't we think of it sooner?

Please do your part to recruit new members and help us reach our goal. Thanks!.

LITPC Board Pins for 2009

(Pins Not Shown Actual Size)

President Larry Shaull
Immediate Past President Jim Schiebel
1st VP Bill Sour
2nd VP Jim Minnich
Secretary Lana McCaulley
Treasurer Harry Fulwiler
Legal Council Bob Libin
Newsletter Editor Bill Smith
Webmaster Phil Schrack
Past President Dave Harris

Past President Bill Prucha
Past President Al Stack
Past President Bob Walker
Past President George Weaver
Director Nan Blakemore
Director Chuck Boeding
Director Mike Gutyan
Director John O'Malley
Director Jerry Townsend
Director Don Wagner





Lions International Trading Pin Club Membership Form

Date_____ New_____ Renewal_____

Please **Print** All Of the Following Applicable Information

Name_____ Spouse_____

(Lion___ Lioness___ Dist Gov___ PDG___ Int'l Dir___ PID___ Int'l Pres___ PIP___

Address_____

City_____

State or Province _____ Zip _____ Country_____

Res Phone (Area Code)_____ Fax (Area Code)_____

Email (Show Exactly As Typed)_____

Club_____ District_____ Multiple District_____

Name of Sponsoring Lion_____

Year You Joined LITPC_____

Please Indicate If You Trade By Mail Yes___ No___

Will You Trade Outside The Country Yes___ No___

Annual dues are \$15.00 U.S. Please make check or money order payable to **LITPC** and mail to:

LITPC Treasurer Lion Don Wagner
5853 Frank Gailey Road
Clermont GA 30527-2038
U.S.A.

Join Us For The 2010 LITPC Alternate Site Weds. May 26 Thru Sat. May 29 Colorado Springs, Colorado

You're sure to have a daffy good time out west for this fabulous pin swap in conjunction with the LITPC Annual Meeting & Breakfast.
Just look at the list of fun events.

Weds. May 26

United States Air Force Academy Tour and Lunch
LITPC Board of Directors Meeting at 3:00 PM
Hospitality Hosted By The LITPC at 5:00 PM
Optional Western Night at Flying W Ranch

Thursday May 27

Pin Trading in the 13,000 square foot ballroom. 9:00 AM til 4:00 PM
Colorado Lions Pin Trading Club Hospitality Night 6:00 PM til 10:00 PM
Don't miss this western event and don't go to bed early.
You might miss out the opportunity to win some money.
Western dress preferred but not required.
Only bolo ties allowed for neck wear. Break the rule, pay the price.

Friday May 28

Pin Trading All Day and Into The Night 9:00 AM til 9:00 PM
Van Briggie Pottery Factory Tour For The Ladies & Some Men
Hospitality Hosted by Lion Al Stack & The California Pin Traders Association. 5:00 PM

Saturday May 29

LITPC Annual Breakfast & Meeting 7:30 AM

Proposed costs for the 2010 meeting
Finalized Registration Form will Be Available 9/1/09

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| Early Registration (Includes Early Bird Pin) | \$40.00 | Registration after March 31 | \$50.00 |
| Extra Tables | \$10.00 | Guest Registration | \$10.00 |
| Flying W Western Night | \$35.00 | Air Force Academy Tour/lunch | \$30.00 |
| Colorado Lions Pin Trading Club Hospitality Night | | FREE!!! | |
| Van Briggie Pottery Tour | \$25.00 | LITPC Breakfast | \$20.00 |