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The First Multiple District Pin Club



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## President's Message



I can hardly believe that 2008 has come and gone. Here we are celebrating 2009 and making our new year's resolutions come true. I hope each of you were able to celebrate our Nation's rich holiday traditions by spending Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's with family and friends.

To those of you who were unable to attend the PTCV Annual Swap in Winchester you missed another great trading event. Nearly 200 pin traders and guests came to trade and socialize from around the country and Canada. This President is truly indebted to a team of Board members, Directors and others including Bill and Terry Smith, Al and Gloria Spruill, Bill and Gerri Quinn, Jim and Susan Golladay, Rich and Susan Evans, Phil and Penny Sharpe, Dave Harris, Norma Shoemaker, Ari and Naomi Sapir, Lou and Frieda Adams, Alex and Cindy Caldwell, Harry and Jennie Fulwiler, Charlie Kipps, Randy Suslick, Jim Painter, Doug Cross, Jerry and Lucille Romig, Tim and Lana McCauley, Mike Gutyen, Bart Phillips, and many others. Without their collective and individual commitment, time and dedication to PTCV, the event would have truly missed the mark. I am also grateful to each and every member and trader who supported the event. Thank you one and all.



If you missed the swap, you will get another chance to come and trade for the Snowmen set on February 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>, as PTCV will be holding a Board Meeting in conjunction with the MD 24-C Winter Social/Pin Swap in Staunton, VA. Make your hotel and table reservations now as this event is always lots of fun and a fantastic way to spice up an otherwise cold and bleak winter weekend. Check out the dates for Pin Swaps hosted by the Southeast, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Midwest coming up this spring. (Details are located elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Looking ahead, PTCV will hold its annual meeting at the Lions of Virginia Convention in Tyson's Corner the last weekend in May. PTCV has also committed to LITPC to host a hospitality room at the International Convention in Minneapolis on Thursday evening July 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to attend the LCI convention and would be willing to help set up, prepare, serve, or clean up for the Virginia Hospitality, please let me know at State Convention.

Best wishes for a new year filled with the best that pin trading has to offer,

*Lion Ann Harris, President*





## Proposed Changes To The PTCV Constitution

Currently the officers of PTCV serve only a one-year term which makes it difficult for individuals serving as President to make a significant impact upon the organization before they are required to step down.

At the August Board Meeting a motion was passed to ask members to vote on a Constitution change that will extend the term to two-years for the Offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Director terms would remain unchanged at two-years.



Additional information regarding the specific areas to be changed will be provided in the Spring, 2009 newsletter. So mark your calendar to attend the PTCV Luncheon Meeting at the State Convention and let your thoughts be known.



## Mid-Winter Event

Pin Trader and **District Governor Don Colley**, has invited everyone to come to the MD 24-C Mid-Winter Conference to be held February 13th & 14 at the Holiday Inn in Staunton, VA (exit 225 off I-81).



DG Don has indicated that Friday will be a pin trading event to remember that includes Live and Silent Auctions. The Silent auction is planned to encircle the room to give pin traders some exercise between the 10:00 am start and approximate 9:00 pm closing. A short break is planned around 6:30 pm for a buffet dinner.

Also there is a PTCV Board Meeting scheduled for 11:00 am on Friday which all members are invited to attend. On Saturday, the pin trading area will be open during the times that classes and meeting are not in session. *So if you're bored with cold and snow, come and have some Fun.*

It's best to register now to be assured a table, visitors are welcomed. The registration form is attached for your convenience.

Happy New Year

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.  
Mark Twain (1835-1910)



## PTCV (Winchester) Pin Swap

Another sellout! This year there were 149 pin traders plus 34 guests at the swap from 27 States and Canada. We missed seeing our UK and Aussie friends but maybe next year.

Although pin trading didn't start until Thursday many attendees arrived early filled with energy and helped to set up tables. Many thanks to ALL the Lions that helped out. (Over a dozen pin traders helped).



Friday morning the pin swap area was literally filled with pin traders hunting for good trades, and *they found them*. Canvas bags, from previous pin swaps, were being filled by everyone with the special PTCV Snowman set being very popular. If you didn't find some pins that were on your Want List-you must have talking a lot! Talking and renewing friendships seemed to be going on throughout the pin swap. So many stories, so little time. But all had fun.

Several pin traders had tables for the first time. **Lion Jeff Gans** (NJ) brought his son Jarred to enjoy the fun, while **Lion Jim Christiansen** (VA) was hunting for White Tail Deer pins.

The Silent Auction had another successful year. This year's theme was "Trains" with a wide variety represented which went over very well. Next year's theme will be "Sports". So get your pins (with minimum bid) in early to: PDG Lion Rich Evans, 10205 Navarre Court, Richmond, Virginia 23238.

The Friday Night Auction was great again this year with many hard to find pins. Bidding on some rare pins was down but other scarce items set new record highs. The silver version of the 1970 VA Soldier went for \$500.00, while the 1963 CT Helicopter went for a paltry \$900.00!



The Hospitality Room was very popular again this year with Thursday night's Chili festival and Friday evening's Root Beer floats. Special thanks to the Chili donations from **Lion Dave Harris, Lion Lew Adams, Lion Jim Painter, and Lion Ann Harris. Lion Susan Evans and Naomi Sapir** did the setup while **Lion Norma Shoemaker and Penny Sharpe** did the great desserts.



## New Membership Prize



To encourage more Lions to enjoy the fellowship/fun of pin trading, prizes 500 and 250 pins will be given to one lucky new member at the Virginia State Convention in May.



All of the pins will be either Virginia or Multiple District issues for the International Convention. Since the start of this membership drive in the last newsletter addition only one new member has been registered. So we need current members like yourself to actively seek new members. Also, keep in mind that an as yet to be determined prize will be awarded to the member that sponsored the First Prize winner.

New members enrolled on October 1, 2008 up to the time of the drawing will be eligible. The winner does not need to be present at the drawing.

Additionally, *all current members* are encouraged to contribute some duplicate Virginia State, Club, personal issues *or* other Multiple District-level pins. Donated pins for the membership drive can be left at the Registration Desks of the following events:

24-C Mid-Winter Conference/Swap, February 8-9<sup>th</sup>  
PTCP (York) Pin Swap, March 28 - 20<sup>th</sup>  
NCLPTC (Ashville, NC) Pin Swap, April 23 - 25<sup>th</sup>

Lion Jim Painter will pick up all pin donations. A Membership Application form is attached which can be sent or delivered to:

Lion Gloria Spruill  
1846 E. Little Creek Road, #10  
Norfolk, VA 23518-4217



Perhaps I am a bear, or some hibernating animal underneath, for the instinct to be half asleep all winter is so strong in me. - Anne Morrow Lindbergh



## LITPC Raffle Tickets

Some LITPC Raffle Tickets are still available for the 105 inch square hand-made "Lunchen in the Butterfly Garden" quilt. The drawing will be held at the 2009 International Convention in Minnesota.

For tickets, contact Lion Phil Sharpe at philtrader@verizon.net or 540-434-2162. Tickets cost \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, and 6 for \$10.00.

## LITPC Membership

It's been noticed that we have many members within PTCV, who are not members of the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC). The PTCV Board of Directors urges each and every one of you who are not members of our "parent" club *to become members*.

Over the past few years LITPC has made great strides in providing positive enhancements to our great hobby. Here are just a few examples:

- ~ Article in the Lions magazine.
- ~ Pin trading seminar at the International Convention (Chicago). 
- ~ Website with plenty of information for pin traders.
- ~ Worked with LCI in furnishing First Class hotel near the International Convention Centers
- ~ Arranged to have designated space with tables and chairs on the convention floor.
- ~ Hospitality room, and a breakfast for the members at there annual meeting in conjunction with International Conventions.
- ~ LITPC initiated in a huge project which will give far more credibility to pin trader's world-wide. They are well on the way to collecting at least \$100,000 for SightFirst II to be presented at the International Convention in Minneapolis.

None of these accomplishments could have been achieved without pin traders like you being a part of it. If you never have been a member, or have let your dues elapse; please send a check in the amount of \$15.00 payable to the "LITPC" and mail to: Lion Harry Fulwiler, LITPC Treasurer, 6755 Arthur Hills Drive, Gainesville, VA 20166.



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## Membership Update / Dues

The July edition of this newsletter announced that membership was good and had several new Lions join in the fun of collecting pins.

We have continued to receive new membership, but are experiencing a significant number of existing members failing to pay their dues.

At present we have many Lions whose dues expired "**JUN 08**". I urge all Lions to check their mailing label and if the due date is JUN 08 -- renew your membership *now*. If we haven't received your renewal payment by November 30th, you will be treated as an inactive Virginia pin trader and be removed from the newsletter mailing list and directory.



## Electronic Versus Paper Newsletters

This newsletter is available in either colorful email or plan gray scale paper versions. Most pin traders today have computers and use them daily to check emails from relatives/friends, record their collection, create want lists, check current weather radar, news/current events, etc. Some of you have even stopped subscribing to newspapers to save money. So why read a dull looking gray scale paper version when you can see everything in living color for free!

The cost to print and mail the paper version of this newsletter is rising and starting to strain the Club's budget. After a request in the summer 2008 edition was made some members quickly signed up for the email version and have had sent only positive comments. But the key word in the last sentence is "some". We need to change this word to "most". Why? Because the electronic version costs "0" to send out while the paper version costs about \$1.75 to produce and distribute. ❄️

A second obvious advantage of the electronic version is the color. Just about everyone has switch from black and white to color televisions because of its eye catching realism. The same is true of the electronic version of the newsletter. This edition even has a colorful moving image in it.

If you still watch black and white television the printed version is probably best for you and there are no plans to discontinue it. But if you have a color television you should be experiencing this newsletter in color AND help to bring down costs. So please email the Editor, Lion Verle, at lionverl@concast.net to start fully enjoying PTCV news.

## Southeast Pin Swap

Please remember that the Mississippi Pin Trading Club has reorganizing the Southeast Pin Swap to take the place of the late-Winter Tennessee (Nashville) Pin Swap.

The swap will be in Clarksdale, Mississippi February 27-28, 2009 at the Clarksdale Convention Center. The Hospitality Room will open Thursday evening for early arrivers. Friday night's special is a "steak" supper. That's correct-a steak supper. And there might be some special entertainment!

Pin trading starts Friday morning and goes *through* Saturday afternoon. So plan to stay later on Saturday and enjoy the Southern hospitality.

Information on registration is available by contacting Lion Walter Johnston at telephone 601-636-1049 or email wej@iwon.com or visiting the PTCV website and clicking on "Pin Swaps" to see/print the Registration Form.



## Does Any Of Your New Year's Resolution Make The Top Ten List?

1. Spend more time with family and friends while pin trading.
2. Getting fit for better stamina while pin trading.
3. Tame the bulge by eating healthy in pin trading hospitality rooms.
4. Quit Smoking so there more time and money for pin trading.
5. Enjoy life more; use pin trading as a stress relief.
6. Cut back on drinking to increase odds of winning at "9 hole golf" at pin swaps.
7. Decrease debt so there is more bucks for pin trading.
8. Learn something new about the history of pin trading or a pin trader that you don't already know.
9. Help others: as Lion pin traders "we serve".
10. Get pin collections organized by learning from the best (like Harry Fulwiler).

*Whether watching it Snow, playing with your Valentine, or drinking green beer on St. Patrick's Day Remember to -- Have Fun.*





# Pin Trading Club of Virginia Membership Application

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Please Print or Type.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lion\_\_\_ Lioness\_\_\_ PDG\_\_\_ MJF\_\_\_ LITPC\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Trade By Mail: Yes No (circle one)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Delivery: Email Mail (circle one)

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple District \_\_\_\_\_ Sub-District \_\_\_\_\_

Application Type: New Member Renewal (circle one)

Submit this form with your Dues payment of \$7.50 to:  
Lion Gerri Quinn  
PTCV Treasurer  
3499 Winding Trail Circle  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456



## District 24-C Midwinter Conference/Pin Swap



### Pin Swap Registration Form

February 13-14, 2009  
Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center  
Exit 225 from I-81 in Staunton, VA



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Registration		@ \$15.00	\$ _____
Table	No. _____	@ 15.00	\$ _____
Buffet Dinner	No. _____	@ 20.00	\$ _____
Total			\$ _____

Make check payable for LIONS OF VIRGINIA DISTRICT 24-C. Mail form and payment to:  
Cabinet Secretary Ray McDonald, 534 Punch Run Road, Front Royal, VA 22630

Closing date to cancel registration is February 3, 2009.

Room reservations: Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center, 152 Fairway Lane, Staunton, VA 24402.  
Telephone 540-248-6020 or 800-932-9061. Room rate \$89.00 per night, plus tax. (Mention you are attending the Lions Midwinter Conference.)

## Pin Trading Events

**MD 24-C Mid-Winter Conf./ Swap**  
Staunton, VA  
February 13-14, 2009  
Contact: Ray McDonald  
dmvmac@comcast.net

**Midwest Pin Swap**  
Moline, IL  
April 15-17, 2009  
Contact: Chuck Boeding  
641-623-2134  
cboeding@zumatel.net

**Southeastern States Pin Swap**  
Clarksdale, MS  
February 27-28, 2009  
Contact: Walter Johnston  
601-636-1049  
wej@iwon.com

**Ashville (NCPTC) Pin Swap**  
Ashville, NC  
April 23-25, 2009  
Contact: Gene English  
genglish@nc.rr.com

**Pennsylvania (PTCP) Pin Swap**  
York, PA  
March 18-20, 2009  
Contact: Larry Shaull  
717-846-9500  
lshpins@comcast.net

**LC International Convention**  
Minneapolis, MN  
July 6-9, 2009  
Contact: LCI  
630-571-5466  
[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news\\_convention.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_convention.shtml)

(Contact the PTCV Editor to have your Pin Swap listed here. Large or small we'd like to list them all.)

(Copies of available Reservation Forms for these events are available on the PTCV Website.)

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