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President's Message



Another holiday season has ended, leaving memories of a fun-and-food-filled Thanksgiving Day shared with my two brothers and their families and a joyously merry and happy -- yet melancholy -- Christmas and New Year. Even during those moments of sadness which strike me unexpectedly, I realize how fortunate Lion Bert and I are. We have family and friends and generally good health, all of which embellish our lives. We also appreciate the wonderful efforts of Lions Clubs, which have worked to meet the challenges of damaged lives and dreams of the too-manyh people injured by a poor national economy.

Once again, the Virginia Pin Swap in Winchester, PTCV's signature event, was a rousing success. Lions pin traders from three countries and 27 states enjoyed three days and nights of productive pin trading, delicious food and drink, and often-hilarious fellowship. This year I arrived at mid-day on Wednesday, eager to help set up the room by moving tables and chairs. Lo and behold, when I entered the room, I saw a sea of well-ordered tables with chairs behind each. PDG Rich Evans and his crew, many of whom arrived from out of state on Tuesday, had begun the set up shortly after dawn, I think. To him and to each of his laborers, I say most sincerely "Thanks you".

Lion Ann Harris with the assistance of many others, stocked and restocked the hospitality room with chili and hot dogs and sandwich fixings and cheese platters and desserts, including the infamous Lion Bill Hadden cake. "Thank you" to the Lions who provided this variety of delicious foods and to those who kept the hospitality room in a clean and livable condition.

"Thank you" to everyone who handled those tedious but necessary administrative chores necessary to a successful pin swap, especially to PCC Bill and Lion Terry Smith, Lion Jim Golladay, PCC Bill and Lion Gerri Quinn, Lion Al and Gloria Spruill, PDG Charlie Kipps, and Lion s Alex and Cindy Caldell and -- of course -- to Lucille Romig who masterminds the Nine-Hole Golf Tournament. Some day I have to learn what those golfers really are doing at the back of the room.

Be of good cheer, pin traders during these dull and gloomy days of winter, DG Norma Shoemaker has the elixir we need. She is inviting all pin traders to the District 24-C Midwinter Pin Swap at the Staunton Holiday Inn off I-81 on February 12th. From 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. you can trade and talk and trade and eat and trade and participate in a silent auction. If you are missing koalas or kangaroos, this swap will be the place to find them. More information elsewhere in this issue.

Yours in Pin Trading,
Lion Don Colley, President



PTCV PCC Bill Smith Honored

It was really great to be at the Virginia Pin Swap in Winchester this year. In addition, to the great pin trading, visiting old friends and making new ones it was quite a thrill to see one of our own, PCC Bill Smith being honored by both the Governor of Kentucky by way of PDG Byron Watkins a native Kentuckian and by the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC). PCC Bill is no stranger to awards. They follow him around like bears to honey. And no wonder, he is probably the hardest working Lion most of us know. His list of achievements can make a person tired just thinking about all of the work involved. PCC Bill has been a member of Fairfax Host Lions Club since 1966. He was District Governor in 24-A during 1978-79 and served as Council Chair. Although his positions are far too numerous to mention, I will note that he served as Eye Bank Chairman and is a four time Melvin Jones Fellow. He has served on the District Cabinet for over 35 years.

When LITPC President Bill Sour took the podium he made a surprise presentation of the first ever LITPC Lifetime Achievement Award to PCC Bill. The presentation was as follows:

“As most of you Virginians know, Bill was the Founding President of the Pin Traders Club of Virginia. The Pin Traders Club of Virginia was the first of the many Multiple District Pin Trader Clubs and is still the largest. Over the years Bill has served selflessly to make Lions Pin Trading the Great hobby it is today. In Virginia he has served not only as your Founding President, but was your first and longest serving Newsletter Editor; publisher of your Virginia catalog, and served as a member of the PTCV Board for these past twenty-eight years. He has been instrumental in the design process and issuing of virtually every pin trader pin issued by Virginia and has served in some capacity in putting together this great annual Virginia Pin Swap. Most pin traders agree that Past Council Chairman Bill Smith has done more for pin trading than any other person past or present. Bill has been honored by the Board of Directors of the Pin Traders Club of Virginia and the Board of Directors of the Lions International Trading Pin Club by their bestowing upon him Life Membership in their respective clubs. He received the LITPC’s highest honor by being selected for the LITPC Hall of Fame. He was its first ever selection. Today, Bill, for all you have done to promote pin trading, and to make the great hobby that it is, the LITPC board, by unanimous vote, and as a way of saying thanks for a great job over many years, has authorized me to present you with its first ever Lifetime Achievement Award. Please accept this award from a grateful club.”

Having seen this presentation I can only add, “Well deserved Bill”. You make us all proud.

After this presentation, PDG Byron Watkins took the podium and, on behalf of Governor Steve Beshear of Kentucky, he presented PCC Bill with yet another award. That of “Honorary Kentucky Colonel”. The citation to accompany the award reads:

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Governor Steve Beshear: “The highest honor awarded by the state of Kentucky is the Kentucky Colonel. The Colonels are Kentucky’s ambassadors of good will and fellowship around the world. Commissions for Kentucky Colonels are awarded for contributions to the community, state, or nation and for special achievements of all kinds. Your commission as a Kentucky Colonel has been awarded for your service and accomplishments on behalf of your fellow man.”

A list of Kentucky Colonels is a Who’s Who of outstanding men and women around the world. The certificate, signed by the Governor and the Secretary of State and Bearing the Great Seal of Kentucky, has hung on the walls of such distinguished leaders as President Lyndon B. Johnson and English Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill. America’s first man in space, John Glenn, was commissioned while orbiting earth on his historic mission.

It all began with the first Governor of Kentucky, Isaac Shelby, who gave his son-in-law, Charles S. Todd, the title of colonel of his staff. Shelby later issued commissions to all who enlisted in his regiment in the War of 1812. Later, Governors commissioned colonels to act as their protective guard; they wore uniforms and were present at most official functions. The “Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels” was founded 1932.

Again, all we can say is you deserve it PCC Bill.





Mid-Winter Event

Get rid of those winter blahs. Enjoy fun, fellowship, and pin trading from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2010. During the day, check out the silent auction items which will encircle the room and write in your bids. Take a break for a sub-sandwich lunch; then at 6:30 p.m. enjoy a delicious dinner with a swap pin for dessert. Following dinner there will be more trading and more fellowship. Afterwards, enjoy 1st VDG Ray McDonald's and 2nd VDG Pat Isaac's hospitality room.

On Saturday, the pin trading area will be open during the times that Mid-Winter Conference 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.

Personal Pins Tell Stories!

LION & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GERRI QUINN 24D						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

(Lion Gerri Quinn)

When looking at personal pins it's always interesting to see what matters most in a person's life at a particular moment in their life. Here is an excellent example of a typical Lion's busy volunteering schedule for just one month. Lion Gerri must be feeling exhausted because this schedule makes me tired just looking at it. Can you imagine what it will look like next year if she is elected VDG!

Once you've held about every office your perspective on life starts to change. In this example of a personal pin the Lion is starting to think more about filling his schedule up with ways to have fun.



(Lion Bill Quinn)

If you haven't met this truly active Lions couple you should and will enjoy every minute of the meeting.

PTCV Office Openings

In accordance with PTCV Policy "PTCV PS 0008", the nominating Chairman wishes to advise everyone of the anticipated vacancies on the Board of Directors. Two year term elections will be held at the Virginia Lions State Convention being held in Roanoke, VA May 20-23, 2010.

To be considered as an Officer of the PTCV you must have served a full term on the PTCV Board. The following offices will be open:

Secretary	2-year term (Lion Al Spruill recently passed.)
Treasurer	2-year term (Lion Gerri Quinn resigned.)

2-Yr. Director (Lion Bill Hadden completes term.)

2-Yr. Director (Lion Alex Caldwell completes term.)

2-Yr. Director (Lion Arlen Eidson completes term.)

All candidate requests for any open term must be received by Lion Bill Quinn at 757-721-7461 or email "vamtlion@msncom" prior to March 15, 2010.

Candidates and the office they seek will be announced in the April edition of the PTCV newsletter.

Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat. ~Author Unknown

Electronic Versus Paper Newsletters

Response has been good to convert from paper to the electronic version of this newsletter. However, there are many members with good computer skills still requesting the paper version of the newsletter.

The cost to print and mail the paper version of this newsletter is continuing to rise and is straining the Club's budget. The electronic version costs "0" to send out while the paper version costs about \$1.77 to produce and distribute.

As mentioned before If you still watch black and white television the printed version is probably best for you. 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 the PTCV newsletter "The Virginian".



Gloria & Al Spruill



Any time that an organization loses one of its leaders, it is truly a sad moment in their history. To lose two within a 24 hour period of time is unusual, to say the least. However, to lose a husband and wife team like Al and Gloria Spruill is, without a doubt, a devastating happening. Early on Christmas morning, Lion Gloria Spruill left this world. The exact cause of death has not yet been determined, but it is known that she was suffering from very high blood pressure brought on by Al's lingering hospitalization since the Swap in Winchester. Lion Al passed away within less than 24 hours after Gloria's passing. Fortunately, neither was aware of the others passing.

Because of her many health issues, Gloria was so dependent upon Al, and as we all know, he devoted almost every waking moment to her care. After leaving Winchester and the Swap, Lion Al's health deteriorated rapidly and he was hospitalized within a week. He was suffering from cancer which had affected several of his vital organs.

Although it is difficult to see a blessing in all of this, we believe that having them leave this world within such a short span of time was truly just that - a blessing. Al and Gloria had expressed, on a number of occasions, that they never wanted to be apart for any length of time. They received the answer to their prayers.

Lion Al served the PTCV as our fifth President in 1990-1992, and had been serving as our Secretary since 2000 until his passing. Lion Gloria was elected as our eighth President in 1996-1998, thus making them the first husband and wife to serve as our number one trader. Lion Gloria was our Membership Chair at the time of her passing. Both of these wonderful people were involved in almost every aspect of our operation and obviously their passing will be felt throughout the organization. May God rest their souls.

We Miss You Two



Pin Trading Club of Virginia Membership Application

The First Multiple
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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 Phil Sharpe
PTCV Treasurer
208 Governors Lane, Apt #6
Harrisonburg, VA 22801-4422



District 24-C Midwinter Conference/Pin Swap



Pin Swap Registration Form

February 12, 2009
Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
Exit 225 from I-81 in Staunton, VA



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Registration & Table No. _____ @ 25.00 \$ _____

Dinner No. _____ @ 22.00 \$ _____

(includes sub sandwich lunch and swap pin)

Total \$ _____

Make check payable for LIONS OF VIRGINIA DISTRICT 24-C. Mail form and payment to:
Cabinet Secretary Betty Cason, 346 Linden Drive, Staunton, VA 24401

Closing date to cancel registration is February 2, 2010.

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: Don Colley
doncolley@comcast.net

Pennsylvania Pin Swap

March 24 – 26, 2010
York, Pennsylvania
Lion Larry Shaull
717/846-9500
lshpins@comcast.net

North Carolina Pin Swap

April 22 - 24, 2010
Asheville, NC
Lion Gene English
919-772-4285
ggenglish@nc.rr.com

Lions Int'l Convention

June 28 – July 2, 2010
Sydney, Australia
Scot Jacobson w/ LCI
scot.jacobson@lionsclubs.org

Western Australia Pin Swap

February 6 - 7, 2010
Boyanup Billabong
PDG Lion Lance Leak
08-8632-6737
lleak@exemail.com.au

Mid-West Pin Swap

April 14 – 16, 2010
Moline, Illinois
Lion Phil Baumann
763-753-2041
banuman@aol.com

Michigan Pin Swap

April 30 – May 1, 2010
Paw Paw, Michigan
Lion Jim Walls
231-796-2861
walls7@hotmail.com

Northeast Pin Swap

August 11 – 14, 2010
Nashua, New Hampshire
Lion Bob Libin
718-459-1750
rmlibin@att.net

Southeast Pin Swap

February 18 – 19, 2010
Clarksdale, Mississippi
Lion PCC Jerry Townsend
601-737-5170
jctown@comcast.net

Oklahoma Pin Swap

April 15 – 16, 2010
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Lion PDG Bill Middleton
580-233-1771
lionbill@swbell.net

LITPC Alternate Site Meeting

May 26 – 29, 2010
Denver, Colorado
LITPC Pres. Bill Sour
303-659-1253
w.sour@yahoo.com

Montezuma, Iowa Pin Swap

August 28, 2010
Montezuma, Iowa
PDG Lion Chuck Boeding
641-623-2134
cboeding@zumatel.net



(Aqua Harbour Host 2009 Set)

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

