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Presidents Message

It is said if you build it, they will come. For thirty-two years the PTCV has diligently worked at having a quality pin trading event that pin traders would want to attend.

The PTCV's hard work seems to have paid off as pin traders from 31 states and one country came to Winchester, VA in November to attend the PTCV's annual pin swap.

The PTCV was absolutely thrilled that so many pin traders attended our swap. Thank you so much for coming. The PTCV hopes you had a great time, traded a lot of pins, and will return next year.

On behalf of the PTCV, I would like to extend a very special thank you to all those who helped make the Swap so successful. Without all of your efforts, there certainly would have been no swap. Thank you for helping the PTCV key chairs, Lion Jim Golladay, PCC Bill Smith, PDG Rich Evans, Lion Phil Sharpe, Lion Harry Fulwiler and Lion Ann Harris, do their jobs successfully. Your efforts did make a difference.

Lion Ann Harris, what would the PTCV do without you? Ann is our hospitality chair and has served the pin traders of Virginia in this capacity for as long as I can remember. She always does such a wonderful job with so much grace and enthusiasm! This year Ann wanted to change the menu and add barbecue. To make this happen, Ann solicited the help of Lions Coleman Jones and Denise Bradshaw along with the Hopewell, VA Lions Club. On Wednesday, while we prepared to trade pins, Lions Coleman and Denise cooked the pork. They along with seventeen members of the Hopewell Club met on Wednesday night to pull it. On Thursday, Coleman and Denise drove from Hopewell to Winchester (which, by the way, is no short journey) to bring the delicious pork for all of us to enjoy. Thank you, Ann and all who assisted you in providing that good 'ole PTCV hospitality.

As usual, the Commissioner's report aka Lucille Romig of the Nine Hole Golf Tourney did not disappoint. To me, Lucille's report is such a highlight of the annual PTCV Swap Breakfast. This year's report did not disap-

Presidents message continued:

point as she used her wit and marvelous sense of humor to entertain us all. Lucille you are the best! In my book, that other famous Lucille just does not “hold a candle” to you. Thank you for all you do to bring fun and laughter into our hobby.

At the PTCV Annual Swap Breakfast, there were some very significant honors given. I would like to congratulate all who were recognized.

The PTCV honored one of its founding members, Lion Harry Fulwiler, with a William A. Smith Fellowship in recognition of his more than 30 years of service to the PTCV as our one and only Pin Chairman. Congratulations Harry! Well deserved!

Our PTCV Secretary, Lion Terry Smith, was also honored by her family with a William A. Smith Fellowship. Lion Terry was also presented with a Lions of Virginia Foundation Humanitarian Award by another founding member, Lion Chuck Fields and his Lions Club. In addition, Lion Terry and PCC Bill received the Kentucky Admiral’s Award presented by PDG George Lonneman. Congratulations Terry and Bill.

LITPC 1st Vice President, Paul Viano, presented another significant honor when he announced that Elwyn Beane, “Beane”, had been selected as an inductee into the LITPC Hall of Fame. In accepting his honor, an emotional Beane just said “I love you guys”. Congratulations Beane. You are and have always been one of my favorite pin traders. Beane, believe it or not when I retired I thought about you. I thought, now maybe I can surprise Beane by attending a Mid-West swap.

It is time for me to bring closure to this message. Please keep those pin traders who are having health concerns in your thoughts and prayers. For those of you who are in the business of helping the government collect what it says we owe, like Lion Fred and Lion Andy from Kansas, have a good tax season. I wish all of you a good New Year filled with good health and lots of fun and laughter.

Happy New Year!

PTCV President Vrla Leach

PTCV Plants Tree

As part of his “I Believe” program, International President Tam has asked that Lions plant a tree. Since we are “Lions First”, LITPC President Jim Minnick has asked that each pin trading club plant a tree at their annual pin swap.

For many reasons it would have been difficult to plant a tree at the November PTCV Pin Swap. Instead PTCV members met at PTCV President Vrla’s home on the Saturday before the swap and planted the PTCV tree. Helping plant the Lacy Leaf Japanese Maple was Past PTCV President PDG Charlie Kipps, PTCV President Vrla, One Year PTCV Director Lion Susan Golladay, Two Year PTCV Director PDG Norma Shoemaker, Lion Bob Thompson, PTCV Treasurer Lion Phil Sharpe and Lion Fred Leach. LITPC Webmaster PCC Phil Schrack documented the event. At the November Pin Swap a picture of the PTCV tree planting ceremony was projected on a screen thus allowing all PTCV members to visually participate in this event.

Thank you PCC Phil Schrack for all you did to help the PTCV accomplish this goal.

Please check out the picture of the PTCV tree planting by visiting: www.litpc.org.

Lion Terry Smith Honored

At the PTCV November Pin Swap Breakfast, a very special lady, Lion Terry Smith, was presented a William A. Smith Fellowship. Terry's family honored her by contributing \$1000.00 to the LITPC Scholarship fund in her name.

Terry has been with the PTCV organization almost from our beginning as a Pin Trading Club. She has served as a Director, and several times as our Secretary, including presently. Terry was the second woman to be elected as our President. She works tirelessly behind the scenes to help maintain our standing in the pin trading community.

Recently she has experienced some health issues but she is a fighter when it comes to something like that. She has fought her way back and was able to attend the swap and do what she does to make the PTCV swap successful.

Terry along with the assistance of Lucy Barnhill of NC and Jean DeTurk of PA did what she always does, assumes the gigantic job of taking care of registration, filling pin orders, selling pins, etc. This is no easy task but she always performs her job with caring efficiency and enthusiasm. Thank you Terry for all you do for the PTCV. You are a dear friend and pin trader to all of us.

Lion Terry was also presented with a very prestigious award by a founding PTCV member, Lion Chuck Fields and his Lions Club. Lion Chuck presented Terry with the Lions of Virginia Foundation Distinguished Humanitarian Award. The LOVF honor recognizes outstanding commitment and dedication to the ideal of rendering humanitarian service.

Lion Terry and PCC Bill received the Kentucky Admiral's Award presented by PDG George Lonnenman. Congratulations Terry and Bill. Very deserving.

Urgent Message

As members of the PTCV we need to inform all Lions, Lioness, Lions, and especially Leos of the LITPC Youth Scholarship Program. Please take the opportunity to inform your club members and District about this fantastic opportunity. March 1, 2012 will be here before we can "blink an eye". The PTCV would love to have the first recipient from Virginia. Remember this scholarship is in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be awarded to a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or a member of a Leo Club.

All applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to PTCV Pin Trading Scholarship Chairman by March 1, 2012.

A scholarship application is included with this newsletter.

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUBYOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION 2011-2012 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR

This scholarship is intended for the children/grandchildren of Lions and/or Leo Club members.

All scholarship applications must be processed through a Lions Trading Pin Club or a State/Area Scholarship Committee, and submitted to the Secretary of the Lions International Trading Pin Club.

Scholarship Eligibility: Applicant must be a graduating senior who has been accepted for admission to an accredited college or institution of higher learning.

APPLICANT: (please type or print clearly in ink)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Last First Middle _____

Mailing Address _____

Number & Street City State Zip _____

Permanent Address _____

(If different from mailing address) Number & Street City State Zip _____

Phone Numbers _____ Email address _____

Day Evening _____

Father's Full Name _____ **Occupation** _____

Mother's Full Name _____ **Occupation** _____

Number of siblings at home _____ Number of siblings in college _____

Estimated cost of 1 semester of school _____

How do you intend to fund? _____

What other scholarships have you applied for? _____

What other scholarships have you been offered? _____

High School Presently Attending _____

*High School G.P.A. _____ Class Rank ____ of _____ SAT/ACT Score _____ Percentile _____

*Certified copy of high school transcript , including activities, must be attached)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- In 250 words or less, state your present and future goals and include your reasons for applying for this scholarship.
- In 350 words or less, describe your work experience and/or community services while attending high school and tell how your participation affected you.
- Attach recommendations from two persons (i.e., teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.)
- Attach a recommendation from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state in which the Club is located.

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LITPC Student Scholarship

PTCV members, we need to spread the word!! The Lions International Trading Pin Club has established a Youth Scholarship Program. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide a \$2,500 scholarship to a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or a member of a Leo Club.

Quoting from LITPC President Lion Jim Minnich's message in the Summer 2011 edition of the Trading Post, "The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a graduating senior pursue his/her education. By doing so, we have an opportunity to give a deserving young person a hand-up to follow their dream. What better way could there be to follow the spirit of Lionism? As we promote our Youth Scholarship Program, we will create a positive awareness of pin traders to the world of Lionism. Lions will want to join an organization that provided \$144,000 for Campaign Sight First II and are now helping the youth of our Lions family".

It is critical that we get the information about the Youth Scholarship Program out NOW!!

The completed LITPC Youth Scholarship application must first be sent to the local pin trading club (PTCV) for evaluation before it is forwarded to LITPC secretary.

The completed application along with all the supporting documentation must be submitted to PTCV President Vrla Leach by March 1, 2012. Please mail application to:

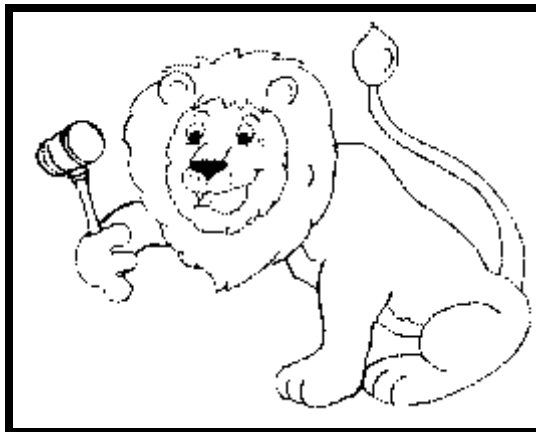
PTCV President Vrla B. Leach

37 Woodlawn Dr.

Staunton, VA 24401-6657

Please call 540-885-4240 with any questions.

A copy of the application has been included with this newsletter. Please make all the copies needed to reach all graduating seniors who are children/grandchildren of Lions and all members of Leo Clubs. Applications and information may also be found on the LITPC website at www.litpc.org.



District 24-C

Mid-Winter Conference & Pin Swap

February 10, 2012 Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center

Exit 225 from I-81 in Staunton, VA

Get rid of those winter blahs. Enjoy fun, fellowship, and pin trading from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2012. 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 6:00 p.m. enjoy a delicious dinner. Following dinner more trading and more fellowship. Afterwards, enjoy 1st VDG Sharon Hart's and 2nd VDG Ken Quantock's hospitality room. Sign up now. More activities on Saturday.

Tentative Schedule

Friday – Registration 8:30-4:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Hospitality Room – after trading

Saturday – Registration 8:00-3:00 pm

Cabinet Meeting 9:00 am

Seminars 10:10-11:30 am

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please use separate registration form for each person.)

Name _____

(Check one: Lion ____ Lioness ____ Leo ____ Guest ____)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Club _____

Registration @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Pin Trade Table @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Dinner (Friday Night) @ \$25.00 \$ _____

(includes sub sandwich lunch and conference pin)

Luncheon (Saturday) @ \$20.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to: Lions of Virginia District 24-C

Mail form and payment to: Cabinet Secretary Bert Colley, 2515 Commonwealth Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22901

Closing date to register is FEBRUARY 1, 2012.

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 that you are attending the Lions Midwinter Conference. Make room reservations early.

Mid-Winter Event

Add a little zest to those cold days of winter by joining fellow pin traders and Lions at 24-C's Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Staunton, VA at the Holiday Inn beginning Friday, February 10, 2012. Enjoy fun, fellowship, and pin trading from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. on Friday, February 10, 2012. We will have lunch around noon. The PTCV Board of Directors will meet following the lunch at approximately 1:30 P.M. Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. that night. Since February 10, 2012 is just around the corner, it is best to register now to be assured a table. Visitors are welcome. The registration form is attached for your convenience.

This is a good swap to bring all your extra Virginia related pins such as club and personal to trade and try to fill in some of the holes.

Pin Trading View of PTCV Pin Swap by PTCV President Vrla Leach

Pin trading at the November PTCV Pin Swap seemed jammed packed with activity. I thought the swap provided a level of trading that accommodated the beginner as well as the experienced pin trader. The only time the trading flurry appeared to quiet down was at lunch. Only then one would have thought we were a bunch of Virginia educators eating. As an educator, in twenty minutes you had wolfed down your lunch, used the facilities, gathered your brood, and returned to class. Only this time you gathered your thoughts, lists, catalogs, your new found burst of energy and returned to your "classroom", the pin trading floor.

This year the PTCV again had a very attractive 24 Set which followed a military theme featuring the Air Force on Thursday and the Marine Corps on Friday.

In addition to trying to collect MD 2012 pins, the 24 Set, and all of the explosion of military pins, there were two new twists to the Swap. Our pin trader Lions to the North, the Pennsylvania Pin Traders, surprised us with a very nice set of PTCP covered bridges to collect. I understand these PTCP traders wanted to have something to trade in Virginia. I'll have to say you certainly accomplished your goals. Well thought out and executed idea, PTCP pin traders! Very cool move!

PDG's Larry Shaull of PA and Bob Libin of NY added the other twist with their challenging Pin Scavenger Hunt. Over the two day swap the hunt was broken down into stages. After a pin trader completed all of the stages, they were given a key. If the key opened the box, the trader was awarded an absolutely amazing prize. This time the prize was one of the most sought after pins in pin trading, the Northwest Paper Tree. I understand that no one had the correct key and the hunt for this awesome prize will be continued at the Penn. Swap. Another cool idea that promotes pin trading and good trading fun.

The PTCV would like to thank all of you for providing your very special and challenging touches.

The only regret I have is that I never made it around the entire pin trading floor. I understand there were some great pins out there for trade or for a reasonable price. I am already trying to think of ways to remedy this situation for next year.

PTCV Board Meeting

The PTCV Board will meet in conjunction with the pin trading event to be held at 24-C's Mid-Winter Conference on Friday, February 10, 2012. The Board meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Staunton, VA at approximately 1:30 P.M.

Hopefully, all of you can attend. Pray for good weather with no ice and snow!

PTCV Office Openings

In accordance with PTCV Policy, 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 PTCV Annual Luncheon at the Virginia Lions State Convention in Chesapeake, VA on May 18, 2012.

To be considered as an Officer of the PTCV, you must have served a full term on the PTCV Board.

The PTCV will be voting on the office of secretary and treasurer. Lion Terry Smith has indicated she will be seeking reelection as PTCV secretary. Lion Phil Sharpe has indicated he will also be seeking reelection as PTCV treasurer. There are also three two-year Directors positions open.

If you would like to be considered for a position on the PTCV Board either as secretary, treasurer, or a two-year Director, please contact the Chairman of the PTCV Nominations Committee:

PDG Chester P. Kramer

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Portsmouth, VA 23703

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All candidate requests for any open term must be received by PDG Chester Kramer by March 15, 2012. Candidates and the office they seek will be announced in the April edition of the PTCV newsletter.

PTCV Electronic Newsletter

Response has been very good to the electronic version of this newsletter. However, there are still some hold outs for the paper version that have email addresses. Cost to print and mail the paper version averages \$1.77 to \$2.00 to produce and distribute. The electronic version costs “0” to send out! So save a tree, help nature to produce oxygen plus clean the air of carbon emissions, and help to bring down costs and subscription rates. So please email Lion Phil Sharpe at philrader@verizon.net to start fully enjoying the PTCV newsletter “[The Virginian](#)” in color.

Mrs. Vrla Leach
President, Pin Traders Club of Virginia
37 Woodlawn Drive,
Staunton, VA 24401-6657

November 30, 2011

Dear Vrla,

I want to let you know how much I appreciate the honor that the Pin Traders Club of Virginia gave to me when they awarded me the William A. Smith Fellowship at the recent PTCV Swap. I am especially pleased to receive this award since it was named in honor of one whom I truly admire and respect for all the work he has done for the Lions of Virginia, the PTCV, and the Lions International Trading Pin Club, and because it was given to me by a group of people whom I greatly admire.

It was a total surprise to me when I was called up to accept this award. I had no idea that the club was even considering such a thing. In any event I am humbled by this, and although I can think of many more deserving persons, I am proud that my friends in the PTCV felt that I was deserving of this award.

Jennie and I have had long and fulfilling lives and we have met many people and had many experiences, but I can tell you unequivocally that our relationship with the fine people in the PTCV has been one of the most fulfilling, rewarding, and enjoyable experiences that we have enjoyed. We have certainly been blessed to have had the association with such wonderful people over the years. Although I truly enjoy pin trading, it is the friendship of persons such as you and the rest of the PTCV members that I truly covet. I love you all.

Again, please relay my gratitude to my fellow members of the PTCV for this wonderful honor.

With Sincere thanks,



Harry Fulwiler

PS: Best wishes to you, Fred, and your family for a very Merry Christmas and a great 2012.

**Pin Traders Club of Virginia
2012 Annual Pin Order**

The PTCV is honoring the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in 2012

Name _____

Address _____

Current E-Mail Address _____

If you pick up your pins at the State Convention or make other arrangements to pick them up without going through the mail systems, the cost will be \$2.50 each. If you want them sent to you by mail, the cost will be \$3.00 each.

There is no limit on the number of pins you wish to order.



____ Please reserve me _____ PTCV Regular Annual Pins @ \$2.50 each \$ _____
(I have enclosed my check and will pick up the pins at the State Convention)

____ Please send me _____ PTCV Regular Annual Pins @ \$3.00 each \$ _____
(Use this if you wish to have your pins mailed)

Make check or money order payable to **PTCV** and mail to:

PCC Bill Smith
3643 Osborne Drive
Warrenton VA 20187

The Deadline to Order is February 15, 2012

MESSAGE TO THE VIRGINIA PIN TRADERS
FROM THE LITPC PRESIDENT JIM MINNICH

I recently returned from the Virginia Pin Swap and, as President of the LITPC, I thank the Pin Trading Club of Virginia for once again hosting an outstanding pin swap. Everything was absolutely first-class – registration, swap, auction, hospitality room. Without the cooperation of the swap committee we could not have held our board meeting and scholarship committee meetings – so, thanks to all of you again.

In case you might have missed the swap, I want to bring you up-to-date on some of the current projects of the LITPC. In conjunction with International President Tam's campaign to plant trees, LITPC has pledged to plant 1,000 trees during the current Lions' year. Lion Vrla Leach, as your President, has already planted a tree as a symbol of the PTCV's support for the program. Any LITPC member who plants a tree and informs Webmaster Phil Schrack will receive a special "I Planted A Tree" pin. His/her name will also be placed on the LITPC website as having participated in the program. I realize this is not optimum planting time; however, you may pledge to plant a tree now and actually plant it when the weather is warmer.

As I mentioned, this project is endorsed by LITPC for their members and, if you are not a member of LITPC, you might want to consider membership. New LITPC members receive a beautiful pin for joining and the new member sponsor receive a pin as well.

On behalf of the LITPC, I extend our thanks to the Lions of Virginia who have supported our Youth Scholarship Program. Lion Bill Smith graciously allowed us to use his name for our highest recognition for those who contribute to the program. We chose to honor Lion Bill for his many, many contributions to LITPC throughout the years and the countless hours he has devoted to LITPC. We thought it appropriate to present the first William A. Smith Fellowship to Lion Bill and more than 31 Lions from all over the world made donations to raise \$1000 to inaugurate the program. Lion Bill sponsored the second Fellowship for his wife, Terry. Bill and Terry Smith are truly the "First Family" of the LITPC. Much to his surprise, Lion Harry Fulwiler received a Fellowship presented by President Vrla Leach on behalf of the PTCV Board of Directors.

The LITPC Youth Scholarship Program is a \$2,500 annual award for a graduating high school senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion or who is a Leo. The scholarship is to help the recipient continue his/her education.

Anyone may participate in the William A. Smith Fellowship Program with a donation of any amount. Recognition pins will be awarded at the \$250, \$500, \$750, and \$1,000 levels. Donations may be cumulative until the desired amount is reached. Clubs may make donations to recognize their members. Donations should be sent to LITPC Treasurer Lion Don Wagner at 5853 Frank Gailey Road, Clermont, GA 30527.



2012 PIN SWAPS

South East Pin Swap - 02/23-25/2012

Jerry Townsend (601)737-5170

Pennsylvania Pin Swap - 03/21-23/2012

Amos Shatzer (814)542-9654

Midwest Pin Swap - 04/11-14/2012

Ruth Frehse (573)392-1410



District 24 State Convention- 05/17-20 /2012

Cheasapeake, Va

Brock Robertson (757) 898-9049

Michigan Pin Swap - 05/04-05/2012

Jim Wall (231)796-2861

LITPC Alternate Site Annual Meeting

06/06-09/2012 Tampa, FL

Dennis Walton (813)-495-8134

International Convention

06/22-26/2012 Busan, Korea

Larry Shaul (717)845-1933

Branson Pin Swap

08/10-11/2012 Branson, MO

Nan Blakemore (573)893-3730

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

09/13-15/2012 Tampa Bay, FL

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