

MD-22 LIONS PIN TRADING CLUB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER Summer, 2008



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CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II PROJECT ON

TARGET - Who would have thought a year ago that LITPC President Larry Shaull's goal of \$100,000 for CSFII would capture the hearts and imaginations of the pin trading community worldwide? To date, more than \$103,000 has been pledged from a total of 24 pin trading clubs. The LITPC website shows \$63,000 as having been received from pin trading clubs and individuals. Webmaster Phil Schrack promises a special website surprise when the thermometer hits the top. So check the website regularly. At the alternate site meeting breakfast in Jefferson City, President Larry accepted \$27,000 from nine different clubs. Some pin trading clubs have surpassed their pledges, some clubs are still working on their goal, and some clubs are developing plans to jump in and help the LITPC be successful. If you, as an individual, have strong feelings about this project, you can send a check to President Larry. And should anyone think that the monies raised so far "just happened", be assured that nothing could be further from the truth. The pin traders designed and marketed their pins, and good Lions everywhere bought the pins. Hats off to everyone who has been a part of CSFII. With continued hard work, by the time we get to Minneapolis, we will be a justifiably proud group of pin traders. What a great display of love of Lionism and demonstration that we are "Lions First".

CSFII SPECIAL LIONS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS – Although the Tennessee PTC contributed \$1,500 to CSFII, Lion Art Lewis felt he needed to do something special. He personally initiated a three-pin set of miniature Tennessee Cats with the words "Good ol", "Rocky Top", and "Tennessee" on them. A set is \$25 (including postage) and checks should be payable and sent to: Lion Art Lewis, 153 Trout Road, Bean Station, TN 37708. (phone: 865/993-3543).

Lion Maynard Bloom of South Dakota is another special Lion that stepped to the plate on our CSFII project. Lion Maynard personally sponsored the issuing of five special miniature reproductions of the South Dakota state pins from 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85. The set features guns with bird dangles (pheasant, duck, turkey, grouse, and goose.) This is one beautiful set of pins ... a "must have" for any collection. The cost is \$24, (including postage) and checks should be payable and sent to: Lion Maynard Bloom, 207 North Tyler Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-2729. (phone: 605/224-9556.)

In South Carolina, Lion Bruce Strome felt the LITPC CSFII project needed support so he sponsored a pin in the shape of the State with the State tree and moon crest. The pin costs \$4 plus postage. Lion Bruce's address is 701 Walton Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550.)

Lion Jay Puls of California has sponsored two pins. Both pins are three-dimensional: one is of a lion with the LCI flag and the other is of a lion with an American flag. These lions are quite smart looking and could be considered in the "cute" category. The pins are \$6 each plus postage of \$1.50. Lion Jay's address is 9454 Sinnard Avenue, Live Oak, CA 95953-9638. (phone:530/695-2687;e-mail:jpuls@comcast.net) Vermont has joined the CSFII band wagon as well. Lion Bruce Savery has sponsored a set of two eye pins (similar to New York and New Hampshire). The cost of the set is \$12.00 plus postage. Lion Bruce's address is 137 Maple Ridge Road, Chester, VT 05143. It would be great to support Lion Bruce's project, especially since Vermont is a newly organized pin trading club.

The Pennsylvania Pin Traders Club website is a very good place to obtain order forms for all of the CSF II pins. You can go there directly or through the LITPC website.

The good Lions mentioned above and all of the pin traders are to be congratulated for their zeal and initiative. If you haven't ordered pins to support these endeavors, the time to do so is now. All of them are great pins and should be part of your collections. When CSFII is ended, you will be able to say that you did it all.

MD22 PTC ISSUING NEW PINS - We have just received our newest series of pins featuring the flags of MD22: Delaware, and Maryland. Later on in the year, we plan to issue additional pins featuring the flags of Washington, DC and the United States of America. We expect that these pins will sell quickly. This bulletin editor has been relentless in encouraging pin traders to display their state and country flags on their tables at swaps and conventions, so it is appropriate now to encourage you to consider issuing pins of your state and country flags. This is a wonderful way to recognize your state and demonstrate pride. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Jim Minnich at 302/654-7326 or jlmlion@aol.com.

MD22PTC ICE CREAM CONES – Many thanks to everyone who purchased the miniature ice cream cones for CSFII. There were more than 200 sets of the single dip cones and 100 sets of the double dip cones. Each set sold for \$10 and an additional donation of any amount bought a

gold-toned cone. Lions were extremely generous with the gold-tone cone donations. The "extra" donations ranged in amount from \$5 to \$100. The ice cream cones and the concept of contributing to CSFII seemed to capture the imagination of both pin traders and pin collectors. It was truly phenomenal to witness the rapid sale of the pins and the generosity of the Lions. A total of \$3000 was presented to LITPC.

In the geographical area of MD22 - Delaware, Maryland, and Washington, DC - there was outstanding support for the raffle tickets on the "Luncheon in the Butterfly Garden" quilt. This LITPC project, again for the benefit of CSFII. raised approximately \$1,647. Lions John Saxon and Jim Minnich collectively sold more than 900 tickets. Several individual Lions volunteered to sell quilt raffle tickets at their Club meetings. At the District Convention, Lion John Saxon never quit selling tickets - he was the #1 ticket seller in the District! Congratulations, Lion John! The original financial goal of our MD22 PTC was \$3,000. We are happy to report that our total was \$4, 647. MD22 certainly did its fair share and we thank everyone who helped us achieve this amount.

APOLOGIES TO THE CONNECTICUT PIN TRADING CLUB – In the last MD22 PTC bulletin, the Northeast Pin Swap sponsored this year by the Connecticut Pin Traders was inadvertently omitted (the "paste" part of cut & paste didn't happen (B) Historically, this is one of the really good swaps and we apologize again to Lion Curt Fitch for the error.

CLUB PIN SURVEY – During the 2007-08 Lions year, several Lions Clubs in MD22 issued Club pins. We are aware that Vice-District Governor Lee Bird of Claymont issued his blue bird campaign pin. If there are any other Club pins out there, we would like to be able to publish them in an upcoming bulletin. Please send your Club pin to Lion Jim Minnich, 228 Sandra Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Lion Jim will happily trade or pay you for the pin. The best way to promote your Club pin is to have your fellow Lions see it.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO - As everyone must know by now, the alternate site for the LITPC annual meeting/breakfast was held this year in Jefferson City, MO. We keep telling you that the best things about pin swaps are pins, friendships, and hospitality. Jefferson City had them all. The meeting was attended by pin traders from 37 states and 3 countries. Chairperson Nan Blakemore and her team of Missouri pin traders worked very, very hard to put on a first-class swap. It was not easy to keep 163 pin traders are 68 guests happy, but they did it! The first night of hospitality featured pork steaks, potato salad, green beans, and an assortment of snacks, desserts and beverages. The Truman Hotel ballroom large enough provided a to accommodate many round tables - enough space for everyone to be seated at the same time - and everyone was there to have fun, eat, and see their friends. The following evening the menu featured muleburgers with all the trimmings. The "trimmings" actually included 50 pounds of fresh Louisiana shrimp brought by Lion Lambert Ratard (LA). Friday evening was declared Mexican night. It was hosted by LITPC and the featured food was chili (and an assortment of wraps for those with more delicate tastes.) Lion Tim McCaulley (PA) was in charge of Mexican music and the International waitstaff included Lions John Leggett (England) and Lance Leak (Australia). Several of the LITPC officers were sporting large, and in the case of President Larry, VERY large Mexican sombreros. There was the famous and ever-present Marguerita cooler every night, along with an assortment of other beverages provided by the LITPC. In addition to the cakes designed with the new LITPC logo, there were hundreds of home-baked cookies from the ladies of Iowa. It would not be possible to thank everyone by name for their

contributions, but it is important to acknowledge that without a whole lot of hard work by a whole lot of people, an event of this magnitude would not happen. We will, however, make an exception and acknowledge Lion Ron Jordan who suggested that all of the left-over food and snacks be donated to the local Rape & Crisis Center at the end of the evening. His idea was well received by the pin traders and he said that the staff and residents at the Center were very grateful.

In between all of this fine dining, pin trading really happened. There were two rooms set aside and set up for trading. Many of the pin traders were displaying their state/country flags on their tables. Not only is this a show of patriotism, it also makes identification quite easy when one is looking for a trader from a particular state. Both rooms were active all of the time ... traders were looking to complete their 50-state pin collections, complete the transportation series, and fill in the gaps in their personal collections. There was looking and trading and buying and selling going on from morning until 5 p.m. (Then it was time to eat again). The Truman Hotel set up a luncheon cart in the area between the two trading rooms and, just in case one didn't want to stop even that long, waitstaff circulated the room bringing the food to you. Now, that's service!

The annual breakfast meeting on Saturday morning was the culminating event. New directors were elected: Michael Gutyan (IN), Nan Blakemore (MO) and Jerry Townsend (MS). Outgoing directors were acknowledged for their service to LITPC. Lions Chuck Weldon (CA) and Bill Prucha (IL) were inducted into the Hall of Fame. What great choices! Lion Chuck was elected posthumously.

The breakfast centerpieces were designed by 22-D's Lion Brad Spicer of Laurel, DE. Lion Nan chose Brad's design because of its Bangkok theme. Needless to say, we were *very* proud. And finally, the on-going Nine Hole Golf Tournament was conducted by Jerry and Lucille Romig and Past President Jim Schiebel (NY) introduced a dice/ liars' poker game that was quick to learn and easy to play and noisy!

LITPC APPLICATION - There are many Lions in MD22 who are members of the MD22 PTC, but are not members of Lions International Trading Pin Club. The best way to make several hundred new friends is to join the LITPC (it's better and safer than on-line dating). Log onto the LITPC website (www.LITPC.org) and you will see all kinds of pin trading information. If you decide to join, you will receive a membership list of traders throughout the country and world, many of whom are willing to trade by mail. In addition, you will receive the quarterly LITPC Newsletter from Lion Bill Smith of Virginia. This is the definitive "what's happening" newsletter. Another terrific benefit of membership is reserving space in the pin traders hotel at International conventions. The pin traders hotel is generally very close to the convention center (think no crowded buses). Also think pin trader hospitality. There is a hospitality room open every evening during the convention for food and snacks and beverages. And, just in case trading pins all day isn't enough, there's a pin trading room in the hotel during the evening hours (you can actually buy pins in the hotel trading room – that's a no-no on the Convention floor).

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY a/k/a THE DREADED RED STICKER –Happy is the pin traders whose dues are *not* due. The MD22 PTC follows the tradition of making members aware that it's that time of year by placing red stickers on the summer bulletin. No one likes to see the dreaded red sticker. No one likes to write the check. But if you keep in mind that dues can be paid in advance and send in a check now, you won't be seeing the dreaded red sticker. Thank you.

AND NOW SOME WORDS ABOUT THE **INTERNET** – This bulletin editor is not the most computer savvy pin trader the world has ever seen, but he is learning and he is having fun! Let's face it, the internet is here to stay and it's fertile ground for pin trading information. LITPC Webmaster, Lion Phil Schrack, has done an outstanding job creating and maintaining the website (www.LITPC.org). It's user friendly, easy to navigate, and full of information. We are incorporating a copy of the home page at the end of this article to whet your appetite. Go there! You won't be sorry. If you don't have a computer, probably one of your kids does (or maybe your grandkids). The point is, we can all have access to a computer and we can always find a kind spirit to help us out and walk us through. In no time at all, you will reach a level of comfort and have an incredible amount of fun!

FUTURE PIN SWAPS

COLORADO PIN SWAP

September 6, 2008 Glenwood Springs, CO Contact: Tom Weir 970/618-1048 tradertom *a*_candles-collectibles.com

MD5M PIN SWAP

September 13, 2008 Becker, MN Contact: John Hazeltine 320,743-4126 Int 3hg *a* aol com

USA-CANADA FORUM

September 18-20, 2008 Saskatoon, SK Canada Contact: Geri Drabek 605,723-4007

WESTERN STATES PIN SWAP

October 12-15, 2008 Las Vegas, NV Contact: John Holland 702/614-8654 newlife69/a.cox.net

VIRGINIA PIN SWAP

November 6-8, 2008 Winchester, VA Contact: Bill Smith 540, 349-2735 tabs52 *a* concast net

PENNSYLVANIA PIN SWAP

March 18-20, 2009 York, P.A Contact: Larry Shaulf 717/846-9500 Edgmmed concert per

MD22 PIN TRADING CLUB ORDER FORM



STATE OF DELAWARE FLAG \$2.50 each + postage Quantity _____



STATE OF MARYLAND FLAG \$2.50 each + postage Quantity _____



MINIATURE REPRODUCTION OF THE DELAWARE 1978 SIGHTMOBILE PIN \$2.25 each + postage Quantity _____



2008-2009 DELAWARE STATE PIN (COMING SOON) - NOT ACTUAL SIZE

Name			
Address			
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Phone	email		
Amount for pins ordered:	Amount for postage	TOTAL	100-16-1

Make check payable to: MD22 PTC and mail to: Lion John Saxon, Treasurer 20051 Beaver Dan Road Milford, DE 19963 POSTAGE CHARGES: 1 pin - \$1.50 EACH add`l pin - 25¢

MD22 LIONS PIN TRADING CLUB Membership Application/Dues Remittance

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LITPC's Top Ten Reasons to Join

- **10**. We are the largest pin trading and collecting organization in Lionism.
 - 9. New and updated rosters which contain the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address of ours members. Our roster also includes the names and addresses of the various MD pin trading clubs.
- 8. Our outstanding quarterly newsletter, The Trading Post, with information about pins, pin clubs, pin swaps, history and more exciting information about pin trading.
- 7. The right to purchase LITPC's annual trading pin.
- 6. A convention hotel arranged through Lions International with food, hospitality, friendship and pin trading during International Conventions.
- **5.** Attendance at our Annual Meeting and Breakfast held during Lions International Conventions.
- **4.** Participation in our annual pin auction held at our annual meeting, where you can purchase those needed pins and sell those extras.
- **3.** Entry into our annual pin contest, which awards great prizes and recognition.
- 2. The exchange and interchange of ideas, camaraderie, and fellowship associated with a Lions International Convention.

And Number I. FUN!

