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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Lions,

★ Out With the Old, In With the New: A Fresh Chapter for NCLPTC

As the sun sets on the Western-themed NCLPTC pins, we tip our hats to the era of cowboys, rodeos, and rustic charm that captured the spirit of adventure. Those pins told stories of courage and community a proud chapter in our creative legacy.

But now, NCLPTC is stepping boldly into a new creative direction one that blends American history with mid-century nostalgia in a way that feels both meaningful and refreshingly fun.

🏛 Honoring America's Historical Monuments

This year's theme highlights the landmarks and battlegrounds that shaped the American Revolution. These sites remind us of leadership, sacrifice, and the enduring pursuit of freedom — values that align beautifully with the mission and service of Lions everywhere.

🎵 Celebrating the 50s; A decade of Joy and Optimism

The 1950s bring a burst of color and personality to the collection. Think drive-ins, jukeboxes, chrome, neon, and the unmistakable charm of mid-century Americana. It's a decade that radiates hope, community, and forward momentum — the perfect complement to our historical focus.

Together, these themes mark a powerful transition:

from the rugged frontier to the polished chrome of the 1950s... from Western legends to the monuments that shaped our nation.

It's a celebration of heritage, creativity, and the bright future ahead for NCLPTC.

Lion Randy

**President,
NCLPTC**



FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

Lion Pin Traders are Lions First ..

Pin trading does not diminish our service to our clubs, district, or multiple district. Being a Lion means working at the club level on committees and projects. We also volunteer at the district, multiple district, and Lions International level and after all of that we find time to trade pins. I have friends around the country and world that I see at conventions all over the United States. Many of these Lions for over forty years.

But let me tell you about our projects:

- In Kansas and Arizona, we collected pins and sold them at conventions to raise funds for an International President's campaign.
- Around the country the various pin trading clubs raised thousands during Campaign Sight First I and II.
- In North Carolina old pins that were donated to NCLF have raised \$174,080 for eye research. At every district and state convention someone will be there selling pins for NCLF. If you have someone that wants to get rid of their pins, bring them to the conventions and we will continue to raise funds for eye research.

Currently Lions International Trading Pin Club has a scholarship for graduating Leos and children and grandchildren of Lion members. This year eight scholarships for \$4,000 were awarded. One of those was a Leo from Wilmington, NC. Next year, 26-27, we will have ten scholarships at \$5,000 available. The rules and applications will be on the LITPC.ORG site in September. In the fall we will send out more information on how and when to apply.

In conclusion yes, we are out in the hallway visiting with friends, trading pins, and raising money for NCLF. Come over to our table and see what pin trading is all about and start a friendship – no purchase necessary.

Sherman McCutcheon
Vice President NCLTPC



FROM THE SECRETARY

Thanks to all of the Lions Pin Traders of Kentucky and Ohio for hosting the Annual LITPC Swap and Meeting in Hebron, KY, and to the Lions pin traders from Wisconsin, Michigan. Kentucky and Ohio for hosting the hospitality room. Although numbers were down, it was an outstanding event. In addition to pin trading and “Nine-Hole Golf” there was an added event: BINGO. I think all who participated enjoyed it, and Lion George Lonneman made sure everyone left a winner. There is a summary of the Annual Meeting later in this publication. I do want to mention here, and to congratulate Lion Sherman from Leland, NC, Vice President of NCLPTC, on being elected to the LITPC Board for a two-year term. Lion Walter “Doc” Johnston (MS), also a member of NCLPTC, was re-elected to the Board as well.

I sent out an order form several weeks ago for our 2-pin 2027 NCLPTC set. If you did not get around to ordering these, you will need to trade for them at upcoming swaps.

They are sold out.

A reminder, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Nashville, Tennessee in September. This is a landmark event in that it will be the 50th Annual event. Although this is not a Pin Trading event, there is an opportunity for traders to reserve tables and set up to trade. Although Pin Trading is not as prevalent as at the International and some state Conventions and swaps, it does get our hobby exposure.

We generally pick up a few new members during these events.

Gloria and I are planning on attending and hope to see many of you there.

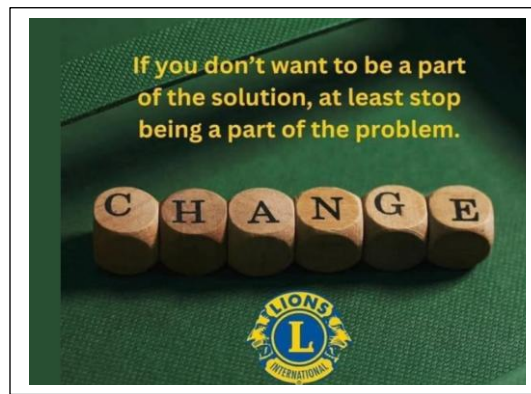
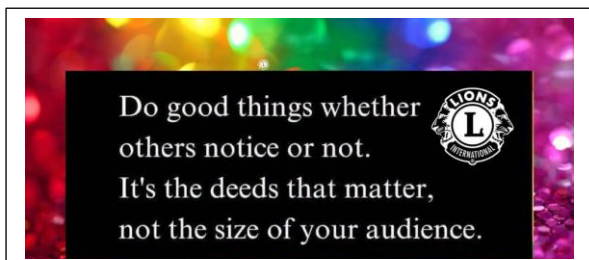
Happy Trading!

Lion Gene

FROM THE EDITOR!

Our District 31-S directory is on its way to the printer! The Masonic Home for Children in Oxford has a print shop and they do an amazing job for us! I have been doing our directory for 10 years and it is a labor of love! I always look for fun graphics to include in it .. a directory with just names and phone numbers is BORING, so I try to make it a little more fun to look at ... and sprinkle graphics throughout .. similar to the way we do with this newsletter.

If any of you does a newsletter, check out the Facebook group **Cool Lions Graphics**. I kept seeing these Lions in vests and eventually discovered this group. Here are some of the posts I have found..



Sometimes a picture will grab somebody's attention when words just don't it! This canape tray of a lion's head is truly unique!

So check out this Facebook group and see what you can find! There is all kinds of good information on there. You might learn something!

Stay cool!

.. Gloria



In Our Prayers

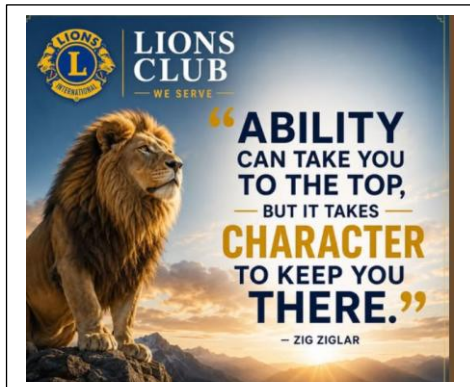
Lion Mary Green (TX) continues to battle cancer. I talked with her a few days ago. Her attitude and outlook are very positive. Please keep Lion Mary in your thoughts and prayers.

Lion Deryck Chambers (UK) and his wife Mollie are both having health issues. Please remember them.

We are happy to report Lion Fred Leach (VA) is improving and was at the ASM in Hebron. Please continue to remember Lion Fred and Vrla.

If you know of sickness or deaths within our Pin Trading Community please let me know so I can keep others informed.

We just learned that Lion Hank Ragland (VA) is having some health issues . Please remember him as well.



2025 and 2026 NCLPTC Pins Available

We still have a few 2025 and 2026 NCLPTC pins available. The 2025 pin features an Indian on a horse riding into a sunset. The 2026 pin is similar, but features a Cowboy riding into a sunrise. Pins are \$3.00 each plus postage.

2025 ASM Pins

We have some of the ASM Asheville pins available. These feature various Biltmore house themes. The three-pin set originally sold for \$10.00. remaining sets will be offered for \$7.00.



2026 North Carolina Prestige Pins

We also have some 2026 NC Prestige pins available. These are \$4.00 each. Contact Lion Gene English if you wish to these..

Dues

I recently sent out dues notices. If you did not get one, this most likely means you are current, and in some cases paid ahead. If you have questions about your dues status, please contact NCLPTC Secretary PDG Gene at ggenglish@nc.rr.com or (919) 740-5295. If you do owe dues, please send them in as soon as you can.

Check out our website: <https://nclptc.org/>

Thanks to PCC Phil Schrack of Virginia for updating and maintaining this for us!!



Upcoming Opportunities

There are many upcoming opportunities for trading and fellowship. Rather than listing these, I refer you to the LITPC website for details. <https://www.litpc.org/>

The dates for our NC Swap have been set. We will return to Dogwood on Lake Norman (formerly “Camp Dogwood”) April 15-17. If my memory and math are correct, this will be our 35th Swap. We started in Hendersonville in 1993. We have hosted events in Charlotte, Salisbury, Apex, Concord, Asheville, and have made our home at Camp Dogwood since 2015. A Registration Form for our 2027 Swap is included in this mailing.

2027 NC State Pins

PDG Dale Dupree is working on our state pin for 2027. Plans are to start a new series featuring products “born” in North Carolina. This could prove to be a very interesting series. PDG Dale has identified nearly 100 products that fit this bill. If you have ideas about products to feature pass them along to PDG Dale.

2026 Alternate Site and Meeting

The 2026 LITPC ASM was held in Hebron, KY and hosted by the Lions of Kentucky and Ohio. Some of the details and events of the event were mentioned above in the “Secretary’s Report”. Here is a summary of the Annual Meeting.

As is the tradition, the meeting started with a memorial service, remembering members who have died since our last meeting. Following breakfast, Lion Lana McCaulley was honored with the LITPC Life-Time Achievement Award. Hall of Fame Members were recognized. PID/LITPC PP/PDG Steve Sherrer (OH) was inducted as the latest member. Winners of the 2025 Pin contest were announced and plaques awarded to those who wished to have them. 2026 contest winners were announced and awards will be present at the 2027 ASM.

For a list of winners for both years see the latest edition of the TRADING POST, or go to the LITPC website.

Two Board Members were elected to two-year terms: Lion Sherman McCutcheon from North Carolina and Lion Walter “Doc” Johnston from Mississippi.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

2026-2027

MARK LYON

Brookfield, Connecticut

Our new President, Lion Mark Lyon, has selected **Rooted in Service** as the theme for his year. Here is a copy of his pin, which I am sure every one of you wants, if you haven’t already gotten!!

Obviously, this is enlarged for detail 😊

