



Lions International Trading Pin Club

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As my two years serving as LITPC President come to a close, I want to thank our Board and many of our members for the hard work that you have done in furthering the goals and objectives of the LITPC. As a member of Lions Clubs International, we adhere to our motto "We Serve" as evidenced most recently by establishing the LITPC Youth Scholarship Program almost four years ago. The fact that our members have an interest in trading Lions Club pins only strengthens international Lionism through international good will, hence our slogan "Lions First".

When I became your President in 2013, my mission was to continue to enhance the IMAGE of the LITPC in the eyes of our members and the Lions of the world and to build and strengthen our MEMBERSHIP. Thanks to your hard work we have had several accomplishments to that end.

We held our first membership drive outside of North America at the International Convention in Hamburg bringing in 78 new members. In Toronto, we rolled out a new membership initiative with the "maple leaf pins" that were given to new members at the Convention. We brought in 163 new members and the Board has voted to continue this initiative in Honolulu.

At the Toronto Convention, for the first time in LITPC history, we had several candidates for International Director visit our Annual Breakfast as well as both Candidates for International Second Vice President. We look forward to having candidates join us again in Honolulu.

The LITPC Youth Scholarship Program has been very successful. When this was established almost four years ago, the goal was to raise US\$120,000 in six years to build a corpus in the Foundation that would fund a US\$2,500 scholarship year after year. The goal was to fund the scholarship through the generosity of our members. To date, US\$94,000 has been donated to the Foundation and we will be announcing our fourth scholarship recipient at our Annual Breakfast in Honolulu.

Our International Convention in Honolulu will be here in a few weeks. For those who wish to have a trading table on the Convention floor please get your applications in quickly as there are only a few tables remaining. Also please remember to come by the LITPC hospitality room to enjoy some fellowship beginning at 5 pm on June 25th at the Ala Moana Hotel, not far from the Convention Center. I look forward to seeing many of you in Honolulu.

**The Holiday Series WILL BE EXTENDED for one more year
until June 2016.**