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Happy New Year to all my fellow pin traders, I hope this year is a great year for each and every one of you all and that you find that elusive pin you have been looking for as well as having a safe year and a year of good health. As we write our letters a little early I sit here waiting for Christmas in a few days so I also hope that Santa was good to you and you found new and interesting pins for you under the tree, I know of at least one pin trader that got some pins he wanted for Christmas and I just hope he did not open them in front of the grandkids as they may not appreciate the Tichigan Lake set as much as I know he will! As we look forward we start a new round of Swaps for this year, Southwest Swap in January, (I just finished up putting together the auction items for this swap and hope all will find something special in it), Southeast Swap in February, and York Swap in March to start off the year, looking forward to them all and hearing from all my pin trading friends how their year is going. Be sure to keep the Alternate Site Swap on your radar also as it will be another a great one.

Looking back on the last six months since becoming your President there are a lot of great memories and I thank you for the opportunity to serve you all. We had a Board meeting in Reno and thank you to the CLPTC club for hosting our meeting, then in November we had another Board meeting at Winchester and the PTCV were also great hosts. At the Winchester meeting I tried something a little different and allowed time for committee breakout sessions and it was great to see committees working and some great ideas were the product of those meetings, I may continue that format in the

future to give the committees time to actually meet and not interfere with the swap activities as meetings have sometimes conflicted with other activities going on with past swaps. As I have said before I feel it is important for our future that we include more of our Pin Traders in the activities if the LITPC and it is good to get more input from our membership on things that might help us do better. We had several good ideas come out of the meetings that I am sure we will be hearing more about soon. Still would appreciate any feedback from the Board and our membership if this is working or any changes that might be considered.

I am excited to see other Pin Trading Clubs doing pin sets to benefit our pledge to the LCIF Campaign 100, we are doing well in moving towards our goal but we definitely welcome more pledges and donations from our Clubs and from Pin traders. As you begin planning out your giving for the upcoming year please keep LCIF and our pledge in mind, we really want to surpass our goal like we have in the past. We are Lions first and should give support to our Lions' projects, pins trading is just what we do for fun and friendship. The new Pin Trader photo pin set is off to a good start and it my understanding that the initial orders have been placed and I am sure that once they arrive and everyone has the chance to see them that more will want to get in the set. As we all start to age and dementia starts to set in, we will be able to look at these pins and remember our friends in pin trading. In addition, by participating you are also helping our Campaign 100 fundraising efforts. It looks like to date in December we have forwarded on to LCIF for Campaign 100 on behalf of the LITPC membership \$25,800, so we are over half the way to our pledge of \$50,000. Please be sure to send your donation made out to LCIF through our Treasurer Richard Durham so he can forward the donation in so we get credit for your donation.

Look forward to seeing you at a swap near you soon, Kent Clovis, PCC, LITPC President