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Ain't it GREAT to be a Lion? There is so much going on in our area and world-wide that it truly makes me proud to be a Lion.

Our Scholarship Committee has been hard at work and I encourage you to read their article in this newsletter. Each time I hear from them, I am reminded of the efforts Past LITPC President Jim Minnich put forth during his year as President initiate this project. From the beginning PCC Paul Viano joined the cause and added much-appreciated guidance and input. Many others have been involved since then. A huge THANK YOU to PCC/Past LITPC Bill Smith for lending his name and support. Who among us would have ever thought that this would continue to grow from that modest beginning to what it is today. Thank you, Past-President Jim, PCC Paul and all who have been involved in this great project.

There are several Swaps coming up (including our North Carolina Swap at Beautiful Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman), but the "biggie" is the Alternate Site Meeting (ASM), May 20-23 in Bettendorf, Iowa. Lion Loren Claussen and the Lions of the Iowa Pin Traders Club have promised a great venue with some exciting events. If you have not done so already, go ahead and send in your registration.

In conjunction with this ASM, we will hold our Annual Meeting. This is a very important meeting, for we will be voting on some major By-Laws changes. PCC Bill Smith and his Committee have been very busy and diligent, communicating with the Board along the way. These proposed changes will be sent out to all members at least 45 days prior to our meeting.

Finally, remember the "Three or more by 24" membership challenge. In appreciation and recognition of sponsoring three or more new members, current members will receive a special

medallion. Seven of these were issued at the abbreviated Annual Meeting in Virginia last November. The next group will be recognized in Bettendorf. It is not too late to be included in this group, so get out and get those new members.

Hope to see many of you at a swap really soon.

Sincerely, Gene English, PDG  
LITPC President