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Dr. lan W. Taylor, a Wheeling veterinarian, proudly displays his Lions Club pin and banner collection.

## Doc's proud smile matches pins

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When Dr. Ian Taylor dons his Lions Club vest it is harder to tell which is brighter-his proud smile or the hundreds of Lions pins that cover the vest.

The Wheeling veterinarian Taylor has been collecting Lions club pins and banners for nearly 24 years and amassed thousands of banners and pins from all over the world.

"I have banners and pins from all over the world. I have 500 banners from overseas which is the biggest private collection in the state if not the entire United States," said Dr. Taylor, who also dabbles in stamp collecting.

"Each banner tells something about the area that it comes from. The banner from Thailand is especially nice because it is made if Thai silk. All the banners are the size of a woman's hankerchief and are made of all sorts of material. I have some that are wood, plastic, silk, even leather," he continued.

The Arlington Heights Lions club vest that Dr. Taylor wears so proudly is covered with 300 pins and weighs approximately 24 pounds. Though most of the pins are displayed on the vest, six frames showing off more pins lines the walls of Dr. Taylor's. office.

"I have over 300 pins on the vest and it weighs approximately 24 pounds. I also have pins in frames around the walls. I shopped and shopped for frames that would hold them properly but couldn't find them anyplace so I had to have the frames specially made," said Dr. Taylor, a veterinarian who makes his practice in Wheeling.

Quite proud of his gigantic collection of friendship banners and pins, Dr. Taylor is also proud of his attendance record with the Lions club. For the past 23 years, he has been in perfect attendance with all club meetings. This, coupled with his extroversive attitude; led to his appointment as International Relations Chairman and Goodwill Ambassador of the Arlington Heights organization.

"I travel overseas once a year, usually with a groups of veterinarians or stamp collectors, but you can always find a Lions meeting wherever you are. As goodwill ambassador, I am in charge of corrospondence with other clubs. We send greetings to and from each other regularly," Dr. Taylor explained

While traveling, Dr. Taylor carries a guide that lists each Lions club, where they meet and when they meet. Even when he is on the road, Dr. Taylor can attend meetings regularly.

"The directory lists when and where the meetings will be so that traveling Lions can attend make-up meetings for the ones that they miss at home. The directory is large, probably the size of a bible. And there is always a translator present," said Dr. Taylor, never at a loss for enthusiasm.

The only time that the guidebook failed him was in Egypt. The Lions club was listed in the book, but, try as he might, Dr. Taylor could not locate the club. So, he did the next best thing. He attended a Rotary club meeting.

"I found the club listed in the book but I could not find the club. I was traveling with a few Rotary members so I attended their meeting instead. I believe that was the first time that the Rotary and the Lions exchanged banners," he said.

Having attended Lions meetings in Scotland, London and Moracco, Dr. Taylor recounts his most unusual experience on a flight from Istanbul Turkey to Geneva, Switzerland

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"I was flying from Istanbul to Geneva and saw one man
who had a Lions emblem on his blazer walk down the aisle.

Then I saw another and decided to follow them. It turned ou that there was a group of Turkish Lions of their way to connecting flight in Geneva. We held a meeting right ther on the plane. They were just fascinated by my hat. Some of their wives were with them and they all tried it on," said Di Taylor.

Traveling and mailing business cards stamped with "wish to exchange pins and banners by mail," has helped Di Taylor amass his collection. His ultimate goal is to collect a least one banner and pin from each of the 152 countries ir volved in Lionism and to obtain one banner and pin from every state in the Union.

"I have been collecting for almost 24 years and I am about halfway through. I would also to get some from the province of Canada," he explained.

Though he always brings back extra pins and the Llons club, these are not display. Currone we meets in a church cafeteria and does not we pins and banners in such an open hall.

Another of Dr. Taylor's treasures is a graved bras tray from the a Moracco Lions club.

"That was by far the most spectacular methode. Before I left, I sent letters to the club answer. When we checked into the hotel, we from the club asking us to come to a mee one there spoke English but we graph with said Dr. Taylor.

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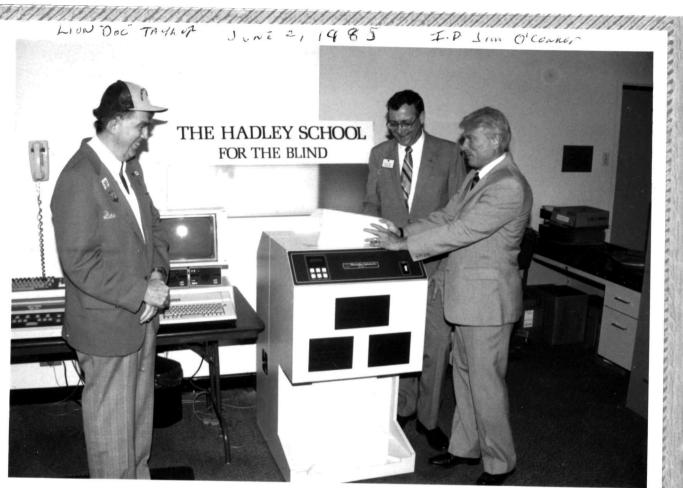




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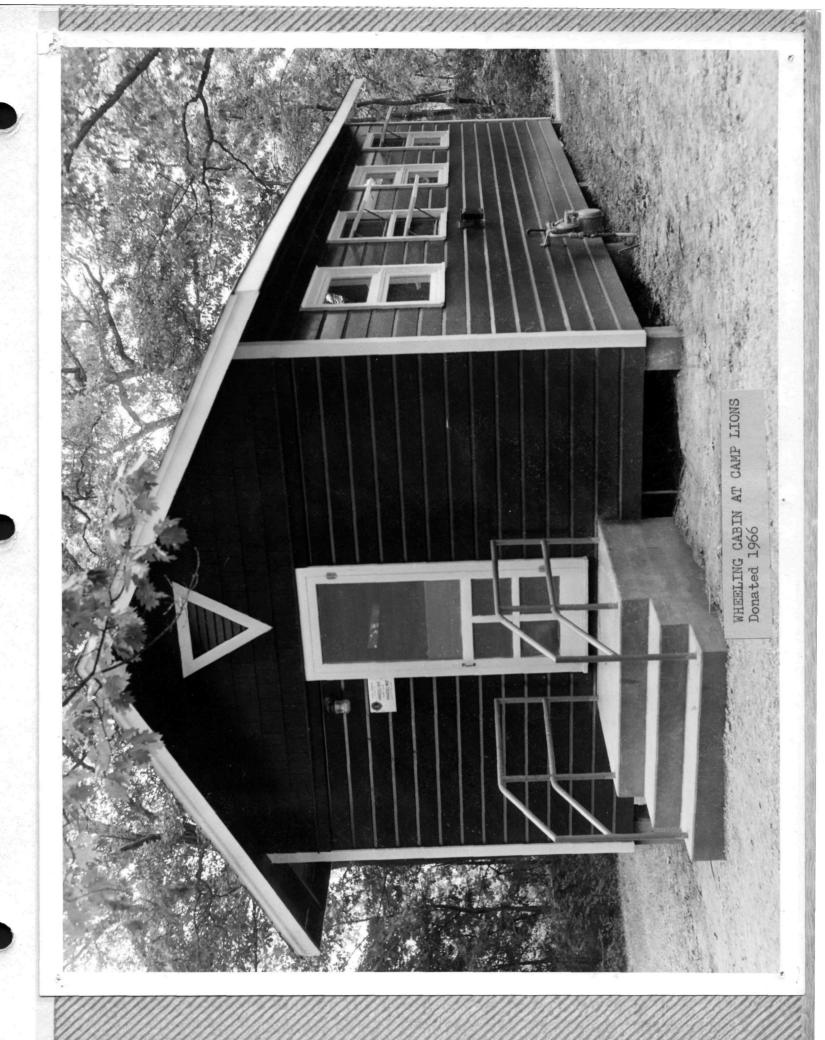


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