Pin-trading

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letes. Over the course of the Games, traders can purchase pins displaying flags from participating countries, sponsor logos or Olympic mascots, and trade pins with anyone they encounter.

The pins are often limited edition lapel pins, and produced as collectors' items. The rarer the pins, the better the condition and the quality of design (pins produced in Italy, Hungary and the Czech Republic are high-quality, according to pins. com) mean higher value.

While in Sochi, Litz worked with Coca Cola in a pin-trading center the company facilitates to promote friendly and fair pin trading, an opportunity she first received in the '90s through her membership in the Olympin Club, a national organization devoted to Olympic pin

"[Coca-Cola has] some of us who have been doing this for a long time as their experts, who set up pins on a table and then kind of explain the whole process and give [people] the opportunity to make their first trades and so forth," Litz said.

Litz often coordinates her travels

to the Olympics with friends, both pin traders and non-pin traders, and uses the time to reconnect with old friends and make new friends. She has traveled with Wendy Brooks, a friend since they both began teaching at Hawthorne High in 1967, to seven games, including Los Angeles in 1984. Brooks also trades pins, but said her interest doesn't match Litz's.

"[Pin trading] has become a passion with [Pam] because of the feeling you get when you're trading," Brooks said. "She's a very kind person and it's a way to connect when you don't have hours to have a discussion in a pub, and now you've made a connection in a short amount of time."

Litz rarely sells her pins, as many traders do, but rather, she keeps her pins pristine in display cases. Nearly every pin has a story.

Buried among her pins from Sochi is a rectangular gold pin about the size of a small battery, displaying the red and green flag of Belarus. Hidden in the upper corner, barely distinguishable, are the signature Olympic rings.

"I met this guy up in the mountains of one of the venues, and he really wanted to trade and I thought it was a pretty pin, but I didn't think it was Olympic, so I thought I'll just trade to be nice," Litz said. "Then I got back and looked at it more carefully and saw that it was the [Olympic] rings on it. That's really special."

When she's not trading pins, Litz spends her time volunteering at Our Lady of Malibu and in the community. She's always planning her next pin-trading trip, though. Plans are already underway for her trips to the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto and, of course, to the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. She said she plans to attend every Olympic Games for as long as she can.

"It gives you a great opportunity to meet other people, not just Olympic people, but the people from the country, and you realize just how much everybody is the same," Litz said. "They all want to be happy and have a good time and just enjoy life and it gives you a very positive feeling toward the world and the people in it."

■ BUSINESSCORNER

Matthew Ogden

By Sarah Shmerling Assistant Editor

Matthew Ogden knows the true definition of what it means to be from Malibu. Combine this with an education and background in real estate, and you've got a great Malibu Realtor.

As a testament to his ability, Ogden has been on the Board of Directors for The Multiple Listing Service and is the 2013 President of the Malibu Association of Realtors (MAR). He won the "Realtor of the Year" award from MAR in 2013.

Born and raised on Point Dume, Ogden knows the area well, and knows the type of lifestyle Malibu has to offer. He has been a Realtor with Pritchett-Rapf Realtors since graduating from UC Santa Barbara in 2000 with a political science degree.

"There are so many different areas to Malibu and knowing the dynamics of a specific area is essential in representing a property and consumers," Ogden said.

While Ogden was growing up in Malibu, he attended Berkeley Hall School on Mulholland for elementary and middle schools, and Viewpoint High School in Calabasas.

While in Santa Barbara, Ogden worked as an office administrator for Coldwell Banker in Montecito, also serving as an assistant for an agent in Santa Barbara. He moved back to Malibu after deciding to pursue residential real estate instead of commercial, knowing it made sense to work in the area with which he was most familiar.

Ogden specializes in residential sales and leasing in Malibu, Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica. He is also active in Westlake Village and the surrounding communities.

One of the things that Ogden finds most challenging about working in Malibu is how things have changed and continue to change.

"I loved what Malibu was and do not necessarily like how the commercial character of Malibu has evolved and is continuing to evolve, but is it fair to place restrictions on the rights of those that have heavily invested in commercial enterprise?" Ogden

He said he is curious to see how a new chainstore initiative from Rob and Michele Reiner shapes

"It was obviously tough for the city council to make a decision with the Formula Retail Ordinance. If the Reiner initiative gets on the ballot, it will be very interesting to see how Malibu votes on the 'Your Malibu, Your Decision Act.'"

Rob and Michele Reiner, along with their group Save Malibu, hope to get the initiative on a November ballot.

In addition to his work as a Realtor, Ogden is



married to Alicia Canfield Ogden and the two had a daughter together, Autumn, in November 2012. David and Patti Ogden, his parents, are retired and live in Big Fork, Mont.

Legal Notice

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. BS147660

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Petition of: MANUEL ERNESTO GARCIA ZELAYA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Manuel Ernesto Garcia Zelaya filed a petition with this court for a

Present name: Manuel Ernesto Garcia Zelaya to Proposed name: Worth

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing Date: Nov 20, 2014, Time: 10:00 am, Dept.: 20 Room:310

The address of the court is: Stanley Mosk Courthouse

111 North Hill St

Los Angeles, CA 90012

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (specify newspaper): The Malibu Times

Kevin C. Brazile, Judge of the Superior Court 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17/14



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