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# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



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FOUNDED IN 1984 - THE LONGEST RUNNING  
LIGHTER COLLECTING COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD!

# And Now A Word From the Editor



This particular Convention was one of the best we have had in a while. Not only were a lot of the members who have been around for a while there, but we also had about 4 members who had never been to a convention! How great is that! We also had at least two members who had not been to a convention in at least 10 years! We are currently thinking about next summer. On the OTLS Facebook page I have asked members on the East Coast and in the center of the country where they want to go. So if you want to offer a suggestion, please email me! ([JudithLQ@comcast.net](mailto:JudithLQ@comcast.net)).

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue! Keep the photos and articles coming!

*Judith Sanders*  
**Judith Sanders**

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael Knauer  
Peter Malouf  
Brian Oursler

## WELCOME BACK

John Moore

## ON THE COVER

Iveson Lighter contributed by Rich Weinstein

# Founders Award



When the Board of OTLS feels someone in the club has made a significant contribution to the club we like to present the Founder's Award. This year the Board voted unanimously to present the Award to Tina Pinedo. Of course the Board left her off the email where we voted!

For you who have been to a few conventions, Tina has been taking photos at every show for a few years. She is also on the Board of OTLS and always arranges our Zoom meetings. And has done many other jobs in the background!

So Congratulations Tina Pinedo! (See photo below of Judith presenting Tina with her Award)



# Review of the 2024 Convention



Article

## Contributed by Judith Sanders

When I saw 3 members walk in to the Cocktail Party I knew this was going to be a great convention! Those 3 members hadn't been to a convention in a few years. By the end of that event two new members had come in, who had never been to a convention!

Bright and early Friday morning, everyone was scrambling to get their displays set up so they could run to other tables looking for lighters! Greg Ryman had an entire table of lighters that had been donated to the club. All the money from those sales went to OTLS.

After lunch we were pleased to have Ramzi Bader give a talk on Thorens lighters. He and some other collectors have recently had a beautiful book published on Thorens.

On Saturday everyone was back and busy trying to buy more lighters. One man came by who is not a member (but I think he will join now!). He and his two friends went all over the room buying lighters! That was great for those selling. Saturday afternoon we also had an awesome presentation from Tom O'Key on catalytic lighters. Fun story - our Thurs. night Bartender, Carlos, and his son came in and also bought lighters.

Late afternoon, people started to repack, so they could rest a little before our dinner.

As everyone gathered in our private dining room for dinner, everyone looked so festive. We always have a buffet so there is something for everyone's taste. This year we had chicken, beef, salads, veggies and an awesome dessert. Before dinner John Elster had a 50/50 drawing - buy a ticket and the winner gets half and the other half goes to OTLS. Ramzi Bader was the winner - Congrats!

After dinner I proceeded to announce we had a winner for the Founders Award (see separate article about this). Then I announced our World Famous Auctioneer Rich Weinstein! And Guy Nishida and I were his helpers. Sheri Barenblat graciously volunteered to keep track of sales, since Rob couldn't come this year. And she did an outstanding job - can you do it again next year Sheri? We had a great auction, which also got some bidding from our Bartender Carlos and from Zac (Banquets). It is always fun when the people at our hotels show an interest!

I would also like to say a big Thank You to Jim Stanoff, Ed Pinedo, Ramzi Bader and Ed Urlik. These members made extra contributions to our club.

# Convention Photos



Alfonso Acuna sitting next to his Mom, Ivonne, who was at her first convention!



Ramzi Bader visiting with Brad & Sheri Barenblat



Great picture of Brad & Sheri Barenblat

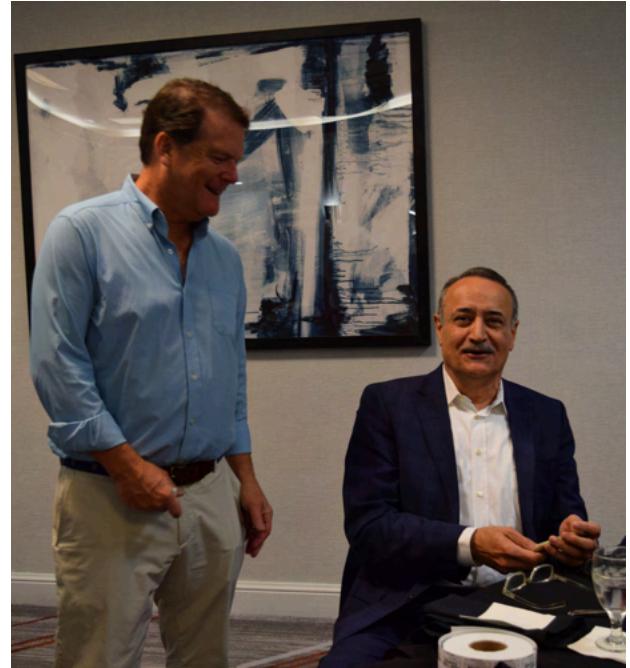


Joe Edson visiting. with Bruce Russell

# Convention Photos



Judith Sanders, John Elster, Sheri & Brad Barenblat



John Elster presenting Ramzi Bader with his 50/50 winnings



John Engleman, Guy Nishida and Greg Ryman looking for lighters!

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# Convention Photos



Group photo



Ed Howell & his wife, Silvan



Paul Lombardi & Judith

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# Convention Photos



Jim Lauby, Vince Brascia, Joe Edson & Michael Windrow



Jim Lauby and his display



Guy Nishida with one of his old OTLS shirts!



Tom O'Key & Guy Nishida at Tom's table

# Convention Photos



OTLS Founders Award



Greg Ryman & Ann Pinedo



Ed Pinedo setting up his table



Tina Pinedo & Rich Weinstein with their matching "lighter" shirts!

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# Convention Photos



John Engleman, Greg Ryman, Ed Pinedo & Rich Weinstein



Greg Ryman's cute dog Flynn - we all loved him!



Rich Weinstein & Greg Ryman

# Convention Photos



Judith Sanders & Betsy Lyons working on registration



Ed Urlik & Ed Pinedo visiting



Some nice Zippos



Nice display!



Awesome Ronsons



# Ronson "Date-A-Lite" Table Lighter



**Contributed by Ed Urlik**

A Table Lighter with Perpetual Calendar Displaying Days and Dates Surrounding its Body. Upper Cast Metal Body Shows Dates of the Month while the Lower Rotating Knurled "Ring" Aligns it with the Day of the Week. A Spring-Loaded Ball Bearing Keeps the Knurled Rotating Ring in Proper Alignment by Allowing it to "Click Into Place". Chrome Plated and Offered in Four Upper Body Enameled Colors as Shown with Black Enameled Knurled Ring for Contrast. 2-1/2 Inches in Height. Catalog No. 14067. Circa 1931.

Collection of Ed Urlik.



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# Ronson "Date-A-Lite" Table Lighter

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Contributed by Ed Urlik

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## Contributed by Paul Lombardi

Hi, my name is Paul Lombardi. I am a new member to the club and had an amazing time at the 2024 Las Vegas convention. I learned so much from one-on-one talks to people, more than I've learned from starting to create a lighter. I came to the event not knowing anyone or anything about the club. I would like to thank Judith so much for introducing me to everyone and making it very comfortable for a newbie.

As I came to the event not knowing what to expect. I knew little about touch tips and even less about cigarette lighters. I designed a lighter similar to the Ronson Touch Tip but electric. I have started a company called SHOOBIES and it is made to be today's touch tip (stationary) lighter. It has a 3.7 volt battery with a high frequency generator and a custom PCB board. When you press the button with the wand, a plasma arc jumps from the electrodes to ignite the lighter fluid on the wick. It has a tubular wick in the wand and an LED light to let you know that it's on when you press the button. The LED light is also for charging, it will blink when charging and turn solid when fully charged. There is a micro-USB port to charge. It is a two-piece lighter with an insert and a base all made of brass.

I am looking for funding or investors for the first order of inventory. If interested or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I just got approved from the US Patent office so the lighter is now patent pending. My number is (609) 317-3619 and my email is [Paul@shoobiesshop.com](mailto:Paul@shoobiesshop.com).



# Thank you



March 27,2024

Dear LighterCommunity Friends,

Thank you for all the emails, texts, sympathy cards, prayers, phone calls that you sent me after my Beloved, Urban, died. The last few years were so trying for both of us, but Urban never complained. Even the day before he died, he would tell me that he was fine. He was just a few months shy of being 96.

He loved all the friends he met through OTLS and collecting lighters. But, there is one thing he made really clear to me. On several occasions he told me he had a lot of help in writing the Ronson Book. He would say, "It wasn't that I was the most knowledgeable about Ronson. There were other collectors out there who knew a lot more and shared their knowledge with me. But, I was the one who had the courage to convince Louis V. Aronson II that I was serious, and then, sit down and write it, take photos, spend part of my retirement money to have it published."

Even when I told him how proud I was that he wrote that book, he would remind me of all the help he received from so many of you.

So, please remember that you were very important to us. Without you, the Ronson Book, would not have happened.

My life will never be the same without him.

Thank you again for reaching out to me.

Love,  
Chris Clark Cummings

# Classified Ads



FREE

Remember there are still a few of the 2024 Convention Lighters for sale! Please order from Rob Giarretta.

[Rob523@aol.com](mailto:Rob523@aol.com)

1933 All Original with lots of wear.  
\$15K OBO. Contact Richard at:  
[lightermann1@yahoo.com](mailto:lightermann1@yahoo.com)



Interested in buying Mint in the Box Flat Advertising Lighters (that I do not currently have). Please send photos and prices to John Elster at [Jresce@aol.com](mailto:Jresce@aol.com)

I am in need of two OTLS convention lighters. Club Zippo's for the 17th and the 22 conventions. These are for the years 2003 and 2008.

Thank you in advance.

Please call me at 609-805-8386

email: [smstolar3@gmail.com](mailto:smstolar3@gmail.com)

If you live anywhere near Philadelphia

I can meet you for the exchange.

I will also buy you a nice lunch in addition to your payment.

Thank you, Steve Stolar

Wanted Multi Color Enameled Ronson Atomizers, either table or pocket models. Also catalogues for Dupont Lighters. Contact Rich Weinstein at [repairs@lighterrepairs.com](mailto:repairs@lighterrepairs.com)

OTLS Convention Lighters for sale. Lot of 39 lighters. 1st thru 35 convention, 2 none-convention years, a second finish from 1998 convention and an OTLS Original 1932 Replication Zippo. Sell as one lot. Kenneth Burkblurb@att.net

Zippo insert repairs, cams and cam springs, flint tube replacement, and flint wheel replacement. Each repair replacement is \$ 5.00 per item. Return postage also required. Tom Prylinski 2123 e. 42nd. St. Erie, PA 16510. Email [Pyrotip@tvc.com](mailto:Pyrotip@tvc.com).

Looking for European Pocket Lighters. Also looking for pocket lighters with pictures of cartoon characters. Please call or email Judith Sanders 505/433-5303 or [JudithLQ@comcast.net](mailto:JudithLQ@comcast.net)

WANTED: Nudie lighters/naughty lighters, adult lighters, joke lighters, the naughtier the better! Contact Bill at (323) 829-9191.

## The Thorens Lighter Book is Here

This book is a Hard Cover, full size Coffee Table book with over 200 high gloss color pages containing over 400 pictures and illustrations, weighing a hefty 3.8lb . This is a must have for all lighter collectors, Art Deco lovers and all those who appreciate history.

Priced at \$175 per copy plus \$15 s/h in the USA. S/H costs to other countries will be quoted upon request. To order your copy please email [ramzi@etp-inc.com](mailto:ramzi@etp-inc.com) or call/text (909)407-0248

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