

VOICE OF THE PIN

Don't overlook me, Lions, I'm the Lions pin.

Right up in front here. Put the spotlight on me because I am proud to play a part in the lives of the men who wear me as their symbol of service to the community.

I've witnessed excitement, sadness and happiness. I've been with my wearer as eyes of deceased Lions were removed for deposit in the Eye Bank. I was there too when I watched as the hungry were fed, the destitute cared for.

I've seen the Leader Dogs instill in a blind person a new kind of confidence as they move about their sightless world.

I've heard the hearts of the retarded pounding with joy when Lions visited them. I've seen and heard the laughter of children in playgrounds, enjoying recreational facilities and leadership provided by Lions.

Yes, I've traveled all over the world and can recall thousands of incidents diverted from sadness to gladness because those who wear me made it so.

I am a symbol of service to the world.

If I could really talk I'd be too filled with emotional pride to say more than :

"Thank you, and may God Bless you and protect you."