



DG's Journal



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Message from IP Barry

August has come and gone and we are well on our way with 2013 - 2014 with lots happening in your clubs. My theme for this month is from my guest, Int'l President Barry Palmer who would like to share "The Dream" with you. I do find it very interesting reading. Thank you Int'l President Barry.

**"A dream you dream alone is only a dream.
A dream you dream together is reality"**
- John Lennon



As you follow your dream, it's important to initiate action, promote teamwork, generate momentum and embrace risks. Share your dream with others. Engage every resource available to make your dream come true.

Work hard, learn valuable leadership skills, develop confidence and strengthen the foundation for our future by taking advantage of our variety of web-based and instructor-led training and development opportunities.

Visit the on-line Leadership Resource Centre for ideas and suggestions as you construct your dream.

Club Visit Highlights—August

1/08—Gansbaai: As usual their meeting was good and to the point. I was co-opted to assist with their Lighthouse to Lighthouse cycle event, being outnumbered I had no choice but to concede. I had the honour to present an award to Lion Pieter de Vries for bringing in 2 members. The evening ended with the usual social and a gourmet meal made by one of their ladies. Gansbaai se hoender ⇨



6/08—Pinelands: A pleasant meeting was held. The members make the most beautiful Foo Foo rag dolls which are distributed amongst abused children. They also collect frozen fish and beef off-cuts from Magica Roma Restaurant every 2nd week and donate this to the needy.

13/08—Hermanus Club Branch is growing steadily and should be chartering soon. I inducted and welcomed a new member into the pride of Lions and at the same time we did a membership drive. Three new members will be inducted as a result of this drive.

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27/08—Strand: Last but not least, we completed the month visiting Strand. They discussed their dance as a fundraiser which was advertised on the radio etc. (good marketing). This Club turns 50 in November and they are already planning for this occasion. They are looking at starting a Leo Club in the Helderberg area with a possible joint venture with other clubs in their Zone. They also have many service projects on the go. Although Retha and I were "vrot" with the flu, we had a nice time socialising for a while in front of a warm fire.

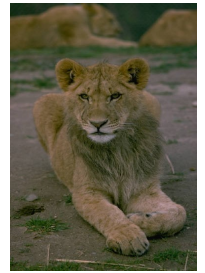
Other Events:

Well done to Merriman Lions for hosting a Leo Information session.
Thank you to all the clubs who participated in making the B'nai Brith One-to-One a very special day for the mentally challenged people in our communities which was held in the Good Hope Centre.

Welcome to the Pride of Lions:

Congratulations to the following clubs who have attracted 7 new members as per MMR's received on 01/09, which I have done but no MMR's received:

Franschhoek	x1
Gansbaai	x2
Hermanus	x4



Special Announcements



6 October—Alex One-to-One: District Project organized by the Leos;

12 October—Long Cane Rally: PDG Pierre requires 20 more marshals to help with this event which takes place in Camps Bay – it is a 3,4km walk to start at 10am – RSVP to pdgpierre@gmail.com;

19 October—Swartland Mid-Year Conference: Registration has opened and you are urged to book in time—entry number 200 will receive a prize!

26 October—Peace Poster Contest Judging: 17 clubs are participating this year from Cape Town to Swakopmund.



Membership Matters : August

Sadly we have lost 12 members as at end of August and officially we are now standing at 883. If I do bring into account the new members which I know have been inducted but do not show as a result of the MMR's not being submitted we are standing at 891, showing an actual loss of 5 for the month. This is indeed sad news to all of us and I once again urge all clubs to get their house in order and retain existing Lions and induct new members so that we can serve as we should be doing.

Clubs who have reported a loss of members as at 1 Sept are: Malgas (3); Fish Hoek & Henties Bay (2 each); Worcester, Table View, Tokai, Franschhoek and Windhoek (1 each).

A loss of 12 members!

A huge thank you to all the clubs who sent their MMRs in time. From the stats it can again be seen how important it is that these reports are submitted each month. This month 11 clubs failed to submit reports and it is my vision that this figure will revert to ZERO in the future.

Club of the month for membership is HERMANUS.

Clubs who have not submitted MMRs since May 2013:

Calvinia:	01/06
Malmesbury:	31/07
Porterville:	22/07
Strand:	30/07
Cape of Good Hope:	10/07

Gansbaai:	29/07
Mariental:	28/06
Robertson:	17/05
Tulbagh:	17/07

Blisters for Bread

Special thanks to DC John and his team for a very well managed event. It was a beautiful day. Retha and myself accompanied by PDG Diana completed and enjoyed the 10km walk with no problems at all. R5390 was generated and thanks to the clubs who so generously contributed financially. These funds will be donated to the Peninsula School Feeding Association as promised.



"You can't teach a hungry child."



We made it!!