



# District A-15 Leader Notes (July 2013)

## Hello Lions of District A-15

### A new club charters in A-15!

As I begin my term as your District Governor, I can think of nothing that pleases me more than to announce that the Breslau Lions Club was officially chartered on June 21, 2013. In a less than 16 months, the Breslau Branch club has gone from the vision of a few members in our District to a fully chartered Lions Club. Special thanks go to CS Dennis Lougheed for taking the initiative to invest in his new community and be the driving force in establishing this active and dynamic new club. Believe me when I tell you, we will be seeing some great things from this group in the coming years.

### Lions International Convention – Hamburg, Germany!

Linda and I have recently returned from the 96th International Lions Convention in Hamburg, Germany and it would be an understatement to say that we are **revved!**

With over 25,000 other Lions from all over the globe, the experience was overwhelming. In addition to 3 days of intense training, remarkable plenary sessions and fellowship that transcended language and culture, the experience left me with a completely new understanding of the global nature of our service. If I am asked to recall my favorite memory, it was the moment I set foot onto the parade grounds and immediately realized and appreciated that we are, in global unity, truly the largest and best service organization in the world.

### Follow your Dream! Barry J. Palmer

Int'l President Barry J. Palmer's theme of "**Follow your Dream!**" speaks for itself. As individuals, we have dreams. As Lions, our "dreams in service" guide us in our efforts to do the best we can for our communities and for those in need. This year, Lion Barry asks us to believe in ourselves, commit to our mission and to *never limit ourselves to what we know we can do* but instead, challenge ourselves to realize the "dreams" of new opportunities in service.



Lion Barry says that it simply boils down to two words: "**What if?**"

**What if ...** we could channel the combined energy of our dreams into service?

**What if ...** we dug a little deeper to discover the needs of our communities and, as importantly, the "dreams" of our own members?

**What if ...** we had more members, more hands to serve ?

**What if... What if... What if...** Say it aloud and you'll understand the power of these words.

Lions, the important part of these words, is not the question they ask ... but the "result" you achieve from doing what it takes to turn these "dreams" into reality.

### The year to come ...

As part of effort to serve our clubs, our District will be exploring 2 new programs in the coming year.

The first one is entitled "**Lions Now!**". This program, scheduled on two different dates, will provide our District members with a unique opportunity to become better informed of the current state of service in our District as well as provide new and different perspectives about our History, Service and Organization at a regional, national and global level.

In January, we will holding the next of our new events when we host a "District Membership Workshop". This gathering is specifically designed to help clubs examine their "Membership Action Plans" and will provide a forum for the exchange of membership growth and revitalization efforts by the clubs in our District.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year and here's my wish that all your "dreams" in service come true and that you take every opportunity to make a difference in peoples lives.

Sincerely yours in service,

Lion Denis Vinette, Governor

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# The Governor's Photo Album

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At the Berlin Wall, somewhere special for Linda and I



MD"A" Banner at the International Parade in Hamburg



MD"A" Council 2013/2014 ( with their better half! )



The latest Picture taking crew at the Breslau Memorial Forest



NEW! Convention and membership pin program! Details to be announced soon

