



# DGE Lion Chris Barnard



## Fellow Lions;

March is a time of change and preparation for change. It is when winter changes to spring, (at least on the calendar) and it is when we prepare for change in our club executive.

We should be electing our new slate of officers so that all required reporting can be done on time. Another reason to have our elections this month is so that our incoming officers can attend the training being offered. Because it was so successful last year, Club Officer training will again be held at 3 different dates and locations this year.

There will be sessions on the duties of Presidents, Secretaries, treasurers, and other positions. There will also be a presentation by the MERLO team about Leadership plus ideas to make our meetings fun and enjoyable.

Training is currently scheduled for April 10 in Mahanomen, April 17 in Thief River Falls, and May 1 in Winnipeg. The cost to the club will be \$15.00 per person attending which will include all materials and a hot lunch.

The presenters are hard at work preparing educational and enjoyable sessions to give you the tools to help your club run smoothly and efficiently. Start making plans to attend the training session nearest you. Registration forms will be sent to each club. All new and returning officers should attend so that they can be ready for the coming year.

Until next time, remember to have fun while serving. DGE Chris



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Reading this always brings tears to my eyes. It really sums up that what we do as Lions and through programs like Leader Dogs, we do make a difference in people's lives.

**Lions Generosity.** Cabinet Treasurer Ron Salber had the complete tally in last month's newsletter, but it's worth noting again the generosity of our Lions in this year's Mid-Winter Parade of Green. The total donations of \$54,530 were approximately \$12,000 over what was contributed last year! And in addition, another \$1,512 was given to LCIF - Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund through tail twisting and in the Sunday morning offering. All this, plus what all of our clubs give in their local communities as well, says a lot about the Lions of our District. Thank you for being Lions and thank you for all that you do.

You do make me proud!

Think Spring and always remember to **"Reach for the Stars"!**

*DG Jeannine*

**P.S. Election of Club Officers.** It may seem early, but clubs should be electing club officers for 2010-11 in the month of March. Once the elections are held, be sure to submit your PU-101 no later than **May 15** (very quick and easy to do online through the LCI website). Also send a copy to Cabinet Secretary Jenifer. LCI requires the list of incoming officers before new passwords can be issued. Cabinet Secretary Jenifer needs the information to send in for the 2010-2011 Multiple District Directory. Another reason to elect new officers in March is so they can attend Club Officer Training. As we did last year, we're offering a choice of three different dates and locations for Club Officer Training. DGE Chris has all the information on page 6 in this newsletter.