

Centennial Coordinator Report–Canada

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Centennial Celebrations have been ongoing for over 2years and we still have 21 months to go. Clubs have participated in the Centennial Service Challenge and continue to do so. We have seen approx. 60% of clubs participating. We should be in the 90% range. What better opportunity do we have to promote Lionism, our community, and our legacy.

We have been successful in obtaining a LCI Grant that will allow all Clubs to have inserts for their A-Frames that were distributed under the PR grant a year ago. In addition each District is entitled to receive US\$1372.50 subject to a budget and proposal from each District.

Two Districts have submitted proposals including District A. I am sure that J.D. Nellor will talk about the other District. District A's plans includes a float in the Chinese New Year parade in Vancouver BC. The crowd should be in excess of 50,000 people.

In addition to this grant each District Centennial Coordinator will be receiving US\$250 to help defray expenses in promoting the Centennial within their own District.

Clubs should have decided on a Centennial Legacy project by now, if not it is not too late. We need every club to leave a legacy in their community whether it is big or small. Here is a great opportunity for everyone to promote Lions. Only 10% of Canadian Clubs (Canada leads the world in % of clubs completing a legacy project) have completed a Centennial Legacy project so we have a lot to do.

With these legacy projects we have a great opportunity to increase membership. It is easy to know who have contributed either as a new member or sponsor by the pin they wear. The largest project to date that I know about is \$600,000.

We have a Centennial Seminar this weekend and we encourage you to attend. The presentation we will be using is the Centennial Seminar from the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum that was presented by PIP Frank Moore III. Permission has been granted for us to use this material.

This is an opportunity for you to see a Forum seminar even though you were not in Omaha a month ago.

Come on Lions let's celebrate...Were there is a need there is a Lion!!!