

Centennial-BC Report

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We are now in our 4th year celebrating the Lions 100 year anniversary. This year our theme should be around celebrating the New Year as we have embarked on our first year in a new century.

What can we do special this year? LCIF has launched a new initiative under the centennial service challenge. The new category added is diabetes/pediatric cancer. We have all been challenged this year to promote diabetes in some form this year, whether it be a Strides Walk, Screening program or just increasing the awareness in the community. With over 450million diabetics world-wide there is an urgency to educate the community and work towards curing this disease.

We should also continue celebrating our legacy projects large or small. At least 50% of clubs have not done a legacy project and there is time for this to happen and be reported via the Service Activity Report. Congratulations go to everyone who has been involved in any Centennial Project.

Membership is also part of the Centennial Challenge .To date over 450,000 centennial Lions have been inducted. That is approx. 30% of the total membership worldwide. With this many Lions with 3 years or less experience we need to involve them in our service projects and continue and create new ones.

All District Centennial coordinators have filed a Plan for this Lions year and have been approved at the Multiple and Constitutional Area coordinators. We have just learned that LCI have approved funding for all Centennial coordinators as a result of their Budgets and Plans being approved. Each Coordinator will receive US\$250 to help defray expenses.

As an FYI we learned at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum this past weekend that approx. 36% of all funding made available by LCI is used.

Let's have Fun and continue our celebrations!!!

Respectfully Submitted