

B.C. Centennial Report

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As we should all be aware the number of people served during the Centennial Celebrations has exceeded 200 million.

There are just over 4 months left in the Lions 100 Centennial celebrations. We have seen a growth in clubs participating every year both in the Centennial Service Challenge and the Centennial Legacy projects.

There are still approx. one third of the clubs that have not participated in either category which is a little disappointing. It is also disappointing that some clubs felt that making a donation qualifies for a level 3 Legacy project or reporting a project that clearly does not meet the criteria. It really gives a false impression of what is really happening. One club has reported their project 6 times as a level 3 legacy project.

Having said that there have been some amazing projects though. For example a new 30 Unit affordable Housing project in Quesnel, a new splash park in Chase, the rebuilding and expansion of the Westbank community hall. This building has been turned over the City of West Kelowna.

There is still time for clubs to participate. I am especially interested in the Project in 19-E that involves the Spokane clubs and the creation of a Helen Keller Garden that will surround a linden tree that Helen Keller planted in 1925. I realize that this is a US project however District 19-E has Canadian clubs and has been included within the Canadian reporting. This project is being well reported to LCI as a US project.

Lions of MD 19 need to celebrate all of their accomplishments throughout the past 4 years. Congratulations!!

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