



Lions 105M Centennial Newsletter

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A quick reminder - the aim is to capitalise on a virtuous circle – Service is Celebrated; Celebration gets Publicity; Publicity gets Members; Members gets Service achieved; Service is Celebrated; and on and on.

Centennial Service Activities

I'm pleased to say that many Clubs in 105M are already recording a lot of Centennial Service Activities on MyLCI – so if your Club has recorded recycling glasses you can proudly claim to have contributed to a total of 15,669 pairs of specs collected in 105M in the last 9 months; or if you have recorded that your Club are involved in foodbanks or other food programmes you have contributed to feeding 2,660 very needy people across 105M.

That is in addition to recycling 400 hearing aids and the equivalent of 9128 “AA” sized batteries; cleared 220 yards of paths, planted 400 bulbs, provided 40 hours of diabetes awareness/screening, contacted 285 isolated elderly people, issued 139 YLIS Certificates and issued 6,290 Message in a Bottles. Well done everyone, those are fantastic statistics to quote in your PR!

However, even those figures don't tell the whole story; because in the last 9 months over half of the Clubs in 105M have not recorded a single Centennial Activity on MyLCI.

Incoming Club Officers – please attend the GLT session on 21st May; amongst many other helpful things you will be shown how to use MyLCI. There is also a cribsheet on the Lions100.org website:-

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lions100/steps-to-reporting-centennial-activities.pdf>

Zone Meetings

Ron Cross and I have visited a number of Zone Meetings – many thanks for the hospitality and attention at those; we do want to continue those visits, so Zone Chairmen and incoming Zone Chairmen please keep inviting us.

Hearing Dogs

One of the MD105 Centennial Challenges is for each District to raise £10,000 to cover the cost of raising and training a Hearing Dog for each District. Helen Keller, who in 1925 asked

Lions to become “Knights of the Blind”, was also profoundly deaf; this service challenge is intended to assist profoundly deaf people by supporting the Hearing Dogs scheme. There will be an appeal in the District Governor’s list for 2016-2017, and I will be supporting the incoming Speech & Hearing Officer with this project. If you are especially inspired by this appeal, please consider approaching DG Elect Ron Cross about the Speech & Hearing Officer role.

Walking

I know that a number of Clubs are planning some form of either Sponsored Walk or Community Walk to mark the Centenary. Lion Omkar Hunjan of Coventry Mercia Lions is interested to trying to co-ordinate as many of those to take place on the same day or weekend as possible, to maximise the visibility and impact – I think that is a great initiative. If your Club is considering a Walk, please liaise with Omkar (omkarhunjan@gmail.com or 07831 673291).

And finally...

I know that many Clubs now have a Centennial Committee established; it would help me if the Chairmen of those Committees could let me have their contact details asap to make it easier for me to liaise with Clubs. (centennial@lions105m.org.uk)

Many thanks for your continuing support

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