

# Lions International Youth Exchange Report

## Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – January 25th, 2008

The Lions Youth Exchange Committee has reviewed and accepted 4 applications for our District Youth Exchange Scholarship. Each of the 4 candidates completed an application by November 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 that included 3 letters of recommendation and the completion of 3 short essays. Along with these requirements each candidate must have a direct family relationship with a member of a Lions Club or be a current member of a Leo Club. The scholarship amount for 2008/09 is \$800 per individual.

The Scholarship Recipients are as follows:

| Name                | Country Preferences     | Sponsoring Lions Club |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rachael Neuman      | Greece, Croatia         | Pardeeville           |
| Katie Jo Sutherland | Switzerland, Germany    | Albany                |
| Morgan Enright      | Ireland, Spain, Italy   | Mineral Point         |
| Abby Kauk           | Italy, Germany          | Albany                |
| Ashley Wagner*      | Finland, Italy, Ireland | Mineral Point         |

\*Did not qualify for the District Scholarship because they didn't have a direct family relationship with a Lions Club or Leo Club but is still participating in the exchange program.

Along with outgoing youth, we are currently seeking HOST FAMILIES to participate in the program. Our district is responsible for hosting ~5 international youth. Hosting involves integrating an international youth (age 16-18) into your home for about 4-5 weeks (of which one week the youth spend at our international youth exchange camp in Dundee Wisconsin). Hosting usually occurs through the month of July. A list of international youth applicants is available at the Wisconsin Lions International Youth Exchange Program web site <http://www.wilions.org/youthexchange/>. The applications are password protected so please contact me directly (contact info below) and I will guide you to the applications.

***New this year is a Host Family Grant Program*** where participating host family can apply for a grant of up to \$200 to help absorb the costs associated with the program. Please contact me for an application if interested.

### **Finances/Budget**

So far this year (08-09), we've collected **\$4472.00** directly from club donations.

Our total account balance is **\$9904.80** which includes carryover from previous years.

Our budgeted expenses include our portion of the International Youth Exchange Camp Cost (1/10<sup>th</sup> of the total costs =total divided by each lions district) **\$1700**, 4 - \$800 scholarships (**\$3200**) and possibly 5 x \$200 (**\$1000**) host family grants.

**Total estimated cost for district 27-D1 08-09 International Youth Exchange Program = \$5900.00**

Our district committee has 4 representatives: *Terry Miller, Gene Francis, Dave Peltier and Ben August.*

It is a pleasure serving on this committee and participating in a program that satisfies the first objective of the Lions **"To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world"**

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