

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – January 13th, 2013

The Lions Youth Exchange Committee has reviewed and accepted 1 application for our District Youth Exchange Scholarship. Our District Scholarship application includes 3 letters of recommendation and the completion of 3 short essays. Along with these requirements scholarship candidates must have a direct family relationship with a member of a Lions, Lioness Club or be a current member of a Leo Club. The scholarship amount for 2012-13 is \$1000 per individual. Due to several cancelations, we have extended the scholarship application deadline until January 15th, 2013.

2013 Scholarship Recipient

Name	Country Preferences	Sponsoring Lions Club
Kaitlyn Loeffelholz	Italy	Cuba City Lions Club

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 16-19) into your home for about 4-5 weeks (of which one week the youth spends 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.

Finances/Budget

Club donations **\$4125.00.**

Carryover from previous years = **\$4514.80**

Account total = **\$8639.80**

Estimated Expenses:

Scholarships \$1000

District camp fee \$1700

Host Family Stipends \$750 (\$150/family x 5 families)

27-D1 Madison Field Trip Camp Meal Reimbursement - \$200

Total estimated cost for district 2012-13 27-D1 08-09 International Youth Exchange Program = \$3650

Youth Exchange Club Recognition Patched given out at District Convention 2012

Our district committee has 4 representatives: *Dave Peltier, Terry Miller, Joe Kornell & Ben August.*

Sadly, our friend and Youth Exchange committee member Lion Gene Francis is no longer with us. The State of Wisconsin Youth Exchange Committee is making a donation to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation in his memory.

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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