

# Lions International Youth Exchange Report

## Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – March 8th, 2013

We are currently seeking **HOST FAMILIES** to participate in the International Lions Youth Exchange Program. Our district goal is hosting for 5 international youth, 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the 50+ youth expected to participate in our statewide program this year. Hosting involves integrating an international youth (age 16-21) into your home for about 3-4 weeks (not including one week the youth spend at our international youth exchange camp in Dundee Wisconsin). Hosting typically 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/yeplacement.htm>. The applications are password protected so please contact me directly (contact info below) and I will guide you to the applications.

**Outgoing Youth:** The Youth Exchange Committee has awarded one \$1000 scholarship and has one application pending committee approval, so far this year. Typically, we fund 4-5 outgoing youth, but statewide participation is down by ~50% which is also reflected in our own district. Our district YE committee is considering relaxing scholarship requirements to allow for the youngest members of our Lions Clubs (specifically, **Campus Lions Clubs**) to participate, as most international Lions Youth Exchange Camps accept youth participation to the age of 21, well within the age range of Campus Lions Club members.

### **Finances/Budget**

So far this year (12-13), we've collected **\$5304.00** directly from club donations.

Our total account balance is **\$9918.80** 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**, 2 x \$1000 scholarships (**\$2000**) and possibly 5 x \$150 (**\$750**) host family grants & reimbursements (**\$200**) for clubs hosting the annual YE picnic at the Wisconsin Lions Eyebank.

**Total estimated cost for district 27-D1 09-10 International Youth Exchange Program = \$4650.00**

Our district committee has 4 representatives: *Terry Miller, Jo Kornell, 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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