

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – August 4th, 2013

Summary 2010/11

1. District 27-D1 Sponsored 2 outgoing youth, each receiving a \$1000 District scholarship. Our district youth went to: German & Italy,
2. Our District hosted 7 youth out of 48 kids from 25 countries.
3. Our youth camp was held from July 21th - July 28th at Camp Vista near Campbellsport WI. and was a great success. Along with the 48 youth from 25 countries, we had 16 volunteer counselors (including 2 University of Wisconsin Lions Club members) and 16 mostly Lion and Lioness staff volunteers.

Fundraising We are currently soliciting funds from our district Lions and Lioness clubs to finance this year's program. These funds are used to administer this program which involves paying our districts' share of the Youth Exchange camp-related fees, youth exchange scholarships & host family stipends. All the funds collected are used only for direct youth exchange related costs. There are no indirect fees; every person involved in this program is a volunteer including the camp counselors. Our scholarship deadline is December 15th; so if possible, please make your donations early so we can allocate scholarships accordingly.

Finances/Budget

As of June 28th 2013, we collected donations of \$5604 from 50 district Lion and Lioness clubs and had carryover funds of \$4514.80 accumulated from past years.

Expenses:

Camp fee - \$1700 (paid by each of the 10 state Lions Districts)

Scholarships - \$1000 x 2 = \$2000

Eyebank YE picnic - \$200

Host family Stipends - \$150 x 7 = \$1050

Misc – ~\$75.00 authorized purchase of items for YE student from lost luggage.

TOTAL INCOME FOR 2012/13 = \$5604

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2012/13 = \$5012

There are currently 5 volunteers on the District 27-D1 youth exchange committee; Terry Miller – Pardeeville, Dave Peltier – Beloit Noon, Jean Francis – Cuba City, Ben August – Token Creek & Lion Joe Kornell (Marshall Lions Club).

Other: During our field trip to Madison on July 24th we toured the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin and afterwards were treated to a WONDERFUL dinner provided by the Madison Area Lions Clubs. Many Madison Area Lions club members were in attendance along with Eye Bank staff and a fantastic meal was shared by all. A special thanks to those that made this possible.

It's 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"**

Lion Ben August
Youth Exchange Committee Chair

From 2013 Youth Exchange Camper **Luis Mario González (Mexico)**

... In a world where diversity is, more than ever, the pride of nations, for one week there were people from all over the world laughing, playing, singing and dancing to their different tastes but united by the beat of mankind: by the conviction that we are equal to each other and ultimately, that from that principle a society to make all nations proud.

This, my friends, is the spirit of Lions. That every single person has a bit of himself to add into the welfare of his brothers and sisters all over the world. Do never forget this spirit has enabled you to share your cultures and individualities here in the US. Honor the torch you will receive, for we are the carriers of the best values of mankind.