

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – October 9th, 2016

- **2016 Camp Summary**
 - We hosted 54 youth from 23 countries dispersed throughout ***all 10 Lions Districts***.
 - 3 youth were hosting in D1, all former campers returning as Volunteer international counselors
- **Youth Exchange Scholarships. *At present, we have 3 tentative applicants.***
 - We are currently soliciting scholarship applicants from Leo Clubs, Lions/Lioness member's relations, Campus Lions Clubs and the community at large. Informational brochures and handbooks are available. Note that we recently changed our scholarship policy to comply with LCI's policy on expenditures of publically raised monies. Now, ANY youth residing in D1 can apply for our District D1 scholarship, provided they have a sponsoring Lions Club.

Fundraising We are currently soliciting funds from our district Lions and Lioness clubs to finance this year's program. Funds collected are used to pay our districts' share of the Youth Exchange camp-related fees; youth exchange scholarships, host family stipends & other direct expenses. All the funds collected are used only for direct youth exchange related costs. There are no indirect fees; all individuals involved in this program are volunteers including camp counselor & all support staff. **To assess funds available for the December 15th scholarship deadline, please consider donating early.**

Finances/Budget

Total cost/meal - **\$1.92/meal** (\$1.87 in 2015)

Total cost/attendee/day - **\$25.02** (\$24.74/2015 & \$28 /2014)

Carryover funds \$7005.43

Donations - \$250 (3 clubs)

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE – \$7255.43

Projected Expenses: ~\$7400.00

Camp fee - \$1700 (paid by each of the 10 state Lions Districts) ***NO INCREASE!***

Scholarships - \$1000 x 5 = \$5000 (the scholarship amount is determined by # of applications & available funds)

*Host family Stipends 5 x \$100 - \$500

Fieldtrip meal club reimbursement \$200

***Proposed Change:** I would like to propose a change in our current YE policy to reallocate our budgeted host family stipend money to be used instead to support one or two district wide YE host family events. For example, a day at a Dell's water park or Madison Mallards game, or tubing down the sugar river. I've attended district sponsored host family events in other districts and they are well attended and a great benefit for the program due to more interactions between host families which leads to a better support network which greatly enhances the program.

There are currently 4 volunteers on the District 27-D1 youth exchange committee; **Terry Miller** – Pardeeville, **Dave Peltier** – Beloit, **Dave Easley** – Marshall and **Ben August** – Token Creek.

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