

# Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange Report

## Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – August 6th, 2017

### Current:

1. District 27-D1 sponsored 7 outgoing youth, 6 of whom received a \$1000 District 27-D1 scholarship (the 7<sup>th</sup> did not apply). Our district YE's lived with host families and attended Lions camps in Switzerland, Japan, Italy, Denmark and Finland (3 youth attend Italian camps).
2. Our District is hosting 9 International Youth. Our visiting youth are from Poland, Brazil (3), France, Switzerland, the UK, Germany and Spain. Our visiting youth are currently hosted in Marshall (Lions Madaus & Klopping) Token Creek (Lions August) Waunakee, Monticello (Lioness Statz) and Livingston (Lion Hove)
3. Our youth camp is scheduled from July 30th – August 6th at Camp Vista near Campbellsport WI.. Along with the 60 youth from 26 countries, we have 16 volunteer counselors (several who are Lions members) and 20 mostly Lion and Lioness staff volunteers working shifts throughout the week.

### District Sponsored Activities

New this year, our district **sponsored TWO activities** for visiting youth along with their host families.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**, about 25 visiting youth and host families enjoyed a day of canoeing on the Wisconsin. Canoe rentals were outfitted by Blackhawk River Runs in Mazomanie, WI.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**, host families and their visiting youth will attend a Madison Mallards Baseball Game.

In addition to 27-D1 district sponsored activities, visiting youth and host families met in Madison for Concerts on the Square, and enjoyed a pot-luck picnic at the August's house, where visiting youth made food typical of their country.

**Fundraising:** We are currently soliciting funds from our district Lions and Lioness clubs to finance this upcoming 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 15<sup>th</sup>; so if possible, please make your donations early so we can allocate scholarships accordingly.

### Finances/Budget:

Budgeted Expenses:

Camp fee - \$1600 (paid by each of the 10 state Lions Districts)

Scholarships - \$1000 x 6 = \$6000

Host family Stipends - (~\$500)

Madison International Festival Table fees, etc - \$52.75

TOTAL INCOME FOR 2016/17 \$6564

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2015/16 = \$7652.75 (District Sponsored Activities final costs not available for this report)

TRANSFER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR = \$7005.43  
**TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 7/25/2017 = \$5916.68**

There are currently 3 volunteers on the District 27-D1 youth exchange committee; Terry Miller – Pardeeville, Ben August – Token Creek , Dave Easily - Marshall

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