

# Lions International Youth Exchange Report

## Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – May 9th, 2020

ALL 2020 Summer Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange Programs have been canceled due to the current pandemic/corona virus situation. This decision was not mandated by Lions International. Each country and camp made their own decisions based on local government mandates, local trends, and predictions based on estimates through health care and infectious disease experts. In Wisconsin, the State Youth Exchange committee determined that canceling our summer program was the safest approach and reached that conclusion around mid-March 2020. Upon reaching that conclusion, all parties involved were notified including outgoing and incoming youth and host families that had committed to host.

Prior to canceling, our district had awarded 6 youth with \$600 scholarships to travel abroad and attend a Lions international Youth Camp (names, sponsoring Lions Clubs, and countries – below).

Cancellations notices for outgoing youth included an invitation to participate next summer, where their written scholarship requirement will be waived. (2020 scholarship checks have been returned, in full, to the District Youth Exchange account). Hopefully all the canceled youth will return next year to resume this incredible opportunity to travel abroad, live with a host family and attend a Lions International Youth Camp where the main goal is ***World Peace Through International Understanding***.

Claira Droessler Sponsored by: Hazel Green Destination: Germany	Erin Reiff Sponsored by: Hazel Green Destination: Portugal	Grace Vivian Sponsored by: Cobb Destination: Switzerland	Haley Wright Sponsored by: Hazel Green Destination: Switzerland	Luci Bakken Sponsored by: Token Creek Destination: Spain	Whisper Erickson Sponsored by: Lake Wisconsin Destination: Australia
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### Finances/Budget

#### Income

\$3578.80 Previous Balance

\$4175 Annual Club Donations

#### Expenses (paid to date)

~~\$3600 (6 x \$600) Scholarship Awards~~

\$52.75 Promotions: Table Fee for International Festival

\$884.79 (2019 host family support)

~~\$1700 Annual Camp Donation 2020~~

**\$6816.26 Account Balance**

#### Additional Estimated Expenses

~~\$600 Host Family Support (2020)~~

**Total estimated cost for district 27-D1 2019-20 International Youth Exchange Program = ~~\$5952.75~~ \$937.54**

Our district YE committee has 2 representatives: Terry Miller, 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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Youth Exchange Committee Chair