

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – March 13th, 2009

We are currently seeking HOST FAMILIES to participate in the International Lions Youth Exchange Program. Our district is responsible for hosting ~5 international youth of which we currently have a firm commitment for 1 so far. Hosting involves integrating an international youth (age 16-21) into your home for about 4-5 weeks (of which one week the youth spend at our international youth exchange camp in Dundee Wisconsin). Hosting usually 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.

New this year is a Host Family Grant Program where participating host family can apply for a grant of up to \$200 to help absorb the costs associated with the program. Please contact me for an application if interested.

Outgoing Youth: The Youth Exchange Committee awarded an additional \$800 scholarship to Tracy O'Mara, a Cuba City Leo, who is being sponsored by the Cuba City Lions Club. District 27-D1 has now committed 5 \$800 YE scholarships for the 09-10 YE year. The other scholarship awards were reported in the January district 27-D1 cabinet committee report.

Finances/Budget

So far this year (08-09), we've collected **\$5086.00** directly from club donations.

Our total account balance is **\$10018.80** which includes carryover from previous years.

Our budgeted expenses include our portion of the International Youth Exchange Camp Cost (1/10th of the total costs = total divided by each lions district) **\$1700**, 5 - \$800 scholarships (**\$4000**) and possibly 5 x \$200 (**\$1000**) host family grants.

Total estimated cost for district 27-D1 08-09 International Youth Exchange Program = \$6700.00

Our district committee has 4 representatives: *Terry Miller, Gene Francis, 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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Youth Exchange Committee Chair