

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – October 26th, 2008

Introduction

Since our last District 27-D1 Cabinet meeting in August, the Youth Exchange Committee at both the State and District level has met. This district cabinet report provides a summary of both meetings.

At the state level, the Youth Exchange (YE) program committee met in Rosholt WI at the Lions camp on September 13th, the morning of the Lions Camp visit. This first meeting was designed by the State Committee Chair Lion Ray Tweedale as a meet and greet session to introduce all district youth exchange representatives to each other. A big effort was made to encourage participation in the YE program from all our States districts, not only monetarily (as each district is responsible for 1/10 of the camp cost) but also in terms of sending youth abroad and providing host families for incoming youth, as some districts provide much more program support than others. Our district last year ranked 1nd in outgoing youth (we sent 4 out of a total of 8 abroad) and 3rd in hosting (we hosted 5). The State committee has set a goal this year, for each district to host 5-6 youth so we're already on track to meet that demand. The next state YE committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 8th.

Our Districts Youth Exchange committee met on October 4th. Our district committee has 4 representatives: *Terry Miller, Gene Francis, Dave Peltier and Ben August*. New this year is a District 27-D1 Youth Exchange Handbook. This handbook contains everything about the program including schedules, directions to camp, contact information, supply lists and all the necessary forms including our districts YE scholarship application, the States outgoing youth application and the Host Family Application. The handbook is currently available as an electronic document on CD and also as a hardcopy printed manual. This handbook can be obtained by contacting Ben August ben@klicksights.com – ph. 608-513-2468.

Another development within our district is an effort to provide a grant for host families to help absorb the rising costs of transportation and food. Host families would be required to apply for the grant with an award of up to \$200.00, budget permitting. This program would be funded with the carryover monies collected from previous years. This program is pending approval.

Finally, the YE committee is currently in the middle of its annual fundraiser which involves a mailing to each club secretary to solicit funds in the recommended amount of \$2.00/club member. Each of the 4 YE committee members is responsible for a specific district region.

Finances/Budget

During the 2007-2008 Lion Year we collected \$4594.00 in donations from 47 clubs. During the same time period we paid out \$4900 which included our outgoing youth scholarships (4 x \$800

= \$3200) and our districts share of the costs associated with youth exchange camp (\$1700.00/year).

So Far this year we've collected \$1671.80 including contributions from 10 Lions & Lioness clubs (as well as a \$500.00 returned scholarship award from 07-08). Below are the details.

Lions District Activity Account 2008-2009 YOUTH EXCHANGE

Balance on Hand as of 07/01/2008 \$4,932.80

Income 2008-2009

07/21/2008	Emily Graham refund of payment	\$500.00
08/12/2008	Monroe Lions	\$ 200.00
08/26/2008	Highland Lions Club	\$ 64.00
09/17/2008	Madison Central Lions	\$ 200.00
09/19/2008	Dodgeville Lioness	\$ 28.00
10/06/2008	Beloit Lioness	\$ 84.00
10/06/2008	Madison Monona Lioness	\$ 210.00
10/06/2008	Token Creek Lions	\$ 100.00
10/10/2008	Cuba City Lions	\$ 160.00
10/17/2008	Pardeeville Lions	\$ 75.00
10/17/2008	Deerfield Lions	\$ 50.00
10/22/2008	Verona Lions	\$ 40.00
Total Income		\$ 1,711.00

Expenses

Total Expenses \$ -

Balance on Hand as of 10/17/2008 \$6,643.80

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"**

Lion Ben August
Youth Exchange Committee Chair