Lions International Youth Exchange Report Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – March 13th, 2014

We are currently seeking **HOST FAMILIES** to participate in the International Lions Youth Exchange Program. Our district goal is hosting for 5 international youth, $1/10^{th}$ of the 50+ youth expected to participate in our statewide program this year. Hosting involves integrating an international youth (age 16-21) into your home for about 3-4 weeks (not including one week the youth spend at our international youth exchange camp in Dundee Wisconsin). Hosting typically 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.

Outgoing Youth: The Youth Exchange Committee has awarded four \$1000 scholarships to the following district youth (below). Our scholarship is competitive and the applicants must live in our district and be a direct relative of a district Lion, Lioness or a active member of a Lion or Leo Club.

Krisann Holthaus Meredith Larson Madeline Kornell Sarah Guy Sponsored by: Sponsored by: Sponsored by: Sponsored by: Cottage Grove Lions Monroe Lions **Beloit Noon Lions** Marshall Lions Destination: Destination: Destination: Destination: Italy Estonia Italv Germany

Finances/Budget

So far this year (13-14), we've collected \$5070.00 directly from club donations.

Our total account balance is \$6265.18 which includes carryover from previous years.

Our budgeted expenses include our portion of the International Youth Exchange Camp Cost $(1/10^{th})$ of the total costs =total divided by each lions district) \$1700, 4 x \$1000 scholarships (\$4000) and possibly 5 x \$150 (\$750) host family grants & reimbursements (\$200) for clubs hosting the annual YE picnic at the Wisconsin Lions Eyebank.

Total estimated cost for district 27-D1 13-14 International Youth Exchange Program = \$6650.00*

*scholarship checks have already been drawn from the account

Our district committee has 4 representatives: <u>Terry Miller, Jo Kornell, Dave Peltier and Ben August.</u>
It is a pleasure serving on this committee and participating in a program that satisfies the first objective of the Lions <u>"To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world"</u>

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