Lions International Youth Exchange Report Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – March 10th, 2017

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). 2016 Hosting is from ~July 15th – August 15th. A list of international youth applicants is available at the Wisconsin Lions International Youth Exchange Program web site http://www.wisconsinlionsyouthexchange.org/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 six \$1000 scholarships to the following district youth (below*). While we encourage Leos, Lions and Lioness members to apply, our district Scholarship <u>is</u> <u>open to ALL youth</u> through a competitive application process and they must also have a sponsoring Lion, Lioness or Leo Club.

Abby Last	Chloe Riniker	Emily Erschen	Joe Guy	Leonie	McKenna	Maeve Kim*
Sponsor –	Sponsor Hazel	Sponsor Hazel	Sponsor	Tollefson	Cook	Sponsor
Token Creek	Green	Green	Cottage Grove	Sponsor Token	Sponsor	Cottage Grove
Destination	Destination	Destination	Destination	Creek	Pardeeville	Destination
Italy	Italy	Finland	Denmark	Destination	Destination	Switzerland
				Japan	Italy	

^{*}Did not apply for a scholarship due to late application

Finances/Budget

\$7005.43 Carryover Funds \$5182 Annual Club Donations \$6052.70 Expenses (\$6000 Scholarship Awards) (\$52.70 Table Fee for International Festival)

\$6134.73 Account Balance
Additional Estimated Expenses
\$1700 District Annual Camp Donation
\$500 Host Family Support

Total estimated cost for district 27-D1 16-17 International Youth Exchange Program = \$8252.70*

Our district YE committee has 4 representatives: <u>Terry Miller, Dave Peltier, Dave Easley and Ben August.</u>

Of Special Note: Lion Dave Peltier is retiring from the Youth Exchange Committee after this Lionistic year 2016/17. Lion Dave has been involved in Lions International Youth Camps and Exchange Program for many years and it has been a great pleasure serving alongside him. His service is greatly appreciated and his hard work and good humor will be missed. THANK YOU LION DAVE!

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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Youth Exchange Committee Chair