

Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange
International Lions Youth Exchange

Cabinet Report

District 11 B1 August 28, 2010

Lion Peggy Allen - Chairman

Wow what a year this has been! And now we are started into another good year. I am thrilled to be able to announce that District 11 B1 hosted 12 of the 14 incoming “Michigan Youth Exchange” for the 2009-2010 summer and winter programs and all 4 of the “Michigan” late summer 2010- 2011 students!

Our summer students for August 2009 were from Japan (2) Reina Murakami and Minami Shimakage, hosted by Lions Barry & Peggy Allen. I also placed a 3rd Japanese student Tomomi Mandai, into District 11 A1 with Lions Ray & Diane Boley; (Tomomi is not counted in my tally).

The winter program students were from New Zealand (1) Kirsty Jamison, hosted by Lions Barry & Peggy Allen of Manchester; and from Peru (2) Pilar Revilla, hosted by the Mark Burnett family; and Sophia Moyoli, hosted by Lion Paul Lammers family both families from Grass Lake.

The early summer program (arriving in June) students were from Finland (4) Rea Kukkumaki and Reetta Tallgren, hosted by Lions Barry & Peggy Allen of Manchester; Petteri Koskinen, hosted by Lion Jerry & Cathy Davis; and Tiia-Maria Kinnula, hosted by 2ndVDG Dan & Lion Kathy Shepherd, both families from Jackson. We had one student from Italy (1) Tommaso Cavicchi, hosted by Joe & Darla Pisto of Whitmore Lake/ Dexter area.

“New Lions year” summer students arriving July 1st or later were students from Turkey (2) Naali Mergen hosted 4 weeks, and Isil Ozbas hosted 2 weeks by Sandra Peterson of Chelsea. One student from France (1) Alexandre Correard, hosted by Gary & Karen Hentz of Tipton, MI; and Japan (3) Yuka Maeda and Yukiko Miyachi, hosted by Lions Barry & Peggy Allen of Manchester; and Mioko Fujimoto, hosted by Michael & Annette Bragalone of Chelsea.

Thank you Lion Hosting Families for your time and commitment to this worth while and rewarding program of Youth Exchange!

Michigan Youth Exchange students (3) that traveled to another country this summer 2010 are: Alexa Ransom from Dexter went to Peru; Carol Wolfe from Dexter went to Peru; and Morgan Evens from Manchester went to Japan.

Thank you Lions Club and District Cabinet for supporting the Lions Youth Exchange Program and getting these students an experience they otherwise would never have gotten. **They served our country proudly!** We (the three girls and I) are willing to present a program at any and all Zone or Club meetings, just contact Lion Peggy Allen at PeggyA7747@aol.com for arrangements.

Now that I have the Region I, Zone 1 and Region II, Zone 1, wide awake and interested in the Youth Exchange Program, my committee is going to be hitting hard in the other Region and Zones for this coming year. The Youth Exchange Program needs **all** the clubs help in both hosting and funding these young adults.

Please have it in your hearts to help support this program at the Fall Conference/ Parade of Checks. **All Clubs that donate** \$100.00 or more at the Parade of Check will receive a Youth Exchange banner “patch” for your club.

Need host families for the winter program! I currently have a listing for (4) students arriving from Peru, mid January for 6 weeks and (1) from Australia, may be in December-January for 6 weeks. No bios have come on them yet, but if you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible so we can start on the Hosting Family paperwork.

I have three Michigan students on my list so far for the summer 2011 program, all from Region I, Zone 1. My goal is to get a couple interested students from each Region in time for the deadline for the 2011 summer program on December 31, 2010.

Lion Peggy Allen Chairman
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