

2017 Winter Council of Governors' Committee Report

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Youth Camps and Exchange Committee Report by: __PDG George Robison Chairperson
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Over the past month, I have contacted current and past Lions serving in various capacities with Lions YCE, as well as current DGs. Many have responded with explanations of why they have chosen to no longer participate in Lions YCE. Some have explained the Youth Exchange activities in their clubs and districts, as well as the difficulties faced in obtaining host families. I have not attempted to convince anyone who has chosen to become inactive that they should return to their vibrant past participation. These contacts have been for information gathering rather than selling participation. Some who were invited to email me their comments have chosen not to participate.

A sit-down meeting has been scheduled for May 6, 2017, in Kelowna and was featured on the first page of the most recent Border Crossing. That meeting is intended to garner more specific information about the lack of current participation and form a recommendation to the MD19 Council.

When I became active in MD19 fourteen years ago, after moving to Gig Harbor from California, I noted that most of the districts were not actively participating in the MD19 Lions Youth Exchange Program. I became active in the 19C PDG group and found that most had never been involved in Lions YEP. That lack of participation is counter-productive to a successful Program. Since that time several of the 19C DGs have tried to increase participation and are to be commended for that. I have tried to expand participation, with nominal success a couple of years but mainly with success only in my own club.

Input received to date has hinted that problems facing Lions YCE in Canada are different from the problems in the U.S. At the May 6th meeting, we will discuss those differences.

In the meantime, DGs are invited to submit their comments about Lions YCE.

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Thank you for your cooperation.