



Hiroko Yeki, youth exchange student; Pat McCormick, Youth Exchange Co-Chairperson Aurora; Asami Yamochi, youth exchange student.

## DISTRICT 26-E HOSTS SEVEN JAPANESE YOUTH

District 26-E has hosted seven Youth Exchange Students over the summer. The three boys and four girls are from Japan.

All of the students were placed with Lions living in the country. There hosts geographic location ranged from Aurora to Lamar. The Youths, all from cities in Japan, enjoyed the various farm activities. They rode horses, fed calves, sheared sheep, fished and did many other

agricultural activities.

The Aurora Summit City Lions Club hosted a Youth Exchange dinner on Aug. 8. The students prepared dinner and spoke about their families and country.

Debbie Stecker and Pat McCormick, Youth Exchange Co-Chairpersons, have made plans to host 11 students over the Christmas holidays.

## VOLUNTEERISM: A NEW MODEL FOR AMERICA

This was the bold print in the editorial of one of our large metropolitan newspapers dated May 2, 1997. It went on to say among other things, that to be a good citizen you should serve in your community to help make it a better place.

What has happened with volunteerism in our country since that summit? Politicians and programs rise and fall almost too predictably. Has membership in service organizations increased? No, it hasn't. So what do we have to show for all this media attention on volunteerism? In reality, not much. The one spark that was ignited for a short time was the fact that volunteerism was needed and that no government, charity, foundation, or corporation could do it all.

We as Lions know that---we know best what we can do to help our communities, but the world is small and our communities are only a dot on its surface. With Lions Clubs in 185 countries we make a lot of marks on the world. By being united we have become the world's largest service organization. Now we need to actively seek out partners to expand our programs. By this I mean other community groups, service organizations, business's and etc. Each time there is a need we do not have to reinvent the wheel. If the need is in our area of expertise, let's invite and encourage their help and support. If it's in their area of interest let's help them.

Summits will focus on volunteerism again, but day in and day out it is the efforts and projects that we complete which will keep us in the public's minds and hearts. As we work and complete these projects let's get the publicity we deserve even if we share it with others. Let's tell everyone why we like doing volunteer work! Membership will then take care of itself.

Yours in Lionism,

I.P.I.D. Dr. Dwayne Garrett

**MEMBERSHIP IS THE KEY TO SERVICE ■■■ MEMBERSHIP IS THE KEY**

### Mid-Winter Forum February 20, 1999 Holiday Inn Motel Lake Ozark Missouri

The Committee has put together a good one. Now let's take advantage of it for the benefit of Lionism in Missouri.



Ed Bober, Editor Emeritus

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