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BETTY *and* DOUG STEIN
become second generation co-presidents of YTA

Bonjour! Guten Tag! from Betty and Doug Stein. We are honored to have the opportunity to serve as the new Co-Presidents of York Twinning Association ! Although we have met many of you, and many of you have attended picnics at our home, we thought you might like to know a little bit about us and our YTA affiliation.

Betty was born into the YTA family. Her parents, John and Dorohy Rauhauser, first became involved with Twinning in 1955. Acting as an ambassador for York's Mayor Eyster, her father welcomed the first official delegation of six Arlesians as they arrived at the Harrisburg Airport. He later presented the key to York City to Arlesian Mayor Privat. By the time Betty was born, the York-Arles connection had become a family tradition. Betty's first memories of the Arlesians are from when she was 5. In 1962 her parents "adopted" Mimi and Pierre Giraud and Mimi's sister Evelyn when they visited York. During subsequent exchanges, her parents would stay with the Girauds in Arles and the Girauds, Evelyn, and her husband Lolo would stay with the Rauhausers.

Betty's father served as president of Twinning twice, and throughout the years her mother planned and hosted many events for the Arlesian visits. That wondeful relationship continues to this day.

Betty and her sisters, Kathy Rauhauser and Margie Marsh, all had the opportunity to visit Arles as have some of their children. Kathy has remained involved with YTA and has served as president. While living in New Mexico Margie and her husband John held a southwestern Bar-B-Que and hoedown dancing for a group of Arlesians when they visited Albuquerque during a trip to western U.S.

Although most family involvement with Twinning has been associated with Arles, Betty's parents did participate in a trip to Leinfelden Echterdingen. Betty and Doug have met some wonderful people during swim picnics at their home when German groups visited York. They are looking forward to visiting Leinfelden-Echterdingen in the future.

Doug became part of the YTA family in 1976,the year 200 visitors came from Arles to celebrate the U.S. Bicentennial. By that time he and Betty were attending college and engaged.

See *BETTY and DOUG* Page 2 continued...

Twinned with:
Arles, France
(Since 1954)

MISSION: ...To create opportunities for personal contacts while gaining mutual respect and international friendship through organized exchange programs with our twin cities.

Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany
(Since 1981)

BETTY and DOUG...Cont'd from Page 1...

Doug remembers a huge celebration held at the Rauhauser house, being recruited to park cars for the event, watching square dancers perform for the Arlesians, and serving ice cream and strawberries to hundreds of people.

Betty and Doug married in 1978. They had three beautiful daughters, Jackie, Jessie, and Jenny, who are now grown with families of their own. Betty and Doug are grandparents of nine grandchildren and are more than happy to share photos and stories with anyone who will listen. Betty is retired after teaching Special Education for 35 years. She tutors during the school year, is very involved with The York History Center, a teaching sorority called Beta Beta, is Chairperson of Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center, and volunteers to teach nature courses during the summer.

Doug works as a Fluid Power Sales Engineer. He is serving his 25th year on the Spring Grove School Board, is the current Chairperson of the York History Center Building and Grounds Committee, and is a 50 year member of York YMCA.

Both Betty and Doug have been dedicated to continue educating people about the Colonial Courthouse, the Articles of Confederation, and York's place in history, a legacy made possible by the dedication and work of Betty;s parents, John and Dorothy Rauhauser.

Throughout their marriage Betty and Doug have carried on the tradition of forging international experiences by hosting people from various countries, encouraging their children to explore international experiences, and continue the family relationship with Arles. During the summer of 1999 Jessie traveled to Europe with Music Ambassadors.They performed in Arles on July 4th. Although Jessie did not stay with Mimi, Pierre or Evelyn, a large group of Arlesians lead by Pierre and Jean Laurain held a special dinner with Jessie as their honored guest. Jackie studied in both Strasbourg and Nancy during during 1999-2000. She was able to take a trip to Arles and stayed with Mimi and Pierre for a few days during one of her vacation breaks. More recently Doug and Betty traveled to Arles in 2016 with YTA. Sadly Pierre passed away a few months before they arrived. However they were able to visit Mimi and her niece for a few hours one afternoon. It was a touching moment fior everyone when Betty & Mimi were able to hug and share memories again after so many years.

Fast forward...In March 2020 Covid 19 and quarantines greatly affected everyone. YTA meetings, activities, and international exchanges were cancelled as the world shut down in hopes of containing the pandemic. Over a year later tbere is finally a glimmer of hope. Doug and Betty have accepted the challenge to restart YTA after over a year lull. It is a slow process, with a large learning curve, but with the support of past officers and many dedicated members, we are lookng forward to renewing our international relationships with Arles, France, and Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany, and continuing the mission of fostering friendships, understanding, mutual respect, and confidence between the people of York and people of other nationalities.

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YTA Calendar of Meetings & Social Events

MEETING DATES

All meetings will be 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 P.M., Via ZOOM until further notice. All meetings open to both Board and General Membership for remainder of year. Agendas & ZOOM link will be sent out one week prior to meeting. Dates are:

July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

SOCIAL EVENTS

Summer: Social/Bastille Day Picnic, Saturday, July 17, 2021, 3:00—7:00 P.M. Home of Doug & Betty Stein

Fall: Oktoberfest Party, Saturday, September 18, 2021, Lancaster Liederkrantz (see flyer) Gates open at 1:00 P.M.

Winter: 12th Night Classic Home Tour, Sunday, January 9, 2022 1:00—5:00 P.M.

Spring: Wine Tasting Social, Event to be determined for Spring 2022

JUNE 21 The LUMA TOWER OPENING

By Michele Barlet & Evelyne Laurent

We are so glad to, at last, see the completion of Maya Hoffman's brainchild project, the Luma Tower in Arles, France. It has just been opened since the 26th of June. The park is now fully blooming, and offers a delightful and relaxing view so favorable to enjoy the different visits the foundation will propose.

The Arlesian landscape has changed forever with this shimmering tower imagined by the architect Frank Gehry. But beyond esthetic considerations it's the whole project of the Luma foundation which is remarkable in its endeavour.

The idea is to make the past meet the present and (think) 'fantasize" the future.

Teams of young engineers are working on projects to develop new products derived from the different raw materials they collect from the varied crops (sunflowers) or material (salt) they find in the area in the aim of developing sustainable products, for example, to build furniture or thermal insulation tiles.
The Tower will also be dedicated to art and give artists opportunities to experiment the production of new work and it will also focus on human rights, culture, environmental issues, and education, certainly pushing the whole city into a new era of artistic development.

This link will enable you to discover a short presentation of the evolution of the Tower.
https://www.luma.org/live/watch/stay-tuned-47407e0a-a720-432f-8587-e1129c655360.html

This link will enable you to see the different aspects of the works in the Luma project .
https://www.luma.org/live/project/luma-days-4-fc67ec54-98cb-4085-bf76-765274eccd93.html

Comité Arles York June21

The Story of Life!

Remembering My Good Friend Yvette

By Scott Markle

My most memorable friendship made during the adult exchange to Arles in 2016 was my host. Her name was Yvette Mistral. She was a wonderful and kind lady who made me feel very welcomed in her 'mas' home. On her own initiative, Yvette shared with me some interesting events and sites around Arles including a Bull Fight at the Roman Arena and visiting the Millau Viaduct. Yes, I would be so remiss not to mention that Yvette was an exquisite cook. I never ate so many escargots in my life!! Yvette even traveled with the French in 2018 when they visited York. It was so good to see her again!

When I heard that Yvette had passed away recently, I was deeply saddened. She was my dear friend. Her zest for life and youthful exuberance were unforgettable. Yvette was a caring person. The fact that Yvette was a trained Nurse vividly illustrates her compassion for people. Thank you, Yvette, for all the memories and especially for allowing me the honor of riding in your 1976 Citroen2CV. I will never forget my good friend from Arles, Yvette.

My heart goes out to her sons and their families. God Bless.

Scott Markle

La Quatorze Juillet

What is Bastille Day and why do the French celebrate it?

Bastille Day is a national holiday in France just like the Fourth of July in the USA, when a mob of citizens stormed the Bastille, a French prison, to release prisoners and capture the arms stored in this medieval armory as a revolt against the royal authority.

It is celebrated because it signaled the start of the French Revolution.

Why did the masses revolt against the royal authority?

Louis XVIs economy was in crisis. Part of his problem arose from his regressive taxation system. Some of the money went to help the American Revolution, not because he loved the colonists, but because he hated the English. What many do not know is that during this revolution some of the French guards refused to shoot the revolutionaries!

So, how did it end?

The French citizenry won because the 'out of touch monarchs' oppressed the masses. French National Day is JULY 14. La quatorze juillet, as the French say, not Bastille Day.

By Kathy Rauhauser

Top cooks! L-R

Ulrich Wurster
Doug Stein
Betty Stein
Laura Koebnich
Roland Klerk

Everytime the LE York Club and York Twinning get together it seems we have to eat! Now we have signature aprons to look official and the menu will complement our foodie talents.

YTA Board Officers & Chairmen

BOARD OFFICERS

Co-Presidents; **Douglas (Doug) & Elizabeth (Betty) Stein**
Vice President: **Laura Koebnick**
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General Fundraising: OPEN
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Webmaster: **Ken Krause**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Fall Oktoberfest: **Hank Groat**
Spring Wine Tasting Social: OPEN
SummerSocial/Bastille Day: OPEN
Hospitality for In Person Meetings: **Kristi Spies**

LE York Club joins non profit DAZ

Der York-Club ist nun Mitglied des Deutsch□Amerikanischen Zentrums (DAZ), einer gemeinnützigen, überparteilichen, bi□nationalen Kultur- und Bildungseinrichtung zur Förderung der Beziehungen zwischen Deutschland und den Vereinigten Staaten mit Sitz am Charlottenplatz in Stuttgart. Wir haben Zugang zur physischen und virtuellen Bibliothek des DAZ, der Teilnahme an Vortragsveranstaltungen und die Möglichkeit der Online Ageboten.

Last but not least – der York-Club ist jetzt Mitglied im DAZ York-Club has become a member of DAZ, a Stuttgart based non□profit cultural and educational institution that provides information on social, cultural, political and economic develoments and issues in both Germany and the USA, and at the same time serves as a platform for intercultural encounters and dialogue.

YTA Annal #3 by Bill Sabey

OurYork Twinning Archivist, Bill Sabey, has researched YTAs history and authored numerous snippets which bring YTA to life. Enjoy this one!

Did you know that…

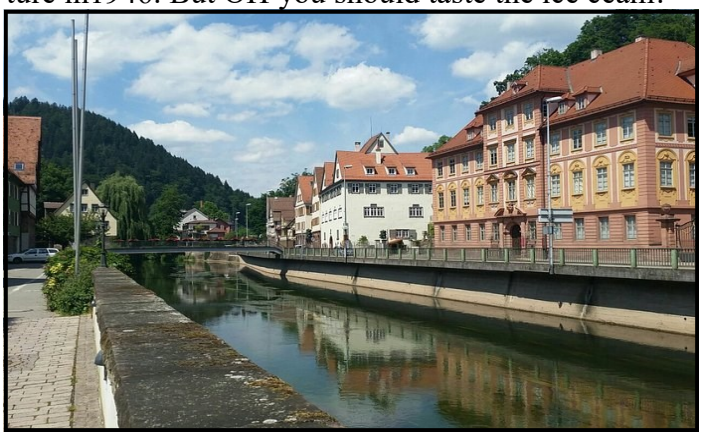
... Miss Margaret V. Boltz went to Arles as the first exchange teacher in 1957. Mlle Aline Giles came to York as an exchange teacher and taught in York City Schools. Between 1958 and 1973 fifteen teachers from York and fourteen teachers from Arles participated in the exchanges.

Did you know that...

...Exchange teacher, Miss Margaret Boltz, married Arles Mayor Charles Privat in December 1957. At least seven marriages occurred between Yorkers and Arlesians after this one!

BICYCLING IN CALW
LE Collin age 12, sightsees the vintage town Calw, in the Black Forest, but he really wants to taste the Italian ice cream! Collin further states, "While...

"...we had the pandemic, I could not meet my friends, so my family and I rode bicycles into the woods to Nagold Valley. Calw is an old town with historic buildings and a museum honoring the poet Hermann Hesse who won the Nobel Prize in literature in1946. But OH you should taste the ice ceam!"



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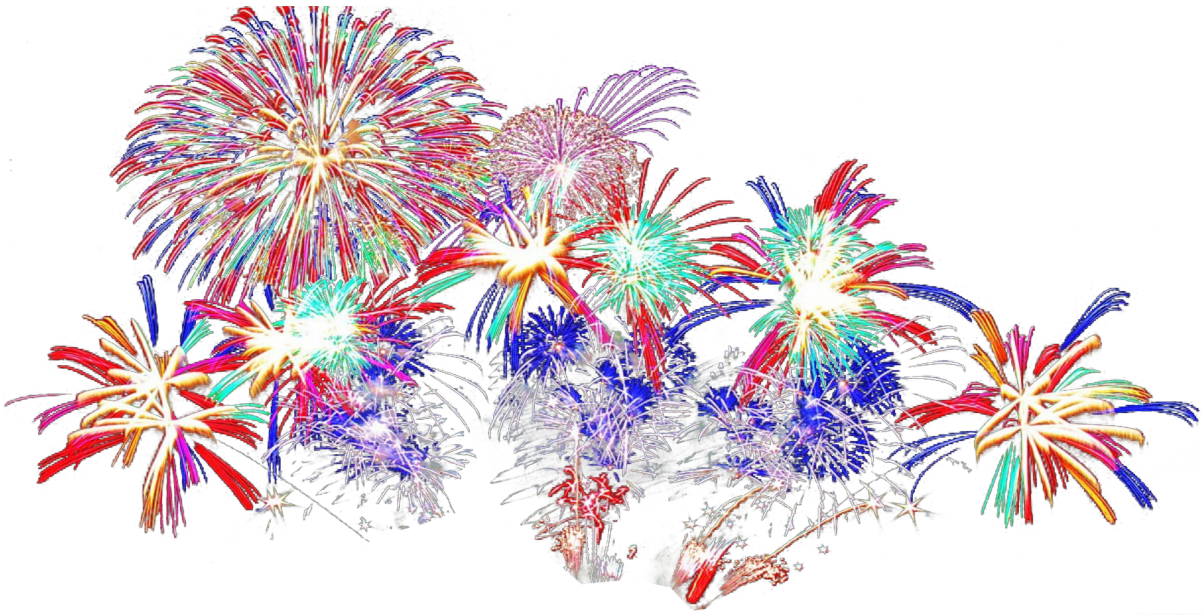

40 Years of International Friendship

Leinfelden-Echterdingen GERMANY
and
York, PENNSYLVANIA

Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany (Since 1981)