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A Message from your Co-Presidents - A Time of Excitement, Hope, and Progress!

Bonjour! Guten Tag!

York Twinning Association is off to a great restart! Files have been sorted, policies have been renewed, officers and chair positions are filling up, a newsletter was sent, and meetings commenced safely via Zoom.

Looking ahead, we'd like to focus our attention on strengthening our organization by filling the remaining leadership positions and expanding our membership base.

We appreciate how members are stepping up and becoming more actively involved. We hope to continue finding more creative ways to connect and interact within our organization, with the community, and with our sister cities.

Thank you to those who have sent in membership forms. If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership, then reach out to others who may be interested. Be sure to tell all your friends and neighbors about York Twinning Association and the wonderful experiences you have had.

What else can you do? Share your talents, volunteer to help on a committee, or sign up to fill one of our leadership positions.

We're looking forward to future events where we can meet in person to spend time making memories with old and new YTA friends!

Betty & Doug Stein

SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 18, 2021!

It's time to celebrate! Bring your family and friends to Lancaster Liederkrantz to experience a family friendly cultural event, YTA fellowship, and celebrate our German Twinning connections with Leinfelden-Echterdingen.

Meet at the Fest by 1:30 PM. General Admission (cash only) can be paid at the gate; \$6 Adult, \$2 Child (6-15 yrs), 5 & younger free. Hank Groat will reserve a table for us. **A group photo will be taken around 2:00 PM to send to our friends in LE, Germany to cheer our 40th year of friendship.**

This is a cash only event, but there is an ATM on site. Participation in Oktoberfest activities are on your own. No outside food, beverage or alcohol may be brought onto fest grounds. Food & beverages can be purchased with refundable Food & Beverage tickets available (by cash only) at two locations under the pavilion. Refunds must be made by end of the day. Alcohol service to minors is prohibited. Please have ID available at entrance.

RSVP to Hank Groat at hankgroat@yahoo.com by September 15th so he has an idea of how many will attend.

We're looking forward to seeing you for at Lancaster Liederkrantz, 722 South Chiques Road, Manheim, PA 17545 to celebrate Oktoberfest!



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Leinfelden-
Echterdingen,
Germany
(Since 1981)



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AND MEMORIES

York Twinning Welcomes Ken Krause!



York Twinning Association welcomes Ken Krause as our new Webmaster! Ken currently lives in Dover, and is a transportation construction inspector at PennDOT.

Ken has his own computer business on the side where he builds, repairs, upgrades computers, installs and does software updates. He also provides space for his scout troop to keep and update their website.

Ken is very involved with scouting. He joined Cub Scouts in 1974 and earned his Eagle Scout in 1984. He has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Assistant Webelos Leader, Webelos Leader, Committee Member, and is currently the Advancement Chairperson for both the male and female troops in York, PA.

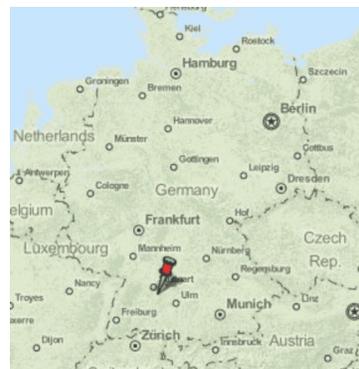
Ken first got involved with the York Twinning Association in 1984 through his high school German class. That year Ken was one of five students who traveled to Leinfelden-Echterdingen. He spent a month with the Waidelich family in Waldenbuch, Germany touring the area, going to church, school and the market. He helped his German brothers' eighth grade class with English. Ken also got to visit a German pen pal that he had written to for a couple years and met his whole family.

After the month spent with the Waidelich family, Ken and the other four students spent a week touring Germany and a few bordering countries. Ken had a wonderful experience and highly recommends taking a trip with York Twinning Association to anyone learning the German language.

Later that year, in September of 1984, a group of German students came to York, PA. Marcus, the boy Ken lived with in Germany, stayed with Ken's family for the last two weeks of his visit. The York group took their German students on a lot of day trips, to school, to a baseball game, and to a concert at the York Fair.

In 1992, Ken returned to Germany for three weeks. He remembered the address of the Waidelich family and stopped by for surprise visit. Ken also visited their older son at his university dorm, in Munich, where he was attending school.

Ken is looking forward to working with York Twinning Association and helping to update its web presence. He would like to keep the website up-to-date with current events and business information. Ken would also like to add pictures and stories from people that have visited France and Germany with the York Twinning Association as well as stories from visitors who have stayed in York during Twinning exchanges.



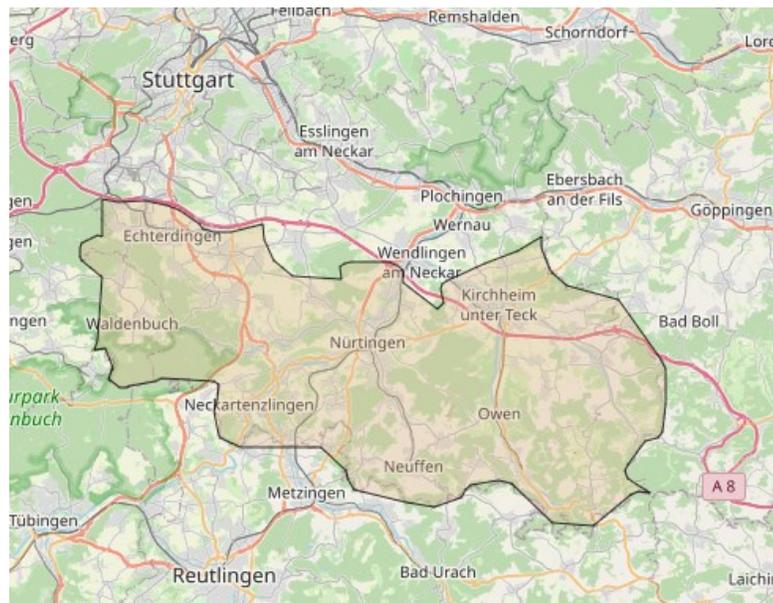
Schüler aus York zu Gast
Am Dienstag kommender Woche geht der gut vierwöchige Austausch-Aufenthalt von fünf Schülerinnen und Schülern aus York / Pennsylvania in Leinfelden-Echterdingen zu Ende. Während dieser Zeit konnten die jungen Amerikaner viele Eindrücke im Gastland sammeln, zwei von ihnen lernten darüber hinaus mit der Schulklasse der Austauschpartnerin Prag bzw. Florenz kennen. Bei einem Begegnungsabend im alten Rathaus Musberg trafen die amerikanischen Gäste mit zehn Schülerinnen und Schülern aus Leinfelden-Echterdingen zusammen, die in drei Wochen zu einem vierwöchigen Austauschaufenthalt nach York reisen werden. Informationen über ihr Reiseziel erhielten sie dabei vom Vorsitzenden des York- / Pennsylvania-Clubs Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Dr. Veas, und von Studienrat Meiler vom Philipp-Matthäus-Hahn-Gymnasium. Für die Stadt begrüßte Kulturamtsleiter Meiters die amerikanischen Gäste (im Bild mit ihren deutschen Gastgeberinnen).

NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN LEINFELDEN-ECHTERDINGEN

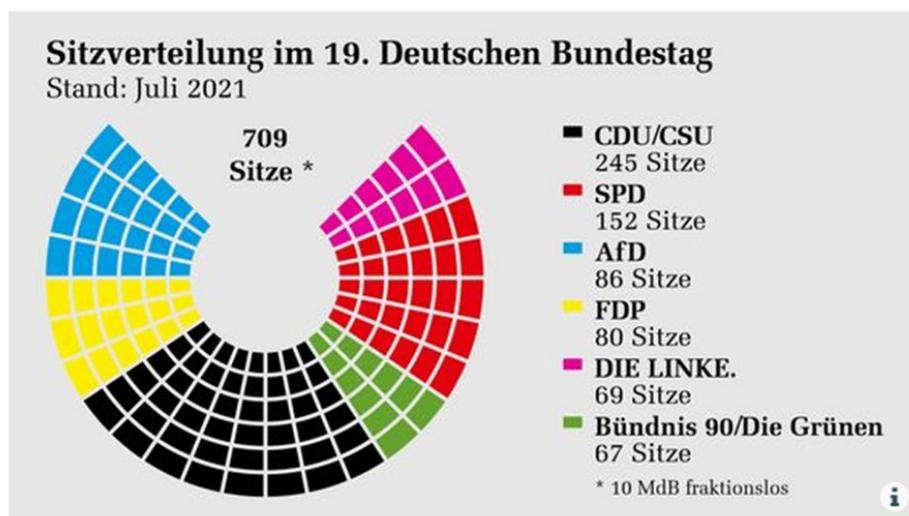
Submitted by Ulrich Wurster and Tobias Knuppel

A preview to elections to the German Bundestag

After 16 years, the country is going to elect a successor of Angela Merkel as Chancellor. On the 26th of September we'll have elections in Germany. The Bundestag is our parliament, we vote every 4 years. There are 299 electoral districts all over Germany, Leinfelden-Echterdingen belongs to No. 262, Nürtingen. Each German citizen has a first vote and a second vote. A candidate who obtains a majority of first votes in his electoral district, moves in the Bundestag directly. We have a second vote by reason of proportional representation: if a party received at least 5% of all second votes or has 3 or more direct candidates, it can send other candidates to the Bundestag, who don't obtain a majority in their electoral district. Therefore we currently don't have 299 but 709 members in the Bundestag and 4 members represent electoral district 262 Nürtingen: One was directly voted, another 3 moved in because of proportional representation.



Parties with at least 5% second votes can build parliamentary groups. We now have 6 of these groups. An important function of our Bundestag is to vote the Chancellor. He - or she, we've had a she for the last 16 years - forms the government. To obtain a majority it is necessary to partner with other groups and build a so called coalition. With only 2 significant parties Americans don't need such constructs, but our French friends from Arles definitely know it well. We hope for having untroubled elections and receiving a responsible parliament for the next 4 years.



YTA Board Officers & Chairpersons

BOARD OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Doug & Betty Stein
Vice President: Laura Koebnick
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Asst. Treasurer: Kyle Groft
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 Ben Stein & Jennifer Grim
French Student Exchange:
 Kristin Witmer & Kristie Spies
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 Hank Groat & Laura Koebnick
German Student Exchange:
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Spring Wine Tasting Social:
 Kristina Spies & Melanie Winter
Summer Social/Bastille Day:
POSITION OPEN FOR 2022
Hospitality for In Person Meetings:
 Kristina Spies



A FRIENDLY REMINDER -

Tentative budgets for 2022 are due to JaNeene by the end of September. Email information to janeene.powell196@gmail.com Please base event and exchange budgets on pre-Covid experiences.

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 are 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:

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th

SOCIAL EVENTS

Fall: Oktoberfest Party, Saturday, September 18, 2021, Lancaster Liederkrantz Gates open at 1 P.M.

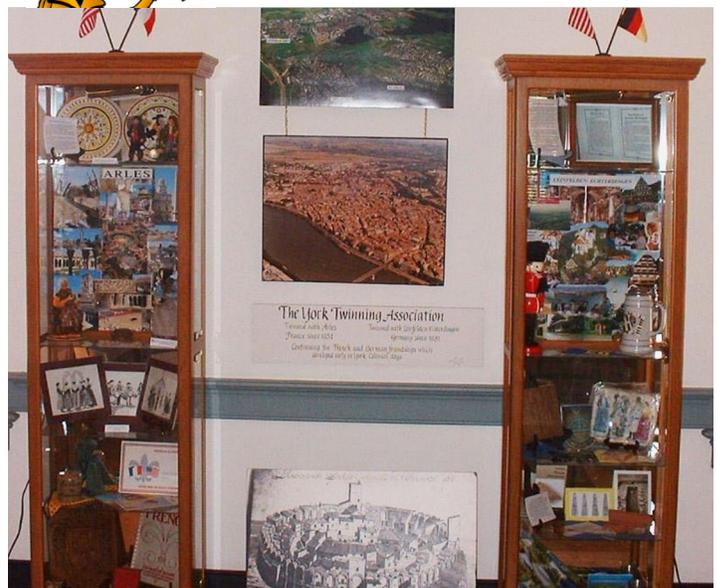
Winter: 12th Night Classic Tour, Sunday, January 9, 2022, 1 to 5 P.M.

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

Summer: Bastille Day / Picnic, Event to be determined for Summer 2022



Where in York, PA can you see these display cases with artifacts from France and Germany?



NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN ARLES

Submitted by Michele Barlet & Evelyne Laurent

Who was the Rhone treasure destined for ?

The Arles Rhone shipwreck was discovered in 2004 and it took some more years (2009-2010) to complete the excavation .

For centuries ships have never ceased to navigate on the Rhone . A sea route so convenient to connect the Mediterranean to northern Europe . Several cities were built on its shores , including Arles , which enjoyed the opportunity to develop its traffic through varied axes : river road and the sea . Julius Caesar was at the root of its development before the Emperor Constantine I embellished it in the 4th century. Many monuments , the amphitheater , the theater , the thermal baths , palaces and ramparts bear witness to this rich past and explain the nickname given to the city “ the little Rome of the Gauls” .Its commercial port was very busy. Is this the reason why so many wrecks have been discovered on the right bank ? The district of Trinquetaille is now known to have been inhabited by the richest romans .They used to cross the river on boats or to have goods for their villas delivered by boats too.



Vestiges offer a vision of the life and economy of the past ,of the habits and customs of the people of that time. But this time is the first time such a precious cargo is discovered on the left bank of the river . Archeologists noted that the tiles on the boat had been glued together. This was certainly to stabilize the boat and it confirms the hypothesis that it was a shipment of great value. The excavation confirmed it as a hundred coins allowed them to estimate the time in which the boat sank, still without revealing the recipient. In the 4th century, the time of the prosperity under Constantine, this treasure takes us back to the wealth of the city. No doubt the Rhone will tell us many more stories as a sacred entity which decides what he takes or what he gives .

This is a link to a video in English :

<https://javafilms.fr/film/arles-treasure-in-the-rhone/>

More French Connections!

More about Rhone Treasures



During the 2016 York-Arles exchange, the group was taken to visit Musée de l'Arles. It is often referred to as Musée Bleu because of the blue glass covering on the outside of the concrete building. This museum contains marvelous collections of Roman ruins, floor mosaics, sarcophaguses (stone coffins), and a life-sized marble bust of Julius Caesar, one of the great discoveries found in the Rhone River near Arles by archeological research divers in 2007!



La Quatorze Juillet Bastille Day Celebration, July 2021!

Our first in-person get together to celebrate Bastille Day was small, but those attending enjoyed catching up on news, sharing memories, stories and lots of laughs. Thanks to all who attended!



A Blast From The Past - Arles Exchange , July 1963!



SUMMER OLYMPICS 2021!



OLYMPIC MEDALISTS FROM LEINFELDEN-ECHTERDINGEN AND YORK

A summer highlight for the City of Leinfelden-Echterdingen was the win of a bronze medal by wrestler **Frank Stäbler** at the Tokyo Olympics. Stäbler won the medal in his last international fight. After the fight, he put his shoes on the mat as a symbol for his farewell. Back in LE, Stäbler was celebrated by hundreds of people in his home township of Musberg.

Even though having been **three times a world champion** in the past, **Stäbler's win of the bronze medal was a huge achievement**. During the preparation for the Games he had to overcome a series of obstacles: A Covid 19 infection with a 20% loss of his performance capacity, the drop of the 71kg-weight class he usually fights - meaning that he had to compete in the 67kg-class and to reduce his weight by additional four kilograms (from his usual weight of 75 kg!). Last but not least he was handicapped by a serious shoulder injury that could not be treated prior to the Games as the recovery time would have meant missing the Games.



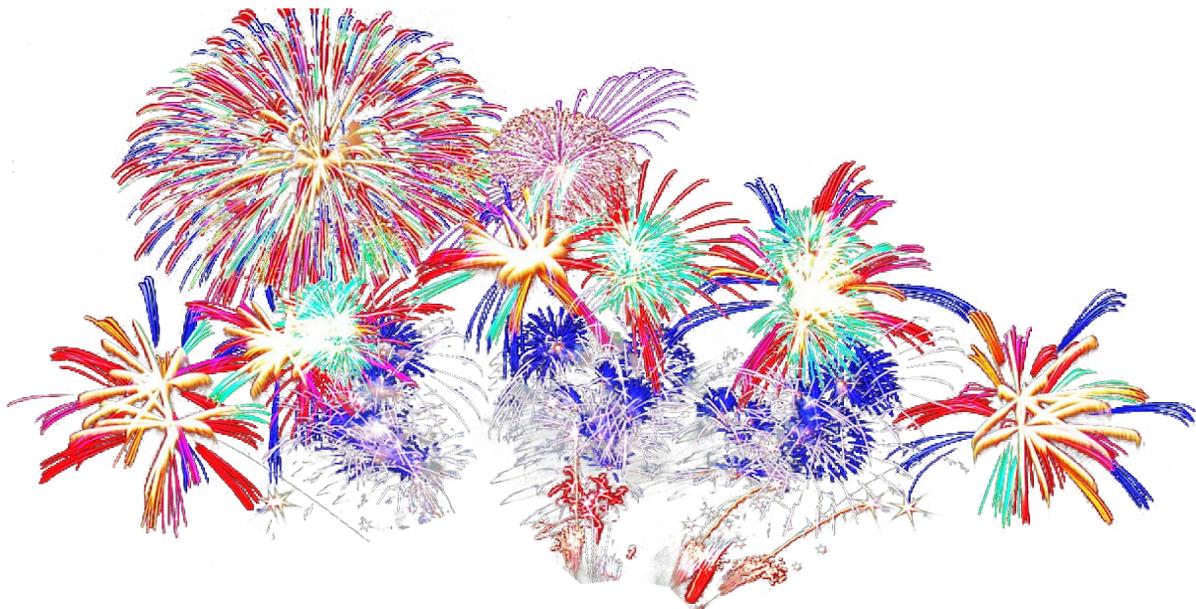
York, PA also celebrated a win at the Summer 2021 Olympics. **Hali Flickinger, of Spring Grove** is a two time Olympian. Born in York, Hali attended Spring Grove High School, then attended the University of Georgia as a finance major. Prior to the Olympics, she won silver at the 2019 World Champions in the 4 x 200 meter butterfly. Flickinger was born in York and attended Spring Grove High School and the University of Georgia. **Hali captured two bronze medals at the Tokyo Olympics in women's 400 Individual Medley and 200 Butterfly**. Flickinger is the first person from York County to win multiple Olympic medals since weight lifter Tony Terlazzo won bronze and gold medals at two separate Olympics (1932, 1936) over 80 years ago.

While growing up in York, Hali swam for Spring Grove and York YMCA. She keeps in touch with both organizations. After her first Olympics in 2016, Hali came back to York to visit both teams. She was honored with a parade in Spring Grove and signed posters and t-shirts afterwards. This year **Go Hali** shirts were sold with all proceeds going to her former teams. She also did video calls with the Spring Grove team to explaining how she trains, what it takes to swim in the Olympics and answer questions. During an interview she told people, "I was able to stand up and swim for our country and there is nothing better than that!"





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