



tête à tête

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A Message from your Co-Presidents - A Look Ahead!

Bonjour! Guten Tag! Are you ready to travel?

Our committee chairs met this summer to discuss up-coming student and adult exchanges. We hope to resume student exchanges with both France and Germany, and have an adult exchange of YTA members traveling to Arles, France, in the summer of 2023. Exact dates have not yet been determined

Students interested in participating in the summer 2023 French exchange should email Kristin Witmer at madamdoubeve@hotmail.com

Students interested in participating in the summer 2023 German exchange should email Hannah Heintzelman at hannah.lane92@gmail.com

Adults interested in participating in the summer 2023 French exchange should email Ben Stein at bstein48@comcast.net or Jennifer Grim at jysgrim@yahoo.com

Betty & Doug Stein



SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 17, 2022!

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 around 1:30 PM. Parking at the Fest site lot is \$10. General Admission (cash only) can be paid at the gate; \$7 Adult, \$2 Child (6-15 yrs), 5 & younger free. Hank & Michele Groat will reserve a table for us. **A group photo will be taken after YTA members and friends assemble to send to LE, Germany to cheer our on-going 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 & Michele Groat at hankgroat@yahoo.com by September 14th so they have 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!



Twinned with:
Arles, France
(Since 1954)



OUR MISSION:

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Leinfelden-
Echterdingen,
Germany
(Since 1981)



YTA Board Officers & Chairpersons

BOARD OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Doug & Betty Stein
Vice President: Laura Koebnick
Secretary: **POSITION OPEN**
Treasurer: JaNeene Powell
Asst. Treasurer: Kyle Groft
French Adult Exchange:
 Ben Stein & Jennifer Grim
French Student Exchange:
 Kristin Witmer & Kristie Spies
German Adult Exchange:
 Hank Groat & Laura Koebnick
German Student Exchange:
 Cameron Murray & Hannah Heintzelman
12th Night Home Tour:
 Mary & Larry Homsher
Webmaster: Ken Krause

General Fundraising: **POSITION OPEN**
Marketing / PR: **POSITION OPEN**
Compliance Officer: **POSITION OPEN**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Newsletter: Betty Stein - **Temporary**
Spring Wine Tasting Social:
 Kristina Spies & Melanie Winter
SummerSocial/Bastille Day:
Interested in helping? Call Betty Stein 717-880-1404
Fall Oktoberfest: Hank & Michele Groat
Hospitality for In Person Meetings:
 Kristina Spies



Where in York, PA can you see this bronze statue? Do you know who he is, why he is holding a glass, and its historic significance to York?



YTA Calendar of Meetings & Social Events

MEETING DATES

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.

2022 MEETING DATES

January—NO formal meeting due to January 9th, Twelfth Night Event
February 9th—Regular Board meeting
March 9th – Regular Board meeting.
April 8th — Wine tasting event—Virtual & live in home groups
May 11th— Regular Board meeting
June 8th— In-person tour of Yorktowne Hotel
July 16th - YTA Bastille Day Picnic Dinner and movie night at Kiwanis Lake.
August 10th—Regular Board meeting
September 17th—No formal meeting—YTA Oktoberfest Celebration.
October 19th—Regular Board meeting/
Budget Review - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!
November 9th - TBD
December 14th—TBD

SOCIAL EVENTS

Fall: Oktoberfest Party, September 17, 2022. Meet at Lancaster Leiderdrantz starting at 1:30 PM. Group photo around 2:30 or 3 PM.
Winter: 12th Night Holiday Tour 2023, Save the date—Sunday, January 8, 2023
Interested in helping or having your home open for the 12th Night Tour? Contact Mary Homsher at 717-659-6136 or mary@vidmarkdist.com
Spring 2023: Wine Tasting Social—TBD
Summer: Bastille Day celebration

BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATION!

Early rain showers didn't keep YTA members and friends from celebrating Bastille Day at Kiwanis Lake in York on Saturday, July 16th. Those who attended enjoyed a picnic, followed by an outdoor movie, *Ratatouille*. Thanks to all who attended, to York City for their cooperation, to Rashawn for setting up the projector and speakers, and Schaad Officers Melissa Hitz and Carlos Perez for providing security during our event.



Traditional French Provencal Ratatouille Recipe

The name of the vegetable dish Ratatouille originated in Nice, France and comes from the French term "touiller," which means to "toss food." Ratatouille was often referred to as "peasant food" because of the plentiful summer vegetables used to make it.



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 yellow onions, sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
- 4-5 medium tomatoes, sliced
- 4 small to medium zucchini, sliced
- 2 medium eggplant, stemmed, sliced
- medium yellow pepper, sliced
- medium green pepper, sliced
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon dried dill
- 2 tablespoons fresh oregano leaves (or 1 teaspoon dried)
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil leaves, chopped (or 1 teaspoon dried)

Instructions

- *Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Brush olive oil onto a baking pan, set aside.
- *In large bowl, add sliced onion, garlic, tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, and peppers to a bowl. Sprinkle salt, ground pepper, and seasoning over vegetables and drizzle with the olive oil.
- *Layer the vegetables into the pan; cover tightly with foil and bake for an hour, or until the veggies are bubbling and the eggplant is soft.
- *Remove from the oven; sprinkle with fresh herbs and serve immediately with pasta or French bread.

Recipe from blogger, Stephanie Wilson

What is Bastille Day?

On July 14, 1789 French soldiers stormed a state prison in Paris, called the Bastille, and took it over. This signaled the start of the French Revolution. A few years later, in 1792, the French Republic was formed. Bastille Day has been celebrated on July 14th each year as a national holiday since 1880.



Greetings from Germany!

Submitted by Ulrich Wurster

The York Club’s annual general membership meeting was held at the end of June. As the election of all board positions were on the agenda, we can announce the new composition of the board of the York-Club: Ulrich Wurster (chairman), Frank Marahrens (deputy chairman), Conny Binder (treasurer) and Tobias Knüppel (secretary). We are glad to welcome Frank to the board. Frank, a member to the club for several years, was the organizer of a castle tour in 2018 during the Twinning’s last stay in Leinfelden-Echterdingen. Back then, he and his family also served as hosts. While Tobias and myself happily continue to serve as board members, we unfortunately have to report that the position of the treasurer is officially vacant. Conny, having been the treasurer for six years, is about to move from LE and therefore wanted to hand her part over. As no successor was found at the meeting, we thank Cornelia very much for her commitment to do the treasury work during the phase of vacancy. Due to the club’s statutes, she is still a board member during this phase.



This photo was taken A few days after the annual meeting, at the York Club’s summer BBQ, with left to right: Frank, Ulrich, Conny, and Tobias.



On 4th of July, we had the opportunity to join Independence Day celebrations at the US Army Patch Barracks in Stuttgart. It was an impressive site with American food, German beer, and a lot of fun!



Leinfelden-Echterdingen Germany International Friends with York, PA since 1981



NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN ARLES

Submitted by Maureen & Rob Campbell & Evelyne Laurent

York Twinning members, Maureen and Rob Campbell, took a 19 day trip to France at the end of May and beginning of June 2022. They traveled from the Cote d’Azur to Paris and had a magical time on the riverboat up the Rhone. During their trip they were able to spend a day in Arles. Prior to their trip they contacted Club des Jumelages and made arrangements to meet up with Michele Laffe and Evelyne Laurent. Maureen and Rob especially enjoyed spending time with them. Michele gave them a private tour through Arles. Evelyne later joined them for a refreshing glass of iced tea and a trip to the market. Maureen and Rob said their time together was much too short but they thank both Michele and Evelyne for their time, kind generosity, and for making their visit to Arles memorable. They brought home warm memories and photos from their special time in Arles.



Arles, France

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WHAT'S YOUR STORY ???



How have you been involved with York Twinning Association? Did you travel to Arles or Leinfeld-Echterdingen? Did you visit York on a Twinning exchange? Were you a host for visitors during one of our many exchanges? Maybe you attended or volunteered during one of our exchange events. Maybe you still maintain close relationships with friends you met through YTA.

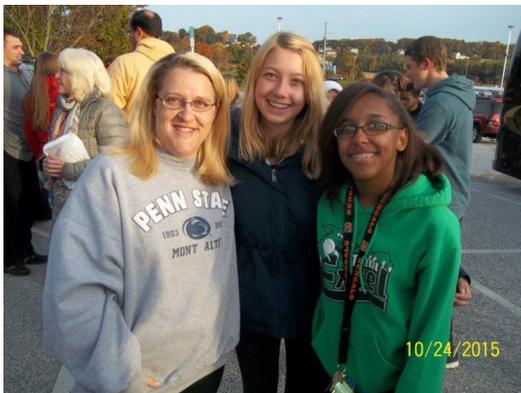
Even though traveling at this time is limited by Covid restrictions, we still want to keep connected to our members and friends. By sharing photos and stories we hope to rebuild relationships, reconnect with friends with whom we may have lost contact, and encourage others to join our association.

Please consider sending us your photos and memories to share in future issues of Tete. Send information to: jlj2j31@comcast.net Subject line: YTA Memories

The Powell Family YTA and German Connection

Submitted by JaNeene Powell

The Powell family became involved with YTA in 2015, when our oldest daughter's 8th grade teacher sent us information about being a host family. We hosted that year (2015) and helped with a couple activities. In 2016, we hosted again, and I (JaNeene) became more involved with the German Student Program as co-coordinator. In 2017, we hosted for a third time, and I transitioned to the Chair of the German Student Committee. Our family continued to host in 2018, at which point our daughter also traveled to Germany. Our daughter was scheduled to travel to Germany again in 2020, as a graduation gift. Since Covid cancelled that trip, she is hoping to travel as an adult when travel resumes. I also served as President for a few years, until Covid put a temporary halt on our activities. I currently serve as Treasurer for YTA. The Powell family looks forward to resuming exchanges and can't wait to spend time with friends from Germany.



2015



2016



2017



2018



2018 Trip to Germany



Lancaster Liederkrantz Oktoberfest 2021

2019 French Student Exchange - submitted by Kristina Spies

In the summer of 2019, I had the opportunity to chaperone the last group of French Student Exchange students to Arles prior to the arrival of Covid 19. The students never had the opportunity to share their experiences with the club, so I'm providing a short recap. We had 5 students, 4 girls and one boy representing 3 school districts. We departed on June 30 from the Lancaster Amtrak station for Philly. We made our way to the airport and boarded our flight to Frankfurt. After some delays and getting rebooked for our missed connection, we made it to Arles. Karin Lopez welcomed the group and invited them for a swim and delicious crêpes at her beautiful home. On July 3rd Karin organized the host families to get the group to the beautiful Pont du Gard. The towering Roman aqueducts never fail to impress. It was a sweltering day so a quick swim in the Gard river and an ice cream cone rounded out the day. The remainder of the trip had the students traveling with their host families. Some made it to Paris, others to Marseilles and other coastal towns along the Côte d'Azur. Our group text was full of images of visits to the Eiffel Tower, the Palais de Versailles, water parks, lakes, kayaking adventures and more. The group reunited in Marseilles for our departure, with 5 French students in tow. After an uneventful return voyage on July 15th, students and their exchange partners got settled in York for a two week visit. A family graciously offered their home for a welcome party complete with "Stars and Stripes & Tricolore" flags. There were hikes to Chickie's Rock, visits to Central Market, outlet shopping and the Amish House. Some lucky students even made it to the beaches of North Carolina or New York City. Friendships were forged and memories were made as is the Student Exchange tradition.



*** **Student exchanges are in the works for SUMMER 2023!** Committee chairs are reaching out to the local schools to reestablish contact with York County World Language teachers and recruit participants. The French exchange program is slated for June / July with two weeks on each side of the pond. Exact dates are to be determined. Please email Kristin Witmer at madamdoubleve@hotmail.com to express your interest in participating and if you would like to be added to our mailing list.



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2023 Membership

Mission Statement . . .

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

*** Due to the rising cost of printing, postage, and handling for YTA Tete newsletters, there will be an additional yearly fee of \$20.00 for those wishing to receive hard copies of Tete mailed to them in 2023. We will continue to email copies of the Tete newsletter to all members at no charge. Thank you for your understanding and support!

**I am pleased to support York Twinning Association through December 2023!
Please check all that apply.**

Student \$10 Single Adult \$20 Two people \$30 Family (3+ people) \$40

Additional donation of \$ *****Fee for printed copies of Tete \$20**

Total due for 2023 \$

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