



tête à tête

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

Bonjour! Guten Tag!

In 2022 York Twinning Association was able to provide multiple opportunities for our members to gather together. Monthly meetings were held virtually with the option of attending in person. In January we held a fabulous in-person 12th Night Tour of historic York churches. In April, due a resurgence of Covid, small groups of members gathered in homes and joined in a fun virtual wine tasting event. We had our largest in-person gathering on June 8th when members were given the chance to tour the Yorktowne Hotel amid renovations. Another in-person event was held in July to celebrate Bastille Day with a 'Movie Night in the Park'. In August members also had the chance to attend an art show called *Icons in Transformation*.

As we head into 2023, our hope is to be able to resume travel between our Twin cities and provide opportunities for members to gather and make new YTA memories together.

We wish you all a wonderful and joyous holiday season!

Betty & Doug Stein



TWELFTH NIGHT TOUR AND RECEPTION

The annual 12th Night Holiday tour will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2022, from 1 PM to 5 PM and will highlight eight beautiful York County homes. (See page 2 for home locations) Music will be provided at various locations by students from both Spring Grove Area High School and York Country Day School.

The base this year will be St. Paul's Lutheran Church located at 25 W. Springettsbury Avenue. Tickets cost \$25 each and can be purchased there the day of the tour. Tickets will also be available for purchase at York's Central Market every Saturday in December, with the exception of December 24th, and also the first Saturday in January.

The committee has mailed out tickets for YTA members to sell as a way to support this fundraising event. Tour tickets make great Christmas presents! Checks should be made payable and mailed to:

YTA c/o Mary Homsher,
50 Rosedale Dr., Manchester, PA 17345

Volunteers are still needed to greet people as they visit each home. Call 717-659-6136 or email Mary and Larry Homsher at mary@vidmarkdist.com to arrange a time to help!

Jennifer Grim is in charge of hospitality and needs donations of baked goods. Please contact her at jsygrim@yahoo.com by December 20, 2022 with what, and how much, you are able to donate.

Thank you to 12th Night committee members Jackie Bortner, Rebecca Cook, Jennifer Grim, Carol Hartman, Laura Koebnick, Kathy Rauhauser, Kim Whitely, and co-chairs, Mary and Larry Homsher for making this a great event!

**AFTER TOUR RECEPTION ...
NEW FOR TWELFTH NIGHT!**

See next page for details >>>

Twinned with:
Arles, France
(Since 1954)



OUR 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)



AFTER TOUR RECEPTION

This year we have something new! After the 12th Night Holiday Tour there will be a reception at the Box Hill Mansion. Consul General Francoise Penguilly, of the Embassy of France in Washington, D. C. will be our special guest. He is attending in place of French Ambassador Phillipe Etienne.

Mark your calendars for this separate, ticketed event. Doors open at 5 PM, Hors d'oeuvres served at 5:30 PM, main stations and desserts available at 6:30 PM. A cash bar will be available with a signature drink, "The French Connection". Music will be provided by Peter Bottros. Tickets cost \$60 per person.

Invitations are on their way. The venue can only hold 150 people, so tell your family and friends and reserve your tickets right away! Attending this event will make for a lovely way to end the holiday season and promote York Twinning Association in a positive light.

This event is not a fundraiser. The ticket price is a pass through cost. For more information contact Mary or Larry Homsher at 717-659-6136.

Holiday Tour locations

- * Base for check-in, tickets, and refreshments
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 West Springettsbury Ave.+
- * Homes of:
 - Ed & Cindy Stawarz, 900 S. George St.+
 - John Mayberry & Susan Bauer, 20 West Springettsbury Ave.
 - Craig & Laura Horowitz, 1689 Sleepyhollow Road
 - Doug Kauffman & Ron Rhoads, 153 Rathton Road
 - Peter Danko & Sue McDaniels, 839 Mackenzie Street
 - Paul & Lora Deller, 730 South George Street
 - Michael Cagliostro, 428 Roosevelt Avenue+
 - Lou Rivera & Ricardo Serpa, 469 Linden Avenue

+Music at these locations.

Thanks to our tour sponsors:
 Central Market
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Time to Travel!



Our committee chairs met frequently during 2022 to discuss student and adult exchanges. It is our hope to resume student exchanges with both France and Germany, and have an adult exchange of YTA members travel to Arles, France, in the summer of 2023. Details and exact dates have not yet been determined

Information about our exchange programs have been sent out to schools and application forms can be found on our website. Any students interested in participating in the summer 2023 French exchange should email Kristin Witmer at madamdoulevé@hotmail.com

Students interested in participating in a summer 2023 German exchange should email Hannah Heintzelman at hannah.lane92@gmail.com YTA is in need of a co-chair for the German student exchange program. If interested please contact Hannah at the email address listed above.

Jennifer Grim and Ben Stein are working with our friends in Arles to arrange for an adult group to travel to Arles in July 2023. People interested should contact Jennifer Grim at jysgrim@yahoo.com



Christmas pyramids are often found in German homes during the holidays. They were originally hung from the ceilings to light, and add cheer to, dark rooms. Small candles are lit that warm air to move a slatted fan at the top and spin a carousel below decorated with angels or other Christmas figures.

Santons are figurines from the Provence region used to create nativity scenes. Each Santon is handmade to look like a tradesperson bringing their goods to Baby Jesus.

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:
 Hannah Heintzelman **CO-CHAIR NEEDED**
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
Summer Social/Bastille Day:
Interested in helping? Call Betty Stein 717-880-1404
Fall Oktoberfest: Hank & Michele Groat
Hospitality for In Person Meetings:
 Kristina Spies

This bronze statue of Marquis de Lafayette stands in front of the Golden Plough Tavern. It is said that at this place, during a visit to York, he raised his glass honoring Gen. George Washington. His "Toast That Saved the Nation" put an end to a plot called the Conway Cabal meant to overthrow Washington and replace him with General Horatio Gates.



YTA Calendar of Meetings & Social Events

MEETING DATES

Meetings will be 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 P.M., both in-person and via ZOOM. All meetings are open to both Board and General Membership. Agendas, in-person meeting locations, and ZOOM links will be sent out one week prior to meeting.

2023 MEETING DATES

January—No formal meeting due to January 8th, Twelfth Night Tour and Reception
February 8th—Regular Board meeting
March – date TBD Wine tasting event
April 12th—Regular Board meeting
May 10th—Regular Board meeting
June – date TBD Summer social
July — No formal meeting this month
August 9th—Regular Board meeting
September —No formal meeting—YTA Oktoberfest Celebration. Date TBD
October 11th—Regular Board meeting/Budget Review
November 8th - in person meeting with student presentations
December 13th—TBD

SOCIAL EVENTS

Winter: Sunday, January 8, 2023
12th Night Holiday Home Tour
12th Night After Tour Reception
People interested in helping greet visitors for the 12th Night Tour should contact Mary or Larry Homsher at 717-659-6136 or mary@vidmarkdist.com
Spring 2023: Wine Tasting Social
Summer 2023: Summer Social/Bastille Day celebration
Fall 2023: Oktoberfest Party

WHAT'S YOUR STORY ???



How have you been involved with York Twinning Association? Did you travel to Arles or Leinfelden-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.

We 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: 1lj2j31@comcast.net Subject line: YTA Memories

Reminiscing the formative years of York-Arles Twinning Committee aka as York Twinning Association, Inc.

by *Carolyn Van Newkirk*



I finally found it! After many days searching lost boxes in jammed closets, I found the special gift from my penpal, Odette Martin, who lived in Miramas, France, dated 3/2/1957. I was part of the French explosion that occurred in York as over 2000 students in York City Schools advanced from conservative book learning to a novel writing experiment which captured students' fascination. We corresponded in our native languages and I struggled to pick out a few words here and there to achieve some meaning. But that didn't matter because it was sheer excitement to take part in the program.

Our U.S. President at the time, Dwight D. Eisenhower, has to be given credit for instilling a desire in citizens to take part in a people-to-people program only a few years after a devastating world war, in which my friends and I were competing to be proud Lieutenants in "tin can collection" as a serious job in supporting the war. Writing to a penpal in a foreign country became critical yet simplistic.

In later years I brought my French class from West Chester State to observe the outstanding native French exchange teachers in our York school system. These teachers spread their 'talent' and organized adult language classes also. YTA was the pioneer in undertaking a twinning program with Arles. The novelty was infectious

My family moved from York for 25 years, but when we returned we joined YTA and went on several exchanges. We were particularly close to the German exchange and became friends with a family who had two teenage girls close in age to our children. That friendship lasted over several decades. The bond of Arles/LE/YTA continues.



Eisenhower's Connection to York Twinning Association

As part of their July 1962 trip to York, eighty visitors from Arles were greeted by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower at his office in Gettysburg, PA.

Photos taken from YTA's 50th Anniversary booklet, compiled by Carolyn & Jack Van Newkirk.



Join the **YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION** *experience*

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 \$ _____

*A percentage of membership fees supports the Marguerite Eriksson Scholarship Fund.
York Twinning Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are appreciated.
Please complete all information so our records can be updated.*

Name _____

Street Address _____

City / State _____ Zipcode _____

Mobile Phone _____ Other phone _____

Email address _____

I am interested in helping the organization with the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> FUNdraising activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> Programming	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Exchanges
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Exchanges	<input type="checkbox"/> YTA Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

Return this membership form and payment made out to York Twinning Association to:

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