



# tête à tête

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## A Message from your Co-Presidents



**Bonjour! Guten Tag!**



2023 is off to a great start! In January YTA held a fantastic 12th Night Holiday Tour attended by more than 300 people!

We are very excited to resume travel between our Twin cities! During our February meeting, Ben Stein presented details about the upcoming visit to Arles in July. We are excited to have about 20 YTA members participating in that trip. Plans are also being made to resume our student exchange programs this summer with YTA students visiting both France and Germany, hosting French students in York later in the summer and hosting German students in York this Fall.

In March YTA will be holding its annual wine tasting event, and in May YTA will participate in Give Local York, a 24 hours fundraising event created especially for non-profit organizations. Later this summer YTA plans to host an in-person gathering for members to reminisce, share past experiences, and create new memories. These are just a few reasons to join YTA.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Betty & Doug, Co-Presidents, YTA



## SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 26th!

York Twinning Association will be having their annual wine tasting event on Sunday, **March 26, 2023**. It will be held from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Revival Social Club, 19 N. George Street, York, PA 17401.

The cost is \$38 per person and includes gratuity. Please contact JaNeene Powell at 717-858-2966 for tickets which can be purchased by check, cash, or PayPal. If paying via PayPal, please pay \$40 to cover any PayPal fees.

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE BY MARCH 15th.**



What to expect: Two wines from each France and Germany, honoring our Twin Cities of Arles and Leinfelden-Echterdingen, will be served along with regional appropriate snacks as well as charcuterie.

Anyone who would like to attend Brunch at the Revival Social Club before the wine tasting will receive 10% off their order.

Be sure to invite family and friends. We look forward to a fun event, the opportunity to meet new people and tell them about our organization!

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)



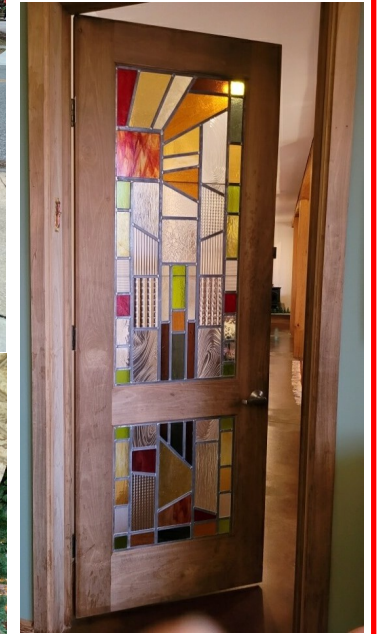


# 12th NIGHT HOLIDAY TOUR 2023, A GREAT SUCCESS!

York Twinning Association held their annual 12th Night Holiday tour on Sunday, January 8, 2023. The tour this year included a wide variety of homes around York City. Attendees commented that they were both surprised and delighted to learn about the uniqueness of each home. They also enjoyed listening to music provided by students from York Country Day School and Spring Grove Area High School. It was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you to co-chairs Mary & Larry Homsher and committee members Jackie Bortner, Rebecca Cook, Jennifer Grim, Carol Hartman, Laura Koebnick, Kathy Rauhauser, and Kim Whitely for their time and efforts planning and finalizing the 12th Night 2023 event. As a result of their hard work, YTA was able to raise over \$5,500.00 which will be used towards funding cultural events throughout the year and providing scholarships to York County students participating in YTA cultural exchanges to Arles, France and Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany.

Thank you, also, to our sponsors and all those who volunteered their time helping at homes during the tour, including the Girl Scouts from Heidelberg Church and musicians from York Country Day School and Spring Grove Area High School.





## 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, JaNeene Powell & Molly Wiles  
**12th Night Home Tour:** **POSITION OPEN**  
**Webmaster:** Ken Krause  
**Membership Chair:** Brandi Whitman  
**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, and JaNeene Powell  
**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

## YTA Calendar of Meetings & Social Events

### MEETING DATES

Most meetings will be held on the second 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 26th**— 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

**Spring 2023:** Wine Tasting Social—March 26  
**Summer 2023:** Summer Social/Bastille Day celebration  
**Fall 2023:** Oktoberfest Party  
**Winter 2024:** 12th Night Holiday Home Tour, tentative date January 7, 2024



Where in York, PA can you find this hanging design of a stamp that was created celebrating 200 years of friendship between our country and its alliance with France? Why was this alliance so important in 1778 and what role did York, PA play during this time?



## 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](mailto:1lj2j31@comcast.net) Subject line: YTA Memories

### York Twinning Memories from Kathy Rauhauser



My first memories of York Twinning Association are from 1962 when my parents, John and Dorothy Rauhauser 'adopted' three Arlesian visitors. Those visitors were Mimi and Pierre (Peter) Giraud and Mimi's sister Evelyn. I attended many of the Twinning activities during their visit and got to know them well. Mimi, Peter, and Evelyn became our "French family". When it was time for them to leave, the Girauds invited our family to visit them in Arles. That December, for my birthday, my parents surprised me with a trip to Arles. The summer of 1963 I traveled to Arles with a group from York Twinning. Mimi and Peter were my hosts and spoiled me during the entire visit. Reciprocal exchanges between our families have continued throughout the years with additional generations having a chance to share experiences and create new, wonderful 'Twinning' memories! I have stayed actively involved with YTA, have hosted many Arlesians during their stays in York, served as President, and most recently served on the 12th Night Tour committee.



1962 Arlesian visit to York  
Top: Evelyn, Dorothy, Mimi  
Bottom: Sisters Betty and Margie w/doll



1969 visit to Arles  
Margie & Kathy at  
Windmill of Alphonse  
Daudet



1994 YTA visitors to Arles  
Marion McAfee, Kathy's daughter  
Amy, and Dorothy Rauhauser are  
presenting booklet to members of  
Club des Jumelages.



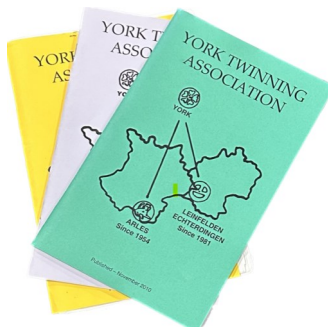
2003 Kathy at YTA's  
Bastille Day celebration  
at Country Meadows.

### Farewell to a YTA friend

We are saddened to report that William "Bill" Sabey, longtime member and friend of York Twinning Association, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2023 at the age of 97. Bill served as a historian and archivist and meticulously kept records of YTA's growth for many years. Along with along Jack Van Newkirk, Bill created a timeline of events that were published in York Twinning's 50th Anniversary Booklet. Ruth Sabey, his wife of seventy years, stated that he impressed family and friends with his loving heart and wisdom. A celebration of life will be held on Monday, March 13th, 11:00 AM, at First Presbyterian Church, 225 East Market Street, York, PA. Condolences can be sent to Ruth and family at 2208 Bentz Court, York, PA 17404.







## YTA 2023 Membership Directory

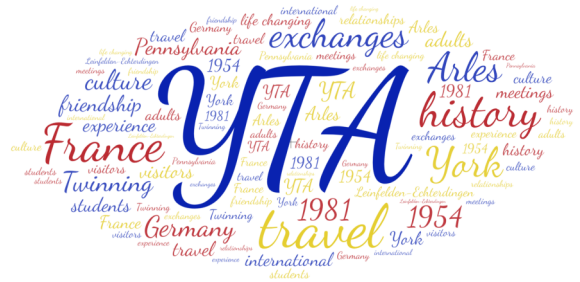
There have been several requests for a contact list to be shared with YTA members. Our newly formed membership

committee, JaNeene Powell, Mary Dodd, and Kim Whitely, headed by new member and Chair, Brandi Whitman have agreed to gather information and create this list. Only those people who are up-to-date and have paid membership dues for 2023, received by the end of April, will be included. Efforts will be made to be sure paid members have been made aware of these plans. If you do not want your contact information published in this directory please email Brandi Whitman at [brandiwhitman95@gmail.com](mailto:brandiwhitman95@gmail.com) or JaNeene Powell at [janeene.powell196@gmail.com](mailto:janeene.powell196@gmail.com) If you haven't already done so, please be sure to renew your YTA membership for 2023 so your information can be included in this new contact list. For your convenience, a 2023 membership form is included with this issue of Tete.



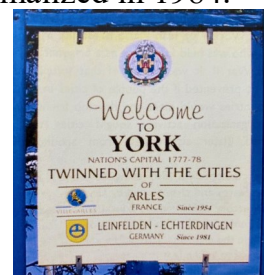
### Give Local York

YTA is registered to participate in the 2023 Give Local York fundraising campaign being held from 9 PM, May 4<sup>th</sup> through 9 PM, May 5<sup>th</sup>. This great fundraiser is an easy way to support YTA. It only requires people to donate to their non-profit organization on-line during that 24 hour time period. A little can go a long way! Mark your calendars so we can give together for YTA during Give Local York to raise funds for upcoming exchanges and cultural events. Reminders and updates will be sent out closer to May 4<sup>th</sup>.



### A Little Bit of History

During World War II, an imprisoned Frenchman named Jean Marie Bressand founded an organization called Le Monde Bilingue – Bilingual World - hoping that people from different countries would form friendships and prevent future wars. His organization actively sought cities from around the world to “twin” with each other. Dr. Victoria Lyles, the Director of Elementary Education in the city of York, PA, also felt learning about new cultures was important. As a result, she hired Marguerite Eriksson as the first educator to teach French in York City elementary schools. In 1951, as part of their plan to celebrate the 2,000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of France, the city of Arles was searching for an American city to join in the celebration. With assistance of Le Monde Bilingue, an invitation was sent to York through Dr. Lyles. The invitation to Arles was accepted. Dr. Lyles, Marguerite Eriksson, and General Jacob Devers, a 4-Star General and native of York who spent time in the south of France during his military career, attended the Arles celebration. The relationship between Arles and York had begun! The cities were formally ‘twinned’ in 1954. Today York-Arles is the world’s oldest continuous sister city program. In 1976 York celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States. Members of York Twinning Association decided to seek a new relationship, with Germany, to expand its rich German heritage. An organization called Sister Cities International, created in 1956 by President Eisenhower, assisted in connecting York with Leinfelden-Echterdingen (LE), a city in southwest Germany. The first cultural exchange occurred in 1981 with the York-LE ‘twinning’ relationship formalized in 1984.





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

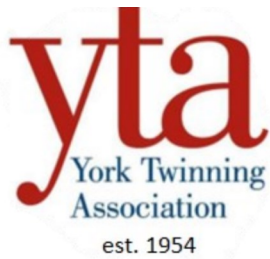
*I am interested in helping the organization with the following:*

<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:

***York Twinning Association  
P.O. Box 21318  
York, PA 17402***

# Support YTA with a purchase of YTA logo wear!



## Polo Shirts & Hats w/ Logo



- \* Casual and comfortable
- \* Recognizes you as a YTA member
- \* Great to wear during YTA events and exchanges
- \* White & Navy available for hats and shirt
- \* Shirts available in 2 different fabrics
- \* Hats have adjustable sizing

Note: Sample hats and shirts ( Adults Sizes S, M, L, & XL) will be available for inspection or sizing at upcoming meetings and March 26, 2023 Wine Tasting Event. Above pictures are representative, but NOT pictures of actual items.

All checks must be payable to York Twinning Association (no checks, credit cards, Paypal or Venmo). Checks must be received at YTA, P.O. Box 21318, York, PA 17402 or given to Doug Stein before May 1, 2023. It is anticipated that items will be available for pick up at the Wednesday, June 14, 2023 YTA meeting. Questions? Call Doug at 717-225-4600.

Name:									
Email:									
Cell Phone:									Sub-total
Baseball Hat - Navy Blue (adjustable size)								Qty. _____ _____ x \$15	\$_____
Baseball Hat - Stone Washed White (adjustable size)								Qty. _____ _____ x \$15	\$_____
	Youth M	Youth L	Adult S	Adult M	Adult L	Adult XL	Adult 2XL	Adult 3XL	
Navy Blue Polo Shirt (polyester material)	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25	\$_____
White Polo Shirt (polyester material)	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	\$_____
Navy Blue Polo Shirt (polyester & cotton mix)	Not Available	Not Available	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	Qty. _____ _____ x \$25 per	\$_____
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