

# tête à tête

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#### A Message from your Co-Presidents



**Bonjour! Guten Tag!** from Doug & Betty Stein



Great News! YTA Exchanges are a go!

Travel between our Twin cities begins this summer! From June 14th through June 27th, seven York County students, representing three different high schools, will be traveling to Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany for our first exchange since Covid! They will be accompanied by YTA chaperones Hannah & Kyle Heintzelman and Adrianna Clinton. Then, from July 11th through July 19th, a group of 17 adults and 3 teens will be traveling to Arles, France! German students are scheduled to visit York in October.

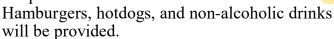


More good news! Give Local York 2023, a 24 hour fundraising event for non-profit organizations, was held on May 4th and 5th. Thank you to all those who made a donation. With your help we were able to raise \$1,153 for our organization. An additional \$50 has since been pledged to YTA and we will also received funds from the Give Local stretch pool. Funds will be used for cultural events throughout the year, to support activities for our French and German friends when they visit York, and help provide scholarships to York County students who choose to travel with YTA.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

#### SAVE THE DATE—AUGUST 13, 2023!

It's time to get together and have some fun! YTA will be having an in-person Summer Social on Sunday, August 13, 2023. It will be held at Doug & Betty Stein's home, 279 Little Creek Road, Spring Grove, PA 17362. Fun starts at 2 PM - plan to eat around 4:30 or 5 PM. Swimming, volleyball, and croquet will be available.



#### **Bring:**

- \* A side dish and a dessert to share
- \* Lawn chairs
- \* Swim suits & towels
- \* BYOB if you would like an alcoholic beverage
- \* Old and new photos of YTA exchanges

This will be a great opportunity to socialize, share stories about travel adventures from exchanges to Germany and France and meet new friends. Family and friends are welcomed!

RSVP appreciated for planning purposes, but not required. Hope to see you on August 13th! (717-880-1404 or j1j2j31@comcast.net)



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.



#### **WINE TASTING FUN!**

Good wine, good food, great fun! York Twinning Association held their annual wine tasting event on Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Revival Social Club, 19 N. George Street, York. 25 participants enjoyed two wines from each France and Germany, honoring our Twin Cities of Arles and Leinfelden-Echterdingen. Wine was served along with regional appropriate snacks and charcuterie. Did you know that the term charcuterie comes from two French words?: "chair" which means "flesh" and "cuit" which means "cooked"! A big thank you to our contact person Nancy Guido and Emily Crockett, our sommelier, for making this event enjoyable for everyone!











# YTA Board Officers & Chairpersons

#### **BOARD OFFICERS**

Co-Presidents: Doug & Betty Stein
Vice President: Laura Koebnick
Secretary: Michele Groat
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:** 

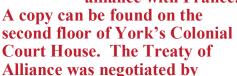
Interested in helping? Call Betty Stein 717-880-1404
Fall Oktoberfest: Hank & Michele Groat

**Hospitality for In Person Meetings:** 

Kristina Spies



This stamp design was created to celebrate 200 years of friendship between our country and its alliance with France.



Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane, and Arthur Lee on behalf of the American Colonies. It recognized us as an independent country and formalized financial and military support from France to the American Colonies during the Revolutionary War against Great Britain.



#### YTA Calendar of Meetings & Social Events

#### **MEETING DATES**

NEW UPDATE! A big thank you to the York YMCA. They meet all of our qualifications and have graciously agreed to allow us to use their Loucks Room for YTA meetings at no charge. Future Board and membership meetings will be held on the third 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 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. Reception cancelled.

February 8th—Regular Board meeting

March 26th— Wine tasting event

April 12th—Regular Board meeting

May 10th— No formal meeting this month

**June 21st** — Regular Board meeting & meeting for travelers to Arles. 7 PM at York YMCA

**July** — No formal meeting this month

**August 13th**— Summer Social at Stein home, 279 Little Creek Road, Spring Grove, PA

**September 17th** —Tentative date for YTA Oktoberfest Celebration. Additional information coming soon!

**October 18th**—In person meeting. Reception for German student visitors and presentations from students who visited LE summer 2023.

November 15th - Board/budget meeting

**December**—No formal meeting.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Summer 2023**: Summer Social/Bastille Day celebration

<u>Fall 2023:</u> Oktoberfest-tentative date 9/17/23 <u>Winter 2024</u>: 12th Night Holiday Home Tour, tentative date January 7, 2024 Spring 2024: Wine Tasting Social

### **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: i1i2j31@comcast.net Subject line: YTA Memories

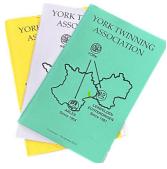
#### York Twinning Memories from Molly Wiles

I am a German teacher who currently teaches in South Western School District. I have many great memories from my experiences with York Twinning Association. I first got involved with York Twinning Association (YTA) about 20 years ago when one of my students traveled to Germany on a YTA trip. Since that time I have stayed involved and have always had a few South Western High School students join YTA trips to Germany. In 2013, my husband and I chaperoned the trip for 22 days! It was amazing! We made great friends and have maintained many connections. We have hosted a student and teacher, Nicole Magle, in our home in Hanover. I also lead the Gettysburg trip for the German students every year, and have taken the LE German teacher/chaperones on weekend trips while they have been here on exchanges. Several of my German students will be traveling to Leinfelden-Echterdingen this summer. I look forward to hearing about their adventures and making more memories during future YTA exchanges!









#### YTA 2023 Membership Directory

Our newly formed membership committee, JaNeene Powell, Mary Dodd, and Kim Whitely, headed by new member and Chair, Brandi Whitman have been working to gather information and create a YTA membership directory. We hope to have this directory completed and sent out electronically to paid members soon! People who have already paid for hard copies of Tete will receive a hard copy of the directory.

#### Greetings from Ulrich & friends in LE!

At the York Club's annual general membership meeting in March, Alexandra Sautter was elected as the new treasurer of the club. Alexandra has been a member to the York-Club since 2019. She and her family joined the club as one of their daughters was part of the students' exchange 2019 - and her family is also ready for being a host in 2023! As treasurer she took over from Conny Binder who had been in charge for seven years. We are glad to welcome Alexandra as a new member of the board.



Left to right: Conny, Ulrich, and Alexandra.

Even so, we were of course glad having Conny serving as our treasurer and a member of the board for so many

years. A lot of her ideas were translated in our activities, e.g. only recently a participation of the York-Club in a pub quiz. Thank you very much, Conny!

In May, we finally had a California wine tasting that was initially scheduled in 2020 and had to be skipped due to Covid-19. The tasting was held in an ancient restaurant and directed by the owner of Charles Vinothek. Looking forward, the event seems to be a good idea when we will again host

our friends from York in Leinfelden-Echterdingen (of course, German wines will be tasted then).

#### **More About the French Alliance Stamp**

In 1978, the dedication of a First Issue of the US Bicentennial French Alliance stamp took place in York, acknowledging 200 years of friendship. York was chosen as the place for this dedication because the Treaty of Alliance with France was ratified May 4, 1778 at York's courthouse! 4-Star General Jacob Devers, a York native, spent time in the south of France during his military

career. He later traveled to Arles with Dr. Lyles and Marguerite Eriksson in the 1950s, as representatives of York City. As an avid stamp collector, he was named honorary chairman for the stamp committee and signed first issue envelopes and folders after the ceremony at York's Colonial Courthouse.





## GEN DEVERS DUE IN YORK

Local War Hero Joining Stamp Ceremonies May 4

Retired Gen. Jacob L.
Devers will return to his
native York to join in the
May 4 ceremonies for the
first-day issue of the
french Alliance postage
stamp.
Gen. and Mrs. Devers
will be on the speakers'
platform with other
distinguished guests for
the 11 a.m. ceremony at
the Colonial Courthouse.

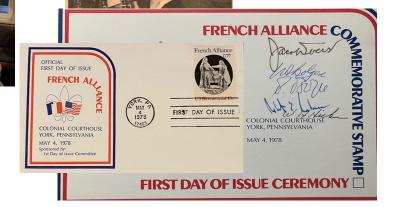
Jacob L. Devers

Jacob L. Devers

He will receive one of the special first-day issue albums from U.S. Postmaster General William F. Bolger, who will be one of the speakers. The couple will arrive here from their home in Washington, D.C., May 3 and leave York May 5. While here, they will occupy The Yorktowne's Gen. Jacob L. Devers Suite, which was dedicated in his honor on the occasion of his 90th birthday last September.

September. Gen. Devers last visited

York Sept. 18 for a belated public tribute for his birthday which was Sept. 8.
A stamp collector himself. General Devers has been named honorary chairman of the stamp ceremony committee headed by York





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