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A Message from your Co-Presidents



Bonjour! Guten Tag!
from Doug & Betty Stein



Wow! YTA has had a busy and exciting summer! 26 members attended our first in-person meeting on June 21st. Thank you to York's YMCA as they are graciously allowing us to hold meetings in their Louck's room. Long awaited travel exchanges with our "twin" cities began this summer. From June 14th to June 27th, seven York County students and three chaperones were part of an exchange in Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany. From July 11th to July 19th, eighteen adults and three teens participated in an exchange visiting Arles, France. Both exchanges were fantastic, filled with fun, friendship, and memories to last a lifetime! Be sure to look inside this newsletter for more information and photos.

On August 13th YTA held our in-person Summer social. The 41 people who attended enjoyed socializing and sharing stories about travel adventures from their exchanges to Germany and France.

Committee chairs have been busy planning for the German student exchange to York coming up in October, communicating with France for next summer's French, June/July, student exchanges, commencing plans for January's 12th Night Holiday tour, and starting plans for the German adult exchange to York scheduled for Fall of 2024.

YTA also set up a stand at the Revs stadium to hand out literature for their non-profit night. We were contacted to present a powerpoint show to residents Senior Commons. It was fun to hear stories of their travels long ago. We hope to continue reaching out to the York community and spreading good news about YTA!



SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 17, 2023!

WHAT: Oktoberfest celebration
WHERE: Lancaster Liederkrantz, 722 Chiques Road, Manheim, PA 17545
WHEN: Sunday, September 17, 2023
Starting at 1 PM
TICKETS: \$25 for adults,
\$15 for kids 15 years old and under
**Reserved ticket price includes your entry fee, a beer or soda, and a Bratwurst.*

A table has been reserved and arrangements made for YTA members to be able to purchase special tickets, in advance, for this fun, family friendly afternoon. There will be authentic German dancing, singing, food, beer, and activities for kids. **Reserve your tickets by September 11th by calling Hank Groat at 717-332-1407 or emailing him at hankgroat@yahoo.com**

Free parking is available across the street from the venue or you can pay to park in the venue parking lot. There is a handicap accessible ramp and golf cart to help transport those needing assistance from the parking lot to the event tent. **No food or drink may be brought into the event.**

Invite your family and friends to join in the fun. The more the merrier! Hope to see you there!



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)



YTA Board Officers & Chairpersons

BOARD OFFICERS

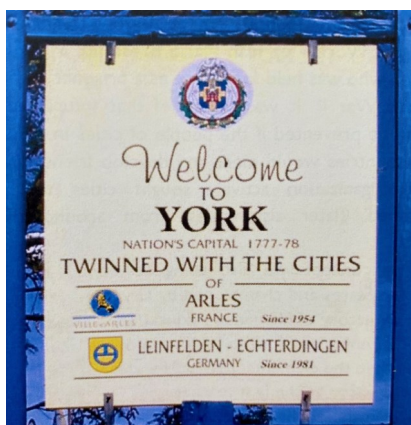
Co-Presidents: Doug & Betty Stein
Vice President: Laura Koebnick
Secretary: Michele Groat
Treasurer: JaNeene Powell
Asst. Treasurer: Kyle Groft
French Adult Exchange:
 Ben Stein & Jennifer Grim
French Student Exchange:
 Kristin Witmer, Kristie Spies
German Adult Exchange:
 Hank Groat & Laura Koebnick
German Student Exchange:
 Hannah Heintzelman, JaNeene Powell & Molly Wiles
12th Night Home Tour: **NEW** Co-chairs -
 Jessie Henning & Amy Matthews
Webmaster: Ken Krause
Membership Chair: Brandi Whitman
General Fundraising: **POSITION OPEN**
Marketing / PR: **POSITION OPEN**
Compliance Officer: **POSITION OPEN**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Newsletter: Betty Stein
Spring Wine Tasting Social: Kristina Spies, Melanie Winter, and JaNeene Powell
Summer Social/Bastille Day:
Fall Oktoberfest: Hank & Michele Groat
Hospitality for In Person Meetings: Kristina Spies



Where in York can you find these welcome signs announcing York as a "Twin" city with Arles, France and Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany?



YTA Calendar of Meetings & Social Events

MEETING DATES

Another thank you to the York YMCA. They meet all 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 —Oktoberfest Celebration.
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

Fall 2023: Oktoberfest—September 17, 2023
Winter 2024: 12th Night Holiday Home Tour,
 January 7, 2024
Spring 2024: Wine Tasting Social
Summer 2023: Summer Social/Bastille Day
 celebration

York Student Exchange to LE—June 2023! Submitted by Hannah Heintzelman



Seven students from three York County Schools, and three adult chaperones, represented York as ambassadors for York Twinning Association during the German Student Exchange program. We arrived in Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany on June 15th. Participating students were Ian Brown, MacKenzie Carr, Amelia Cruys, Zachary Gibson, Ethan Martin, Paige Mathias and Sarah Vaclavik. Chaperones were Adrianna Clinton, Hannah Heintzelman, and Kyle Heintzelman. Everyone was graciously welcomed by host families at the Stuttgart airport. Our group was given a tour of the city the following day. Our gracious hosts provided both students and chaperones with great care and a wonderful itinerary during our two week trip. A few highlights included tours of Heidelberg, Ludwigsburg, and Tübingen, as well as castles in two of those cities. The group also spent an afternoon in Waldenbuch creating our own chocolate bars and touring the art museum at Ritter Sport! Students learned about the history of Mercedes-Benz while touring the museum in Stuttgart. Students also had the opportunity to spend some time attending German schools. There were truly activities for all interests. We all had a wonderful time with our host families and new friends. Both students and chaperones are thankful for all of the wonderful experiences and lifelong memories created on the trip! We look forward to hosting German student visitors and their chaperones when they visit York in October!



York-Arles Exchange—July 2023

Submitted by Jennifer Grim, Ben Stein, & Betty Stein

A group of 21 travelers from York Twinning Association received red carpet hospitality during a week long exchange visit to Arles. The trip included visits to ancient historical sites, medieval to modern art and architecture, and home cooked Arlesian classics.



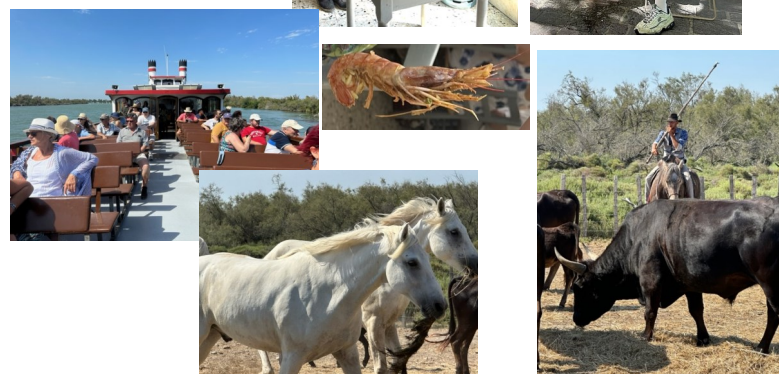
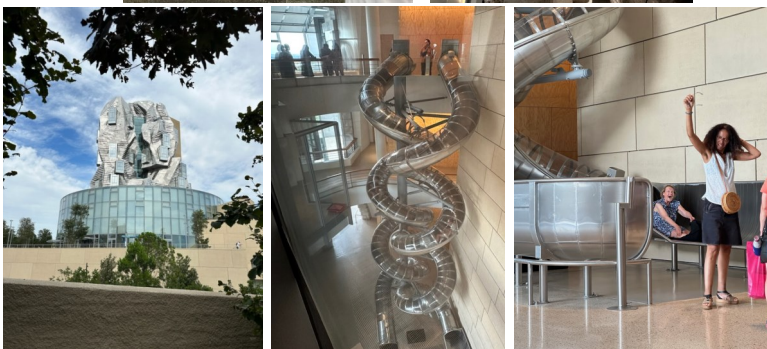
Day 1 we visited Le Jardin de la Maison de Sante a Arles, the Arlesian folk museum, then toured Luma Arles, designed by architect Frank Gehrig. The 12 level tower with its glittering facade is meant to evoke Van Gogh’s starry night and how he captured Provençal light in his paintings. The base of the tower is a vast steel and glass rotunda inspired by the Roman amphitheater. A double tube slide is incorporated into the interior for extra fun. This modern sculpture perfectly reflects the old and new of Arles.



Day 2, Bastille Day, we visited the historical town of Uzes which features a castle named Le Duche d’Uzes dating back to the feudal period with additions made throughout the centuries. We were treated to a parade of WWII Jeeps, medic trucks, a tank, other vehicles, and two Rolls Royce’s carrying the army brass. A band played while we all waved our French flags. After a bit of shopping and a café stop, we had a picnic lunch by the bank of the Gardon River and a walking tour of Pont du Gard, the tallest and one of the best preserved Roman aqueducts.



The morning of Day 3 we explored the Arlesian market which is always a feast for the eyes and nose! Following a wonderful lunch of paella, we visited Les Saintes Maries, took a cruise on Le Petit Rhône and saw the famous white Camargue horses and black Camargue bulls being fed by the riverbank. Later we saw a charming parade of horses, French cowboys called ‘gardians’ along with antique wagons and vehicles. Provence has a long tradition of bull games and bull fights!



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Day 4 was a free day to enjoy with host families. Some people visited Chateau de la Barben and enjoyed immersive shows depicting the history of the castle, a peasant revolt, and the takeover of the castle by the vigilantes. Other people spent the day shopping and walking through the town of Arles, dining on wonderful French food, spent some time on the beach, or visiting Aigues-Mortes, a walled Medieval town on the outskirts of Camargue.



Day 5 started with tours of the ruins of the Roman Theater and Amphitheater, both still used for events today! In the afternoon we toured the old town of Tarascon and a 15th century castle called Chateau de Tarascon. Originally a fortress, it later became a hospital, a prison, and is now used as a venue for art and performances.



Our Day 5 excursions ended with a visit to City Hall where we were served refreshments and warmly greeted by Consulat General des Etats Unis a Marseille Alurelie Delaissez-Forstall, Eva Carditi, City Hall Relations Co-ordinator, and Michel Lupi President of Arles Twinning Club.



Day 6 was a whirlwind of activities! It started with Les Carrieres de Lumiere, which offered an immersive art show of the Dutch masters to Van Gogh illuminating the immense, limestone, quarry walls carved out by builders for blocks of stone. This show was beautifully done, heightening both visual and auditory senses!



We had a picnic near Daudet's windmill, before a tour of the Monastery Saint-Paul de Mausole, a 19th century asylum where Van Gogh voluntarily committed himself and painted over 150 works including 'Starry Night', 'Irises', and 'Wheatfields'



The evening ended with a joyful farewell party where toasts and thanks were given to our hosts for their kindness, our excursions, wonderful meals, adventures, and friendships!!



Summer Social Photos!



Community Outreach !

Non-Profit Night with York Revolutions Sponsored by Give Local York June 29, 2023



Thank you from Senior Commons August 8, 2023

Hello Betty and Doug,
Thank you so much for coming to visit and share your experiences with the Twinning Association. Many of our residents not only loved the pictures but enjoyed hearing all the details.
I was able to put the extra pamphlets into our staff lounge to help spread the word about the association.
Thank you again.
Happy travels.

Maureen Rittenhouse
Resident Life Director



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WHAT'S YOUR STORY ???

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



A Lifetime of Friendship! - by Betty Stein

I was born into the York Twinning family! My parents, John and Dorothy Rauhauser, became involved with York Twinning in 1955, two years before I was born. They welcomed the first official delegation of six Arlesians. My first memories of the Arlesians are from when I was about 5 years old. My parents 'adopted' Mimi and Pierre Giraud and Mimi's sister Evelyn when they visited York. During subsequent exchanges, my parents would stay with the Girauds in Arles, and the Girauds, Evelyn, and her husband Lolo would stay at our home. In later years, my two older sisters, Kathleen Rauhauser, Margie Marsh and I all had opportunities to visit Arles and stay with Mimi and Pierre. Kathy first visited Arles when she was 18 years old in 1964. In 1969, Kathy and Margie traveled to Arles and spent a few days with Mimi, Peter, and Evelyn. In the summer of 1975 I visited Margie and her husband in Germany. Together, in a small MGB, we drove 900 miles from Germany to Arles. Mimi, Pierre, and Evelyn hosted us royally! Many of our children have had the chance to visit Arles and experience the hospitality shown by Mimi, Pierre and other members of the Arles Twinning Association. Kathy's daughter, Amy, traveled with her Grandma Dottie Rauhauser to Arles in 1994. Our oldest daughter, Jackie, traveled to Arles and spent the holidays with Mimi and Pierre when she studied abroad in 1999-2000. Our middle daughter, Jessica, performed in Arles with the Pennsylvania Music Ambassadors. She was treated to a special dinner with YTA members as the granddaughter of founding members John and Dottie Rauhauser. Doug and I had the opportunity to visit Arles in 2016 with YTA. Sadly, Pierre passed away a few months before we arrived but we were able to visit Mimi and her niece for a few hours one afternoon. This summer we returned to Arles with two of our grandchildren Cassidy Lumpkin and Sean Henning. Thanks to YTA members and our host family we were able to again spend time with Mimi who just turned 91. It was a very touching moment to hug Mimi and have the 4th generation of our family meet her to continue a lifetime of friendship.

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REMEMBERING—DR. M. JOHN WAMPLER



YTA member, Dr. Merle John Wampler, Jr., passed away peacefully on July 11, 2023. He was 90 years and 11 months young. John graduated as Valedictorian from York High in 1950, Franklin and Marshall's pre-medical program in 1953, and the University of PA Medical School of Medicine in

1957. After a year internship at York Hospital he received his commission as Captain in the Medical Branch of the US Air Force serving as a flight surgeon. Following his Air Force duties, John, his wife Nancy, and their young family moved back to York. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine then opened his own private practice offering hospital and nursing home care as well as home visits. John and his wife Nancy traveled to Arles and often hosted visitors from Arles when they came to York. Nancy passed away in 1991. John retired in 2005. John remarried in 1997. He and his wife Mary Jean Roseberry shared a love of music and traveling during their 26 years together. A celebration of life was held on August 5, 2023.

REMEMBERING—FREDERICK HOEFERT



York Twinning Association's former Adult French Coordinator, Frederick Hoffert, died unexpectedly July 16, 2023, in Dallastown where he lived. He is survived by his parents, Sigfried and Rosario, his sisters Monica and Teresa, and his girlfriend Laura. He was 65 years old.

Frederick studied at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Formerly he was employed by the City of York General Authority. Fluent in French, he was a tremendous asset to YTA when the folks from York's twin city, Arles, France, visited our town. Frederick loved ballroom dancing and was especially adept with the tango. He always saw the best in people and flourished with this rare gift. Kuhner Associates Funeral Directors, Inc. 863 South George Street, York, are in charge of private funeral arrangements.



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