



# tête à tête

OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL CONTACTS WHILE  
GAINING MUTUAL RESPECT AND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP THROUGH  
ORGANIZED EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH OUR TWIN CITIES.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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## Dessert Sampling at Upcoming Membership Meeting

Come hungry to our membership meeting on March 27! We will be having a dessert sampling with items from Janina's Fine Desserts, a local bakery that specializes in European baking. We will be having four different desserts:

German: Black Forest Cake  
Polish: Apple Cake  
French: Napoleon  
Italian: Tiramisu

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## From the President

*Submitted by JaNeene Powell*

It was very nice to see everyone who came out to the January General Meeting. It's encouraging that the organization has so many loyal members.

The board is working diligently to ensure that the vision of our founding members is maintained and the infrastructure of our organization is strengthened. A few of the items that we are working on are

Club-specific e-mail addresses. We will create email addresses for each position, so historical data is maintained as the board members come and go. These emails include

- a [Newsletter@yorktwinning.org](mailto:Newsletter@yorktwinning.org) (Tete Writer, Adrianna)
- b [Secretary@yorktwinning.org](mailto:Secretary@yorktwinning.org) (Linda)
- c [Presidnetet@yorktwinning.org](mailto:Presidnetet@yorktwinning.org) (JaNeene)

Please check on our website for additional listings as they are created.

Program Consistency – we are working to make our travel programs more consistent across the board, so everyone follows the same rules. We believe strongly that the programs will be aligned by the end of this year.

Marketing – We are working closely with the York County Convention & Visitor's Bureau to obtain grant money to help us tell the county about our club.

## Save the Date for the Twelfth Night Home Tours - January 6, 2019

*Submitted by Carolyn Van Newkirk*

York Twinning Association is reviving its popular Twelfth Night Homes Tour and are already setting plans in place. We will need lots of volunteers to help out, not only with the preplanning and organization, but also on that day serving as hosts and hostesses in the six homes. We will be collaborating with the Garden Club of York who will have their members decorate homes with fresh floral arrangements that will be judged by certificated officials. Now isn't that cool?

Here's a preliminary list of job descriptions:

- Director of a Home (2 people could be Co-Directors to share the responsibilities)
- 6-8 docents to be available in rooms as guides
- Ticket salesmen in each home
- Luminary designers
- Musician agents
- Silent Auction supervisors
- Marketing agents
- Program artists and designers
- Communication editors and marketers

Interested? We already have signed up some excited volunteers so let us know how you would like to help. Email Carolyn Van Newkirk [cvannewkirk@comcast.net](mailto:cvannewkirk@comcast.net) with your interests and suggestions. Know of a neighborhood that would be interested in opening up their homes?

## Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 02/01/2018: \$11,087.41

Deposits: \$9,814.69

Expenses: \$0.00

Net Activity for the Period: \$9,814.69

Adjustments for the Float: \$0.00

Ending Balance as of 02/28/2018: \$20,902.10

Eriksson Savings Balance: \$2923.57

Please note that a percentage of membership fees supports the Marguerite Eriksson Scholarship Fund. Additional donations are greatly appreciated as scholarships support students participating in the exchanges.

York Twinning Association is a 501(c)3 non profit organization and is registered with [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org), which lists an IRS recognized database of 2.2 million non profits. Donations to YTA are deductible and will be acknowledged in writing for documentation to the IRS.

## Calendar of Events

### March 27 at 7:00pm

\*General Membership Meeting at Country Meadows

### April 24 at 7:00pm

\*Board Meeting at Perkins Restaurant

### May 22 at 7:00pm

\*General Membership Meeting at Country Meadows

### June 18 - 25

\*Adults from France travel to York

### June 30 - July 14

\*YTA students travel to Arles, France

### July 2 - July 10

\*YTA adults travel to L-E, Germany

### July 14 - July 28

\*Students from France travel to York

### *Meeting Locations:*

*Perkins Restaurant: 2500 East Market Street  
York, PA 17402*

*Country Meadows: 2700 Pine Grove Road  
York, PA 17403*

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## YTA Receives Mail

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SEND US MAIL!  
WE WANT TO READ  
YOUR LETTERS  
ABOUT YOUR YTA  
EXPERIENCE!

Do you have something to say about your experience with YTA? Would you like to publish a letter in the Tête? Just email [newsletter@yorktwinning.org](mailto:newsletter@yorktwinning.org), and your letter can be featured in the next edition of the Tête! Here are some letters YTA received in January:

Jan. 23, 2018

Dear YTA,

Thank you for continuing to send me Tete a Tete through snail mail.

I hope we can twin with another city. I know... Asuncion, Paraguay, and we...twinned with them in the 1960s.

I've been to Asuncion four times with my church on mission trips. The trips were all in summer and were one week long. It was winter there but because of their 28 degrees south latitude it felt like Florida in summer. They have lots of...palm trees. We helped local people start new churches in their neighborhoods with the help of translators and many kind people. The trips were wonderful experiences. I'd love to go to Asuncion with YTA some day. Asuncion is a larger city than York and it has some tall buildings. I have traveled to Arles twice and to Leinfelden Echterdingen twice with YTA. And in 2016 I went to Vietnam with some friends. I travel when I can.

Take care. May God Bless all of you.

Sincerely,  
Terry Loucks

Jan. 12, 2018

Dear President of York Twinning,

It is with sorrow I inform you of my wife Miriam's passing on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. We were hosts for 2 young French ladies in the 1960s and we still keep in touch with one, Annie Laurent and her family. Also we were privileged to visit the family on two different occasions and they have visited us also. YTA is recognized for their efforts in creating and developing relationships with a twin city.

Continue with your good work!

Fondly,  
Eugene Gemmill



## Committee Reports

### French Adult

*Submitted by Mary Dodd and Ben Stein*

We have received news that our Arlesian friends are arriving in York on June 18th and departing on June 25th. We are still waiting for complete details of who will be making the trip. As soon as we receive these details, our French Adult committee will be working to match everyone up to an appropriate host family.

Here is a brief look at the itinerary. More details will be featured in the May/June Edition of the Tête:

June 19th -- Harley Davidson tour and Welcoming Celebration in the evening  
June 20th -- Gettysburg  
June 21st -- York  
June 22nd -- Lancaster  
June 23rd -- Baltimore  
June 24th -- Free day with host family and Farewell Picnic hosted by Betty and Doug Stein

If you wish to participate in the tour days and special gatherings, please look for the sign up details in the May newsletter. The sign up form will also be made available on the website in mid-May. We look forward to as many members as possible joining us for the gatherings and tour days.

### German Adult

15 Adults will travel to Germany to participate in the exchange with friends in Leinfelden-Echterdingen, departing July 2nd and returning on July 10th.

### German Student

*Submitted by JaNeene Powell*

The German Student Program will be sending the below list of Ambassadors to Germany in June 2018.

Abigail B – Red Lion  
Sarah M – Southwestern  
Abbie M – Red Lion  
Sarah M – York Suburban  
Alex O – Southwestern  
Rebecca P – Southwestern  
Anna R – Central  
Morgan S – Red Lion  
Hannah U – Southwestern  
DeAnna W – Dallastown  
Samuel Z – Red Lion  
Steven G – Red Lion

### French Student

*Submitted by Kristin Witmer*

Bonnes nouvelles! Madame Witmer is pleased to announce that there will be 6 students traveling to Arles this summer. There are 5 York County High Schools represented; Central York, Dallastown, Red Lion, York Country Day School, and York Suburban. The students will leave on June 30 and return on July 14 with the students from Arles. The Arlesians will return home on July 28.





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