



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.

YTA BOARD ELECTIONS

PHILIPPE FAMILY TO PRESENT ON LIFE IN NORMANDY, FRANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT

YTA TO CONSIDER NEW TWIN CITY

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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YTA Board Elections to Occur at Upcoming Membership Meeting

At the York Twinning Association general membership meeting on January 23, members will be voting on new officers to serve terms of two years. The candidates are as follows:

- President: JaNeene Powell
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- Vice President: Cameron Murray
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- Secretary: Linda Nestor
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- German Adult Coordinator: LoriRene Weyant
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- German Student Coordinators: Claudia Thune,
Harrison Swartz
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Co-Coordinator JaNeene Powell

- French Adult Coordinator: Ben Stein
bstein48@comcast.net

Co-Coordinator Mary Dodd
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- French Student Coordinators: Kristin Witmer
madamedoubleve@hotmail.com

Co-Coordinator/Hospitality Kristi Spies
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- Director, Tête Newsletter: Adrianna Clinton
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- Nominations are needed for two Directors and Ways & Means chairman.

Philippe Family to Present About Life in Normandy, France

Submitted by Adrienne Williams

Our presentation for the first general membership meeting of 2018 will be given by Romuald and Jennifer Philippe. They currently live in York with their two children, Sebastien (13) and Gabrielle (9).

Romuald is a native of Normandy, France. He started traveling to the United States for his job in the early 1990s. He has lived in York for the last 15 years. Jennifer lived and worked in France in the late 1990s. The Philippe family travel back to France almost every summer to spend time with Romuald's family and to explore France. They will be talking about life in the Pays de Caux region of Seine-Maritime, Normandy.

Please visit our new and improved website for the latest information on all things York Twinning!

Members can learn more about upcoming trips, view photo galleries of recent visits both here and abroad, download important forms, and more!

Go to
www.yorktwinning.org

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 12/01/2017: \$14,063.87

Deposits: \$0.00

Expenses: (\$206.30)

Net Activity for the Period: (\$206.30)

Adjustments for the Float: \$0.00

Ending Balance as of 12/31/2017: \$13,857.57

Eriksson Savings Balance: \$2923.86

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, 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.

Please mark your calendars for our
upcoming meetings in 2018!

January 23 at 7:00pm

*General Membership Meeting at
Country Meadows

February 27 at 7:00pm

*Board Meeting at Perkins Restaurant

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

The meeting locations are as follows:

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

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

Partnership Begins with York CVB

Submitted by JaNeene Powell

On behalf of YTA, JaNeene Powell and Carolyn VanNewkirk are working with the York County Convention and Visitor's Bureau to increase support for our programs. Some ideas so far include discounted costs for activities in York County for our friends from abroad as well as for our members and guests, and scholarships to fund our student programs and activities. The Board is also currently researching grant opportunities.

York Twinning Members!
Membership forms are due for
2018! If you have not done so
already, please turn in your dues,
either by mail or at the upcoming
membership meeting on January 23!



YTA to Consider Potential New Twin City

VISIT OUR
WEBSITE TO
PARTICIPATE IN
OUR PROPOSED
CITIES SURVEY!

The York Twinning Association has proposed investigating new cities to add to York's current two twin cities. Members can voice their opinions in a survey on the proposed cities on our website at yorktwinning.org. Here are the cities and a little information to help evaluate the choices!

- Saipan, Mariana Islands*

Saipan is the largest of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. Commonwealth located in the Western Pacific. Tourism is its vital source of economic activity, and it was granted to the U.S. in 1947.

- Asunción, Paraguay*

Asunción, founded in 1537, is the capital city of Paraguay. It is known for its grand López Palace, which is the seat of government housing the president's offices.

- Cuenca, Spain

Set in the mountains of east-central Spain, Cuenca is most famous for its well-preserved "casas colgadas" or hanging houses. It formed in 1833.

- Cartago, Costa Rica

Cartago is located 25 kilometers east of the capital of Costa Rica, San José. It was founded in 1563, and is known for La Negrita, a shrine located at Our Lady of the Angels Basilica.

- Copiapó, Chile

Copiapó, founded in 1744, is located in northern Chile. Mining is its largest economic activity, as it is located in a rich silver and copper mining district.

- Valparaíso, Chile

Founded in 1536, Valparaíso is a major city, seaport, and educational center in Chile; it has 7 universities. It is known for its steep funiculars and colorful, clifftop homes.

- Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay

Colonia del Sacramento was founded in 1680, and is located in southwestern Uruguay. It is known for its cobblestoned Barrio Histórico, which is lined with buildings from its time as a Portuguese settlement.

* Mayor of York City Michael Helfrich has initiated an interest in these two cities.



Committee Reports

German Student

Submitted by JaNeene Powell, Claudia Thune, and Harrison Swartz

The German Student committee has completed interviews and selected ambassadors to travel to Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany, in June of 2018. The students will begin monthly meetings at the end of January in preparation for their travel to our sister city.

French Student

Submitted by Kristin Witmer and Kristi Spies

Madame Witmer, French Student Exchange Coordinator, is looking for high school students who would like to travel to Arles, France, summer of 2018. There are already six student ambassadors, but we are still accepting applications until the end of January.

French Adult

Submitted by Mary Dodd and Ben Stein

Our Arlesian friends will be visiting sometime during the third or fourth week of this June. As soon as exact dates are available, they will be posted on the York Twinning website. If you wish to participate in the tour dates and special gatherings, please plan to stay around town during the second half of June. Our French Adult Committee is meeting again in January to continue planning for the visit. Thank you to all who have expressed interest in participating. Mary can be contacted at dodd2633@gmail.com.

Sponsorship

At the December board meeting, a sponsorship committee was formed with the intent to generate more revenue for YTA, and to have 10% of funds raised go into the Eriksson scholarship fund. The committee consists of JaNeene Powell, Cameron Murray, Ben Stein, Linda Nestor, and Adrianna Clinton. A list has been created for potential businesses to contact, and a solicitation letter has also been drafted. From each business that signs on as a sponsor, the committee needs their contact information, a high resolution logo, and website address. and members are welcome to suggest any contacts to the committee. There are four tiers that potential sponsors may choose from.

1. Gold - \$300
The duration of this tier is 12 months. The sponsors' ad will be featured in 6 têtes and all event brochures.
2. Silver - \$200
The duration of this tier is 6 months. The sponsors' ad will be featured in 3 têtes and all event brochures.
3. Bronze - \$100
The duration of this tier is 3 months. The sponsors' ad will be featured in 2 têtes and all event brochures.
4. Supporter - \$75
Businesses who choose this tier will be featured on the website for 6 months.

German Adult

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



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