



SEPTEMBER
& OCTOBER
2018 ISSUE

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.

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Student Ambassadors Presentation at September 25 Membership Meeting

At YTA's membership meeting on September 25, our student ambassadors will be presenting about their travels from this summer. Join us for a fun evening as we learn from our ambassadors first-hand about how their travels have changed their lives!

From the President

Submitted by JaNeene Powell

We invite all of our members, former members and past travelers to join us for our upcoming presentations. In September we will hear from our students who travelled to France and Germany. In November we will be having a special reunion meeting for all of our past travelers, student and adult, and in January we will have a teacher appreciation night.

Thank you to our sponsors!



TWELFTH NIGHT

"Splendor in Springdale"

A Tour of Classical Homes

January 6, 2019 1-6 P.M.



York Twinning Association proudly takes you inside six classical homes in the Springdale Section of York as this popular tour which started in 1974 is being staged by the current membership. They will collaborate with the Garden Club of York who will decorate the homes with fresh floral arrangements.

This huge event will need many sponsors and volunteers to garner success. A preliminary list of job descriptions is as follows: No volunteers turned down!

- *Two Co-Directors for each home
- *Six-eight docents in each home to direct guests
- *Ticket salesmen
- *Luminary designers
- *Musicians
- *Silent auction monitors
- *Graphic designers for programs and marketing presentations
- *Writers to script descriptions of homes
- *Refreshment presenters
- *Sponsors who will support this fundraiser with donations
- *CoChairs -Carolyn Van Newkirk cvarnewkirk@comcast.net

Mary Homsher mary@vidmarkdist.com

Calendar of Events

We encourage everyone, if you know of a York County high school student interested in the German or French student trips, or if you know of an adult interested in joining the York Twinning Association, please get in contact with the York Twinning Association!

September 25 at 7:00pm

*General Membership Meeting - Student Ambassador Presentations

October 12 - 28

*German Students visit York

October 23 at 7:00pm

*Board Meeting

November 27 at 7:00pm

*General Membership Meeting - Reunion Party

December (Date TBD)

*Board Meeting & Holiday Gathering

January 6

*12th Night Home Tours (details to follow)

January 22 at 7:00pm

*General Membership Meeting - Teacher Appreciation Night

February 26 at 7:00pm

*Board Meeting

March 26 at 7:00pm

*General Membership Meeting

***All meetings are now located at the council chamber in York City Hall: 101 S. George Street York, PA

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 08/01/2018: \$17,101.28

Deposits: \$2,651.25

Expenses: -\$1,248.50

Net Activity for the Period: \$1,402.75

Adjustments for the Float: \$0.00

Ending Balance as of 08/31/2018: \$18,504.53

Eriksson Savings Balance: \$2924.45

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.

Vacant Board Member Positions

YTA has several board member vacancies to fill. If a member is interested, has recommendations, or questions, please reach out to info@yorktwinning.org or a current board member. The following are our current open positions:

- Assistant Treasurer
- German Student Coordinator & Co-Coordinator
- Ways & Means



Committee Reports

German Student

Submitted by JaNeene Powell

York Twinning GSE is currently looking for host families for our 2018 group of German Students. We are expecting a total of 20 students and 2 chaperones. The students will arrive on Friday, October 12, 2018 and depart on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

The host family responsibilities are as follows:

- Pick up the students on their arrival date and provide housing for the duration of their visit. There are no specific rules to housing other than a safe environment. The students do not require their own bedroom or any "above and beyond" measures. They can be treated just like a friend that is visiting for a "sleep over"

- Spend time enjoying your German Student and getting to know him/her during the 2 weekends the students are with us

- Contact your local school district for approval of the 2 school day visits

- Provide transportation to and from the daily drop off and pickup sites

- Provide transportation for at least one of the activities.

- Provide breakfast and dinner to the students.

- Provide lunch and/or lunch money based on the itinerary. (Out of pocket expense is approximately \$75.00 over the 2-week period)

- Obtain a Child Abuse Clearance (this can be done at no cost)

There are benefits to being a host family, such as:

- The opportunity for your child to apply to travel to Germany and stay with the student previously hosted

- The opportunity to attend the activities planned for the German Students (there are costs associated with this)

- The opportunity to learn first-hand the culture of the German student(s)
- The opportunity to share our culture and local scenery with the German Students

To become a host family, contact JaNeene Powell at gse@yorktwinning.org

French Student

Submitted by Kristin Witmer

The search is on! Madame Witmer is looking for high school students who would like to travel to Arles, France in July 2019. They must be at least 16 years old and have completed at least 2 years of French before the trip. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend our September meeting where past exchange students will share their experiences. Madame Witmer, French Student Coordinator, will also be there to answer questions and pass out applications. If you would like more information about the exchange or would like an application, please contact Madame at yta.fse@gmail.com.

Madame Witmer is also looking for Twinning members who would like to help coordinate the French Student Exchange for July 2019. Committee members would meet once or twice a month. In November, we would interview prospective students, and in the following months, we would plan events for the students and also meet with the student ambassadors to prepare them for the exchange. If interested, please contact Kristin Witmer at yta.fse@gmail.com.



Review of YTA Business

CHECK OUT
YORKTWINNING.ORG
AND OUR SOCIAL
MEDIA PLATFORMS
TO STAY UP TO
DATE!

- Recently, the Social Media board member position was filled by Sophia Carl. She is a Red Lion graduate currently studying at Bloomsburg University. She is studying Pre-Social Work. At Red Lion Senior High School, she studied German for two years. She also managed the Red Lion SHS Varsity Swimming Instagram page for one season during her time as the girls' swimming team captain. We are thrilled to have her join the board!
- Thank you to Board President JaNeene Powell for personally donating the cost of a one-year subscription to QuickBooks. This is an application that will be used by our treasurer Claudie Thune to assist with bookkeeping.
- We now have T-Shirts to represent YTA! They come in sizes Small-2XL and cost \$15.00 each. They will be available at the next meeting!
- YTA is selling Mr. Hot Shine Car Wash Cards as a fundraiser! They cost \$20. If interested, contact JaNeene Powell!
- YTA postcards were distributed to all members with a list of meeting dates and information about the special events happening at each meeting.
- York City is refurbishing the signs from the city that share a little information with visitors about YTA. There were 4 current signs, and the board is currently discussing making small changes to the signs. When the project is completed, there will be pictures included in the Tête.
- The board is beginning to prepare the 2019 budget. Budgets are being submitted by October's board meeting, with discussions beginning in December.
- Tête Director Adrianna Clinton is currently pursuing a partnership with Kohl's. As part of their corporate responsibility initiative, Kohl's store associates volunteer at various events with non-profits, and for every five associates that volunteer, the non-profit receives a \$500 grant. YTA will begin this partnership with the 12th Night Home Tours event.



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