

# tête à tête

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GAINING MUTUAL RESPECT AND INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP THROUGH  
ORGANIZED EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH OUR TWIN CITIES.

TWELFTH NIGHT CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
COMMITTEE REPORTS  
GERMAN STUDENT VISIT HIGHLIGHTS



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## Reunion Party at November 27 Membership Meeting

YTA's next membership meeting on November 27 will be a reunion party! We are going to break up into small groups and conversing. There will be some questions and conversation starters to promote fun conversations. There will be snacks and drinks provided by the YTA hospitality committee, as well as a prize drawing for a one-night complimentary stay at the Hampton Inn York by the Galleria Mall. Everyone is welcome, especially those who have traveled with YTA, hosted adults or students through YTA, volunteered with YTA, or supported YTA in any way.

### From the President

*Submitted by JaNeene Powell*

A call to all members!! In October, the Board meeting focused on increasing our membership and focusing on more social activities for our members to participate in. The board is currently sorting through over a dozen ideas and selecting the top 5 activities/ideas to bring to our membership in 2019. We encourage all of our members to tell us what you want to participate in. If you have any ideas for membership presentations, fun activities, day trips, etc, please send them to [president@yorktwinning.org](mailto:president@yorktwinning.org), so we can work to bring them to life.

## Twelfth Night Home Tour Cancelled and Rescheduled

*Submitted by Carolyn Van Newkirk*

The Twelfth Night home tour originally scheduled for January 6, 2019, has been cancelled and rescheduled for January 5, 2020. As the new year becomes a reality and plans for this unique activity are announced, we will continue the popular tour of classic homes in the York area, expand the introduction of professional musicians who will soothe with live background tunes during the tour, and introduce opportunities for winning prizes which will swell YTA scholarship funds. Save the date, volunteer your services, and share your enthusiasm for the organization.

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*Membership dues for  
2019 are now due! New  
this year: dues can be  
paid via PayPal on our  
website,  
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*Daniel and Maja, the chaperones of the German student visit in October, presenting board president JaNeene Powell with 1 meter of Ritter Sport chocolate at the October 24 YTA board meeting.*

## Treasurer's Report

**Balance as of 10/01/2018: \$17,939.88**

**Deposits: \$1,623.00**

**Expenses: -\$3,418.65**

**Net Activity for the Period: \$-1,795.65**

**Adjustments for the Float: \$0.00**

**Ending Balance as of 10/31/2018: \$16,144.23**

**Eriksson Savings Balance: \$2924.62**

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

### November 27 at 7:00pm

\*General Membership Meeting - Reunion Party

### December 18 at 7:00pm

\*Board Meeting & Holiday Gathering at Nestor residence

### 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

### April 23 at 7:00pm

\*Board Meeting

### May 28 at 7:00pm

\*General Membership Meeting

### June 25 at 7:00pm

\*Board Meeting

### July 23 at 7:00pm

\*Summer Picnic (more details to follow)

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

## 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](mailto:info@yorktwinning.org) or a current board member. The following are our current open positions:

- Assistant Treasurer
- German Student Coordinator
- Ways & Means





# Committee Reports

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:yta.fse@gmail.com).

## German Adult

In 2019 German adults will be traveling here to York. In 2021, York adults will be traveling to Leinfelden-Echterdingen.

## French Adult

In 2020, YTA members will have the opportunity to visit our French twin city Arles. Notably, the Arlesians have informed YTA that they definitely wish to come in 2026 to celebrate the USA's 250th anniversary.

*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!*



## German Student Visit Highlights

CHECK OUT  
YORKTWINNING.ORG  
AND OUR SOCIAL  
MEDIA PLATFORMS  
FOR MORE PICTURES  
OF THE VISIT!



*Students pictured with Mayor Michael Helfrich in front of York City Hall.*

*Submitted by JaNeene Powell*

From October 12th to October 27th, we had the pleasure of hosting 20 German Students and 2 Chaperones. Our host families came from Dallastown, Northeastern, Red Lion, Central, Southwestern, and Suburban. Thank you to all of the schools and teachers for supporting our program!

The group participated in activities to Gettysburg, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Lake Tobias, Hershey Chocolate World, Lancaster, Harley Davidson, Penn State York, Laser Alleys, Washington, DC, and a tour of York City with a trip to the William C Goodridge Freedom museum and a meet and greet with Mayor Helfrich, who joined the students for lunch at Central Market.

A huge shoutout to everyone who made this visit possible - the host families who volunteered their time to help with transportation, the club members who volunteered their time (even taking off work) to lead our visitors on trips, and the various businesses who hosted us. We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers, and I thank each and every one of you for the enormous amount of effort, heart, and soul you put into this program every year.

Now it's time to start planning our student visit to Germany! If you are interested in being a Student Ambassador in 2019, please let me know! If you have just hosted, please email [gse@yorktwinning.org](mailto:gse@yorktwinning.org) and let us know you would like to travel so we can provide you a list of remaining requirements. If you have not hosted, please download our Ambassador Packet from our website and submit it to [gse@yorktwinning.org](mailto:gse@yorktwinning.org). Forms are due by November 15th! Here is the URL to go directly to the forms page - <http://www.yorktwinning.org/documents--forms.html>



*Students pictured during visit to Baltimore.*



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