What is YORK Twinning? Over 60 years ago, a group of persistent dedicated folks, separated by thousands of miles, embraced the concept that by breaking down barriers of communication, a bond of friendship could be created among peoples of different cultures, of different religions, of different ancestry. What evolved was a people-to-people visitation exchange buoyed by the president of the U.S., local political leaders, educators, and everyday citizens. York has been twinned with Arles, France, since 1954, and Leinfelden-Echterdingen, German, since 1981, creating ‘many years of international friendship!’
The German Student Exchange committee reported that students who had applied for this popular program were interviewed and twenty-one were selected for the 2015 exchange. They represent a cross section of York County school systems. Scholarships will be awarded to approximately five students and the amount of each stipend will be $300.

The committee met to discuss and implement new travel requirements and associated fees.

Chaperone for the 2015 trip will be Donna Smith, a German language teacher in West York School District. She and her husband Craig have been active in Twinning for years, and have hosted visiting teachers. Having accompanied the German Student Exchange before, she is looking forward to a great trip this summer.

Submitted by LoriRene Weyant
lorirene1@hotmail.com

The Board met on February 24th and welcomed our newly elected officers: Carolyn Van Newkirk and Mike Cuba were elected to serve a second two-year term and Kristi Spies is beginning her first two-year term. She is a welcomed addition to our board membership.

One of the things we accomplished at our meeting was accepting our meeting calendar. I have served on the Twinning Board for close to fifteen years—as Secretary, German Student Coordinator, and currently, as President. When I think about what our organization accomplishes with volunteers, I am amazed! The membership and the Board are scheduled for five meetings. Sometimes the Board adds an extra meeting in the summer if the planning workload dictates it.

The reason this sparse meeting schedule works is because of the people who work and serve on committees. These people are dedicated and tireless. This is also, truthfully, where deeper friendships are formed and where most of the fun happens (in my opinion).

Here are some areas which are vital to our success:
- Organizing visits to and from Germany
- Organizing exchanges for French and American students
- Organizing exchanges for German and American students
- Organizing ways to earn money to support our programs
- Organizing refreshments for meetings or special events
- Accepting fiduciary responsibility for future planning
- Taking minutes at meetings and sending thank yous
- Keeping track of our history and preparing for anniversaries
- Instilling communication for members so that all can feel welcome

Working for an organization contributes to my personal happiness. I invite you to join me.

Catherine Fillmore, Pres. catfillmore@gmail.com

Bryan Tate, Vice President and Chief Development Officer of York County Community Foundation, recently gave a presentation at a YTA Board meeting about ways the Foundation creates a vibrant York County:
- Build Endowment for Future Generations
- Engage Donors to Design Their Legacy
- Provide Community Leadership
- Invest in High-Impact Initiatives
- Create a Vibrant York County

York Twinning advocates can establish an endowment with $25,000 as the minimum, these monies would be invested for long term growth at 4.5% interest, and supporters could designate York Twinning as the recipient of grant distribution.

For further information contact Mr. Tate, btate@yccf.org
MEET THE YTA BOARD

**Terms of Office**—January 2014—January 2016
(except where noted)

**PRESIDENT**—Catherine Fillmore catfillmore@gmail.com
717-817-9819

**VICE PRESIDENT**—Laura Koebnick
lkoebnick@verizon.net 717-428-3681

**SECRETARY**—Pam McCarter
pamelafait@gmail.com 717-880-7508

**TREASURER**—Linda Just_lindajust@comcast.net
717-753-2406

**ASSISTANT TREASURER**—Jamie Hoffman
jamiehoffman3540@gmail.com 717-648-6015

**GERMAN ADULT COORDINATOR**—Craig Boyer
craig.boyer@comcast.net 717-818-8992

**GERMAN STUDENT COORDINATOR**—Lori Rene Weyant
loriren1@hotmail.com 717-891-3732

**FRENCH ADULT COORDINATOR**—Mary Dodd
dodd2663@gmail.com 717-891-2955

**FRENCH STUDENT COORDINATOR**—Kristin Witmer
madamedoubleve@hotmail.com 717-332-6438

**PAST PRESIDENT**—Joel Reiter jbreiter@comcast.net
717-578-7130

**Directors:**

Mike Cuba* mcuba@mcwil.com 717-659-0900  Finance
Kathy Falatovich diefrau@comcast.net 717-495-0310
Kristi Spies* kristispies@yahoo.fr 717-659-2104  Hospitality
Jane Mullen_turtle62@att.net 717-747-0466
Carolyn Van Newkirk* cvannewkirk@comcast.net
717-880-2956  Tete-a-Tete
Adrienne Williams Adrienne.a.williams@gmail.com
717-887-4906  Publicity

PLEASE NOTE—Starred* persons will serve on board 2015-2017

MINUTIA

1. MID WINTER CHALLENGE ANSWER: In photo are YTA member Roger Nestor and Arlesian Annie Torres. Winner is Mary Dodd who won a PA lottery ticket.

2. LOST: Favorite pair women’s black leather gloves at January meeting at Country Meadows. Return to cvannewkirk@comcast.net

TREASURER’S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Balance</th>
<th>Receipts</th>
<th>Expenses</th>
<th>New Balance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>December 15, 2014</td>
<td>$10,109.01</td>
<td>3168.00</td>
<td>2901.53</td>
<td>$10,375.48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February 24, 2015</td>
<td>$10,375.48</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**MARGUERITE ERIKSSON FUND**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Balance</th>
<th>Savings</th>
<th>New Balance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>February 24, 2015</td>
<td>$2906.35</td>
<td>539.00</td>
<td>$3445.35</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

MEETINGS

**March 24, 2015**—7 P.M. Membership Meeting — Program—Linda Just presents AFRICA! Country Meadows

**April 28, 2015**—7 P.M. Board Meeting at Lori Rene Weyant, 2375 Ashleigh Dr., York, PA 17402

**May 26, 2015**—7 P.M. Membership Meeting - Country Meadows, FRENCH WINE TASTING party, Donation $10.00

**August 25, 2015**—7 P.M. Board Meeting at Lori Rene Weyant, 2375 Ashleigh Dr., York, PA 17402

**September 1-8, 2015**—German Adult visitation

SPRING CHALLENGE!

1. Identify exact title & artist of this famous painting.
2. Where did the painting take place?
3. What month/year was it painted?
4. Send answers to cvannewkirk@comcast.net
5. First person with correct answers wins PA lottery ticket

501(C)3 NON PROFIT INFO 3RD EDITION

Prohibition Against Private Inurement:

A 501(c)3 organization cannot spend their funds on functions that only benefit members, such as parties and other social functions that do not promote tax-exempt purpose. They need to spend on activities that promote tax-exempt purpose such as educational/charitable activities. Additionally, they should try to keep administrative expenses to a minimum in relation to charitable spending. Another important tax provision is the prohibition against lobbying and campaigning. Political activities should not be engaged by a 501(c)3 organization.

Look for continued information on this topic in the next Tete.)