Join us for our September meeting at the Colonial Courthouse, 205 W. Market St., in downtown York. There is an adjoining parking lot! The meeting will be on the first floor beginning at 7:00 pm. Plan to arrive between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm to enjoy dessert and check out YTA’s impressive exhibit on the second floor.

Two presenters will highlight the architecture and historical significance of local buildings. **Kathy Rauhauser** will discuss how the Colonial Courthouse was constructed, its importance in history, and the Continental Congress & French connection. **Terrence Downs** will present the French and Germanic-influenced architecture in and around York.

**Kathy** and her extended family have been YTA members for three generations, practically since the inception of this organization, and her father, Judge John Rauhauser, was the primary mover and shaker with the reconstruction of the courthouse. As a student to France in the 60s, her eyes were opened to the world beyond York, and her fascination with YTAs mission captured a lifelong passion.

**Terrence** is a purveyor of York’s history and adaptive reuse, focused on heritage environmental design. He has been involved with restorations of prominent sites in York County and the Mid-Atlantic region. He serves on the William C. Goodridge Freedom Center Publicity Board, is advisor to the Springettsbury Township Historic Preservation Committee, has archived documents for the forthcoming renovation of the Hotel Yorktowne, and is a docent at the York County History Center. **Terrence** is a regular columnist for York Daily Record, holds a strong interest in the works of 19th & 20th century stained glass artisan John Rudy, whose examples fill many churches, public buildings and private homes around our region.

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**Arles FRANCE**

**Leinfelden Echterdingen GERMANY**

Our mission is to create personal contacts while gaining mutual respect and international friendship through organized exchange programs with our twin cities.
FRENCH STUDENT EXCHANGE

There were two students from two different school districts in York County who traveled to Arles, France, departing on June 26. They were Tayah Groat from Central York, and Abraham Miller from York Country Day School. During their stay in Arles, there were trips to Pont du Gard, Sainte-Marie-de-la-Mer, and Avignon among the many additional adventures they enjoyed with their host families.

A sincere thank you goes out to Roger Nestor, a YTA board member, for agreeing to chaperone the trip. Everyone returned to York on July 14 with host students in tow. There were five French students who accompanied the entourage and were entertained by host families of Kristi Spies, Heather Turnpaugh, Jillian Drucker, and Amina Brabham.

Students attended a welcoming baseball game at the York Revolution game and also a farewell barbecue at Wisehaven.

Kristin Witmer, Coordinator of the French Student Exchange, expresses her thanks for the support of this unique opportunity for the youth and their families.

Kristin Witmer, Coordinator
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GERMAN STUDENT EXCHANGE

YTA students traveled to Leinfelden Echtedingen, Germany, in July and to reciprocate will host twenty German students October 14-29. Hank Groat, German Student Coordinator, is in need of host families and would welcome offers. Many events and trips are planned during the stay including Harrison Swartz’s day excursion to Washington D.C.

Hank is looking for students, who are interested in traveling to Germany during the summer of 2017. He is requesting that YTA members share this information with anyone who may want to experience an opportunity in a unique country. Requirements are that the student be age 16 by the date of travel, must fill out the 2 page application form which includes writing 100 word essay stating why he or she would participate in this program and why he or she believes that YTA should choose the student to participate. Teacher recommendation is also required. Application forms will soon be available on the website.

Hank Groat, Coordinator
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Scholarship Winner writes...

Dear Member of York Twinning,

Thank you for your generous scholarship. I am very much looking forward to my trip to Arles. I will represent the City of York as well as York Twinning by being an ambassador of good will to all that I meet during my journey. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you upon my return.

Most Sincerely,
Abraham Miller

WAYS & MEANS
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The Ways and Means Committee is actively looking for new volunteers to help plan and execute some “Fun” fundraising events this year. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me or stop and chat at the next Club meeting.

We are currently selling Mister Hot Shine Car Wash cards, at $19 each which is the same you will pay at the location, however, we make a 50% profit...this is a great fundraiser for us and you know your car needs washing!

Stay tuned for our annual Holiday Shopping Party in December. This event is a fun day to catch up with Club members for the holiday and do some shopping for your Holiday list or yourself!

Treasurer’s Report

FINANCIAL REPORT Jan 1—July 31, 2016

Deposits..........................$8950.72
Expenses..........................($3596.56)
Net Annual Surplus .............$5354.16
Operating Fund Balance.........$17,295.12
MARGUERITE ERIKSSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

................. $2923.27
As this Tete is being assembled, seventeen adult exchange folks are busily making final plans to go to Arles in less than a week. It is exciting but there’s so much to remember. We have our passports, itinerary is set, suitcase is labeled, credit card with chip is polished, Euros are ordered, clothes washed, and the 2 ounce plastic bottles are being filled with necessaries! We’re ready!

We take off from Dulles Sept. 8 and land in Marseille Friday, Sept. 9, at 10:10 AM. After an hour+ minibus ride we will arrive in Arles saturated with jetlag. But we will stay awake for the rest of the day and sleep it off with an early shuteye! Bin there done that!

During the week we will go to the city market in town, join the Feria du Riz festival, be enthralled with the special Van Gogh exhibit, experience the reincarnation of Marseille, travel to Camargue and Aigues-Mortes, visit beachside Sainte-Marie-de-la-Mer, relish a French cookout at a private home, tour Alpilles and St. Remy, and be enchanted with the Carrieres de Lumiere. It will be delightful for everyone!

Mary Dodd, Coordinator  
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FALL CHALLENGE

1. Where is this wooden structure located?
2. Why is it important?
3. Who made it famous?

Send responses to cvannewkirk@comcast.net and win a PA lottery ticket!

Early Summer Challenge winners were YTA member Linda Just and Arlesians Annie and Jacques Torres who won PA Lottery tickets. Congratulations for identifying the writer Daudelet’s Windmill in Fontvieille, Provence, France.
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