



The Winchester Jumelage

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Dear Members:

Just some random thots:

March is membership month -- Its that time again. We are asking you to renew your support for the coming year, 2000. Dues from Family Members and Patrons provide the chief source of income for our programs. If you have paid your dues since September 1999, we are counting that as paid up for year 2000. If you have participated in the Garden Exchange or the Tenth Anniversary Exchange, your "Activity Fee" also covers your dues for year 2000. Your renewal is a vote of confidence that these programs are meeting the needs of the members.

Annual Meeting -- Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Clubhouse at the Ledges -- details and directions will come later in an individual mailing. We have a very interesting speaker lined up -- and, will supplement that with wine, cheese, and snacks and a very brief business meeting.

Tenth Anniversary -- Soon to be on their way will be the official delegation of thirty of our members journeying to St. Germain to help celebrate the tenth anniversary of the establishment of our Jumelage and the joint celebration of the year 2000 with the other four Jumelage's of St. Germain. Also, coincidentally there will be three members of the Winchester community participating in the Paris Marathon and then joining the delegation later for some of the anniversary festivities.

High School on the Move -- Also in April, the High School French Class will be hosting students from St. Germain for a student exchange -- and, then later in April some of our students head to St. Germain for a stay with their newfound friends. The Jumelage is providing some program support and local housing and driving for this activity.

Final Thot -- There is a song about *April in Paris*. For those on the Anniversary trip, we shall see just how good it is. But, for all of us, *April in Winchester* is pretty good too!!!

Regards,

Jack Roll, President

Coming Activities at the French Library

(617) 266-4351 for more information

Musique et Poesie – Nicole Eysseric presents some of the world's most thoughtful, beautiful poetry, which will be interspersed with Bruno Balp's commentaries by piano. Apr. 3 at 7 PM.

Foissac: An Artist's Return. An opening reception with the artist, Frank Strazzulla, Jr., will take place on Apr. 4, 5:30 –7:30 PM. His European landscapes will be on display 4/5-5/6.

Musique à Midi - This venerable series is now in its tenth season and offers an exciting schedule of outstanding and up & coming musical talent. Bartók's String Quartet #3 performed by the Arden String Quartet will be held April 5 at 12:15 PM.

A Visit to France with renowned restaurant Radius. Local celebrity chef Michael Schlow will present a 4 course tasting accompanied by wines selected by Christopher Myers. April 11 at 7 PM. \$65/\$85.

The Ultimate Dinner: Long Island duckling with red wine sauce, wild rice and seasonal vegetables will be prepared by Bob Calderone of Anago. April 5 at 6:30 PM, \$35/\$45.

De Vive Voix Café Theater – for this evenings performance Emmanuel Collin gives a dramatic reading of Prévert's poetry. April 25, 6:30 PM, free.

Moliere, Les Miserables, Jean Valjean, Voltaire, the Paris Sewers, Victor Hugo, Balzac, Madame Bovary, Flaubert...

These are a few French authors, characters, and locations you might have heard of but have never met. Would you like to visit the writers' homes, their stomping grounds, and the locations mentioned in their works? Then let's do it as a Jumelage Exchange.

There are no reading requirements for this trip and no research is necessary. If there is interest, we can add musicians and artists, as well. The projected date would be Spring, 2001, or later. The length of the trip would be 5-8 days.

This is an exchange and we will be staying with hosts in Saint-Germain-en-Laye. They would, in turn, come to Winchester for a similar tour of New England authors (and possibly other notables, if they want).

Please let Margie Rath know of your interest – and, what you'd like to do and where you'd like to go and how we can meet to create our own list of places to see. If you get on board early, while everything is in the planning stage, you can have direct input. Call Margie Rath, 932-8386.

French Students in Winchester

You many see the French students around town. Nineteen students and their teachers are visiting from 3/29 – 4/7.

Support the Jumelage by renewing your membership today
\$20 for a family membership
\$100 for a patron membership
Please send checks to the Treasurer

Annual Meeting to be Held at the Ledges Club House

Join us at the annual meeting, which will be held May 7, at the Ledges club house on Wainwright Road, from 4 PM to 6 PM. You'll meet the new and old officers, enjoy cheese and wine and be entertained. Betsy Farnham will give a slide presentation and talk on Eleanor of Aquitane, who was married to both a French king and an English king and was the mother of 3 kings. Quite a feat for a woman in the middle ages. Betsy teaches religion at Philip Executor.

Delegation Meeting April 3

Winchester has 28 people that will travel to St. Germain-en-Laye to help celebrate the Tenth Anniversary. They will have the opportunity to meet April 3 at the Winchester Public Library meeting room at 7:30 PM, to discuss host family assignments, the itinerary, travel arrangements, etc. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

Ten Years Ago Winchester became a sister city to St. Germain-en-Laye
(recognize anyone?)



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