



The Winchester Jumelage

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Dear Members:

Our Summer Intern program is one of our lesser known but most successful programs. Each year two or three youths from St. Germain spend a few weeks in Winchester, hosted by a local family and spending weekdays "interning" with one of our downtown businesses. In recent years BookEnds, the Patisserie and Kidstock have all been steady supporters of this program, which has received enthusiastic praise from the participants.

A heartfelt "thank you" is therefore due to the Donnelly and Sheperd families, who welcomed into their homes last Summer's interns, Antoine L'Hermitte and Geoffroy Binet. Brian and Carol Donnelly, and their enthusiastic brood, hosted Antoine, who interned at Bookends with Judy Manzo. Jill Shepherd and her daughter Caitlin hosted Geoffroy Binet, who interned just across the street, with Brian Milauskas at Kidstock. Both Antoine and Geoffroy were delighted with their stays in Winchester, and deeply grateful for hosts who went far out of their way to make their stays memorable.

And incidentally, our own youths (ages 17 to 21 or so) who may have an interest in living and working in France for a month (sorry, no salary permitted under the foreign visitor rules) are welcome to contact us. Our St. Germain counterparts will find you a job, a home, and a warm welcome.

Last September we celebrated the 15th Anniversary of the Jumelage in grand style, with a week long excursion to DownEast Maine for a busload of St Germain visitors and a matching set of Winchester Jumelagers. Anyone who has participated in one of our joint excursions, whether here or in France, can testify to their unique combination of international friendship, vacation value, and just plain fun.

The official 15th Anniversary celebration was held on the last night of our DownEast trip, and featured a cocktail party hosted by Al and Judie Muggia, followed with a festive Texas barbecue complete with the music of Bertrand Laurence and his trio, whose combination of American blues, jazz, and Parisian "chansons" had everyone on their feet (and was made possible by a very generous gift to Jumelage from Kevin and Susan Drum).

Over the years Jumelage has sponsored exchanges of many different kinds, from firemen to garden hobbyists. All have been enjoyable, and all have also had the serious object of providing opportunities to meet families from a different, fascinating culture, and to make lasting friends from these contacts. This year's planned excursion is a week long trip to the Perigord region of Southwest France, home to the Lascaux prehistoric cave paintings, cassoulets and foie gras, a beautiful region dotted with fortified medieval towns perched on hilltops. There may be room left on the bus for you!

I look forward to your continued support for Jumelage, and your participation in our activities.

Bien amicalement,
Philippe Koenig, President

It's That Time Again

March Membership Month

The Winchester Jumelage offers access to trips with our friends from St. Germain-en-Laye.

In the recent past, these trips have included the wine country of Burgundy and the seacoast of La Rochelle and the wine country of Napa and Sonoma and DownEast Maine. Coming up in September will be a trip to La Perigord.

And more – once or twice each year we do a Taste of France – an evening of food, wine, and entertainment – like the one coming up on March 31.

If you are reading this newsletter, you are on our mailing list, and you should be very familiar with our programs. One need not be a dues-paying member to join in the activities.

However, if you like what we do we ask you to join. Membership dues are:

Individual	\$20
Family	\$50
Patron	\$100

Please send your check to

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Winchester Interns to France

If you have a high school or college age student who would like to spend some time in St Germain en Laye this summer as an intern, please contact Philippe Koenig for information and opportunities. Interns will be hosted by St. Germain families and work in the town.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Taste of France Dinner with La Dordogne Theme

**Friday, March 31, 6:00 PM in the Clubhouse at
the Ledges, 7 Wainwright Road, Winchester**

We have arranged for live music and wine and soft drinks. The Jumelage Board will supply the main dishes. We ask the members to bring their favorite side dish to be shared with eight persons with the following last name guidelines:

A to H	Bring Salad
I to P	Bring Dessert
Q to Z	Bring Appetizer

This is an informal event and there is no charge. But space is limited so we do ask you to call in your RSVP 729 9256 or email to Jumelage@verizon.net

Host Families Needed for French Interns this summer

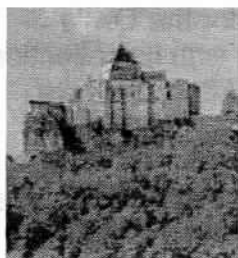
This Summer we are looking forward to hosting three young women from St. Germain: Camille Nicolas, Blandine Baiget and Alice Maggicocchi. The French Interns work in businesses in downtown Winchester during their stay and do not need supervision. As we set out to find host families and businesses for their internships, we suggest that you consider signing up to help. It will be fun for you, and both fun and very, very worthwhile for our interns: the many St Germain youths who have participated in this valuable program have consistently expressed their gratitude for the warm welcome given to them, as we have been impressed by their gutsy plunge into real life in America, and the resulting dramatic improvement in their command of conversational English.

Please contact Annette Lanigan, 781.729.7425, if you can host during the months of July or August this summer.

Try Out www.bonjourparis.com

Plans Finalized for Jumelage Exchange Trip to La Dordogne Region in September 2006

Twenty Three Winchester Jumelage members will join a similar number of St. Germain members on the annual exchange trip in September. This trip will be centered in the La



Dordogne region of France which boast more than 1000 châteaux and country manors in this lush area of rolling hills, fern covered-carpeted forests, and cliff-edged rivers. It includes Périgueux, the capital of truffles and foie gras, and

proceeds through one of the sections of the country that is richest in ruins and religious art. The trip is now fully booked.

Young Musician Hosted in Winchester



Morgane Richard, from St Germain en Laye was hosted by Jumelage member, Sheila Puffer and her daughter, Carol Fraser at their Wildwood Street home during September and October 2005. Joyce Anderson, WHS French teacher facilitated this exchange, through her friendship with the Richard's family from previous exchange trips. During her stay, she attended classes at WHS.

A piano player and arranger, Morgane was able to practice at the homes of several Winchester neighbors. During the last week of her stay, she and Shelia and another friend gave a piano, cello and vocal concert for friends and Jumelage members at the home

What's Happening at the French Library

Here are some upcoming events at the French Library at 53 Marlborough Street, Boston, 617.912.0400. Why not call a friend and make plans to attend one of these events.

- ☺ Beer and Cheese Tasting with Unibroue, March 13, 6:30 PM
- ☺ Author Talk and Discussion - Jean-Jacques Rousseau, March 29, 6-8 PM
- ☺ Tunes and Tones of Haiti, March 22, 6-9 PM
- ☺ Art Exhibit: Paintings by Colette Bresilla, March 4 - April 3
- ☺ Monthly social and conversational cocktail, March 16, 5:50 - 7:30 PM

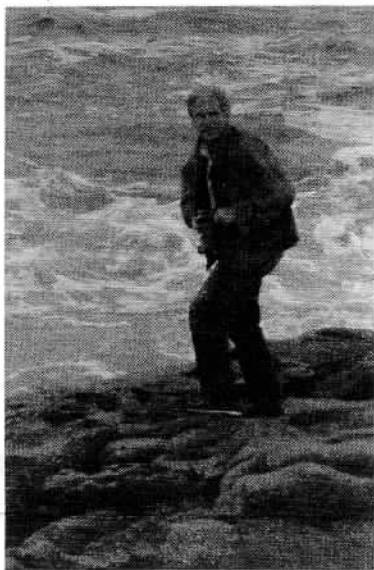
15th Anniversary Dinner

A special guest at the 15th Anniversary Dinner was St. Germain Municipal Counselor Fabrice Ravel, whose short stay in Winchester included meetings with school officials (thank you Dr. Marini, Tom Gwin and Joyce Anderson and a Library tour (thank you Lynda Wills); a special thank you to Sarah and Bill Swiger for hosting Mr. Ravel, who greatly enjoyed his brief visit. Taking time away from their very busy lives to meet with Mr. Ravel, as they have done equally cheerfully on other occasions for other St Germain guest, these Winchester officials and educator are outstanding ambassadors of good will, and living examples of American local government at its best.



Jumelage visits Maine for 15th Anniversary

This was Winchester's turn to host the annual trip. We elected to show our French friends the highlights of Maine with Acadia National Park as our centerpiece. The anniversary week began with a cocktail party "chez Judie" Sunday we departed for Ogunquit, with a stop for photos at the famous Nubble Light.



On arrival at Perkins Cove, most ate lunch and strolled along the sea. There was an outdoor wedding in progress that included an old Cadillac convertible made up to look like a cow, complete with horns.



We boarded a lobster boat and got a lobstering demonstration--happily the seas were calm. The first day ended at a lovely resort hotel in Kennebunkport. There was another wedding in progress, but the guests were polite and the noise ended early.

Monday, after a short tour of the town we headed for the Trolley Museum. Many remarked they would never have visited the trolleys on their own but found the experience fascinating. We then headed for Rockport and the beautiful Samoset Resort. That evening we were treated to a lovely sunset cruise aboard a sailboat.

Tuesday morning we headed for the Owl's Head Transportation Museum with its collection of antique autos and planes. Afterwards we boarded for Acadia.

Wednesday we started our stay at Acadia. We first received a tour of the park, including a trip to the top of Cadillac Mountain. The views were outstanding and there was a raptor watch in progress, counting hawks and eagles migrating for the winter.



Most of the rest of the Acadia stay was at our option. Some rented bikes and rode the carriage paths, others hiked, and some toured the area. It was a fine way for us to enjoy the area and the weather on our own terms.



Highlights of Fall 2005 Trip To Maine

On the way back, we stopped in Freeport to shop at LL Bean, then stayed over in Portland where we toured the city and its art museum. We returned to Winchester Saturday afternoon in time for the Jumelage15th anniversary party.

The trip was a fine experience. Many thanks to Hawthorne tours for a fine job, Ellen Browning and Ann Nielson for their input, and particularly to Cynthia Latta for her hard work on the arrangements.



Texas Barbecue for 15th Anniversary Dinner



Full Lobster Dinner is Big Hit



Trolley Car Museum



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