



The Winchester Jumelage

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Jumelage President's letter

Dear Jumelagers,

SO MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO!!

It seems only "yesterday" that several of us met our French friends in Washington D.C. for a wonderful week of site-seeing beautifully arranged by Ed Davis and Kevin Drum, before looking to the holidays and the winter season. It seems the winter season is NOT in nature's plans this year, so on we go with various plans!

March 9 - 13 was a visit from St. Germain's Mayor Lamy along with his delegation: St. Germain Jumelage president, Marc Miloutinovitch and Arnaud Pericard, son of Mayor Michel Pericard who initiated the Jumelage with me so many years ago! Capping the visit was the town-wide reception, March 12th in the Winchester room at Town Hall hosted by the Board of Selectmen. Roger Berman, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presented a Resolution of Friendship passed by the Massachusetts legislature and signed by Governor Deval Patrick, Senator Pat Jehlen and Representative Jason Lewis.



Town Manager Richard Howard and Mayor Lamy each spoke about the significance of the association between the two cities, the value of the many cultural exchanges that have taken place over the past 22 years, and the knowledge we have gained about one another's hopes, philosophies and aspirations.

March 30th - mark your calendars please - our annual Taste of France membership gathering will again take place at the Ledges. May promises Annual Meeting and our election of officers on Friday, May 11. The Jumelage board is very pleased to announce the continuation of the French book program at the Library! Every three months, the French Library of Boston sends us a new selection of books for both kids, young adults and adults. The program has proven very popular and a beginning French class has been initiated in Winchester for young children.

Marc, working with his committee, in St. Germain, finalized the plans for our much-anticipated trip to France and Carcassonne in late September. We are hoping, once again, to create a video conference for both the French and U.S. elections in the fall! Stay tuned!!

Cheers, to all,
Judie Muggia

Please send your 2012 Membership Dues

We again solicit our members for their annual dues to support our Winchester events – such events being open to members and other interested folks – we do restrict our exchanges to those who are current members –

Membership levels are:

\$30 -- Individual

\$60 -- Family

\$100 – Patron

Please send your check to the address in the letterhead.

Locally the Jumelage provides modest monetary support for the Winchester High School French language program and the high school student exchanges. In addition, each summer the Winchester Jumelage facilitates the placement and housing for high school and college students from St. Germain-en-Laye for four-week summer internships in local business establishments. Students from Winchester are welcome to participate in similar internships to St. Germain-en-Laye

Have you visited the Jumelage web site?

Our web site contains not only information about coming events but also past events and links to St Germain en laye, our sister city. Visit it soon!



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Welcome to the Winchester Jumelage Web Site

Jumelage means twinning. It is a movement started after WWII to bring together municipalities, giving an opportunity to:

- find out more about the daily lives of those in other places,
- talk to them and exchange experiences, and
- develop joint projects.

In Winchester, our Jumelage partner is Saint-Germain-en-Laye, situated about 30 minutes from Paris. Many of us have made lasting friendships with our European counterparts. Locally, the club has evolved to be a social and service group that:

- conducts social events with a French theme that feature good food, music, and wine;
- sponsors youth exchanges where young people (from both Winchester and St. Germain) go to their sister city to work and learn;
- participates in joint trips with our friends from St. Germain on an annual basis. One year the trip goes to France, the next it goes to the U.S.

Please join us at one of our events—all are invited. You don't need to know French language or have French heritage, and most of us do not. We share only the goal of better understanding through personal association.

Upcoming Events in 2012

Taste of Carcassonne France Dinner

Friday, March 30, 6:00 PM in the Clubhouse at the Ledges, 7 Wainwright Road, Winchester

Wine and soft drinks will be provided. The Jumelage Board will supply the main dishes, which will sample the fare of Carcassonne.

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 Hors d'oeuvres
I to P	Bring Salad
Q to Z	Bring Dessert

Space is limited so we do ask you to call in your RSVP 781.729. 2977 or email to Jumelage@verizon.net

Notice of the Annual Meeting for Fiscal 2012

Friday May 11, 6:00 pm in the Clubhouse at the Ledges, 7 Wainwright Road, Winchester

Agenda:

Annual Report by the President
Financial Report by the Treasurer
Election of Officers
Report on Sept 2012 Carcassonne Trip

Jumelage Town Day Booth in June 2012

As usual, Jumelage will participate in the Winchester Town Day activities by manning a booth that describes the goals and activities of the organization. Look for us and stop by and chat!

Saint-Germain Summer Interns Coming to Winchester

Once again, we will be hosting several young people from St. Germain this summer. They will work at various Winchester establishments and stay with their host family. Please volunteer to be one of those host families by contacting the Jumelage.

Sign up by April 1st to go on the Carcassonne French Exchange

Carcassonne, the largest wall city in France, has been selected as the 2012 destination for exchange of the Winchester Jumelage with our friends from St. Germain en Laye. The dates are September 23 – 29, 2012 but you must sign up by April 1st. The cost of the trip is 1,100 E (\$1433.41) per person double Occupancy or 1200 E (\$1563.72) per single occupancy - which does not include airfare to France. Please let us know if you plan to attend by April 1, 2012 by RSVP to

ACLANIGAN@netscape.net 781.729.7425.

We have to provide our total count to the French by April 10th. By April 15th, you will need to provide the first half of the trip cost (\$716.71 or \$781.86) to our Treasurer. Remember that you need to be a 2012 paid member to participate.



Here is the outline of the trip activities.

Day 1 Sunday – Arrive in Toulouse.

Day 2 Monday AM – Visit of Airbus Industries.

Day 2 Monday PM – Albi Guided City Tour.



ALBI

Guided tour
&

Cruise on the Tarn
paintings



Dinner on your own



Toulouse Lautrec



Day 3 Tuesday AM – Toulouse Guided City Tour

Day 3 Tuesday PM – Cruise on Canal Du Midi,

Lunch and cruise on Canal du Midi

Lunch on boat at Castelnaudary, hometown of the "famous cassoulet"



Day 4 Wed AM – Carcassonne Guided City Tour.

Day 4 Wed PM – Other sites.



BROUSSE Papermill
VILLARET Village



• **MONTOLIEU**, quaint Bookshop Village

• Arrival at your Hotel : **Hôtel des 3 Couronnes** :

• Diner at your Hotel in Carcassonne , then **torchlight stroll in the citadel**

Day 5 Thurs AM – Cabrespire chasm or free time.

Day 5 Thurs PM- Rennes Le Chateau.



RENNES LE CHATEAU



Dinner included at your Hotel

Day 6 Fri AM - Abbaye de Fontfroide and Peyriac.

• **ABBAYE DE FONTFROIDE**



PEYRIAC DE MER



• Lunch included in Peyriac & Wine tasting in Rivesaltes (Vermouth)

Day 6 Friday PM – Forteresse de Salses, Farewell
medieval dinner in Carcassonne

Day 7 Saturday – departure

St. Germain en Laye Mayor's Delegation Visit to Winchester

March 10 - 13, 2012



Friday - Arrival Day. The French delegation was greeted at the airport by the Lanigans and whisked to their Winchester host families. Days were packed with planned activities and there were various dinner parties that often included town officials, Jumelage members and several host families dining together. The French delegation had representatives from each political party and included, Mayor Emmanuel Lamy; Marc Miloutinovitch - Jumelage Président; Fabrice RAVEL - City Councilor in charge of Relationship all jumelages; Arnaud PERICARD - City Councilor; Pascale GENDRON - City Councilor in charge of Streets, road safety and public buildings; Blandine RHONE - City Councilor; and François LANSIART - Public Officer and Manager of the City.

Saturday – Winchester Day. The first meeting was with DPW Manager, Jay Gill who provided tours of the Swartz Water Treatment and the Transfer Station, followed by a quick tour of the firehouse and its newest ambulance. With lunch from Dagostino's, the French munched and viewed the latest exhibit at the Griffin Museum. In the afternoon, there was a tour of the new Center for Cancer Care [CCC] and the Ambulatory Surgery Center at Winchester Hospital, arranged by the staff from the Winchester Hospital Foundation. The CCC portion was lead by Ms. Sue Mizer, Director, Oncology Service Line



Sunday – Salem Day. John McConnell led an architectural walking tour of Chestnut Street, which is lined on both sides by the stately Federal Style homes of Salem's wealthy at the turn of the nineteenth century. At the head of Chestnut Street stands Hamilton Hall where Marquis de Lafayette was hosted during his triumphal tour of the US in 1824. We spent 2 hours of fellowship and conversation at the Hawthorne Hotel brunch until time to adjourn to the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM). Susan Vrotsos then proceeded to guide us to the special exhibit on modern American Indian art, Shapeshifting: Transformations. Later we toured the Yin Yu Tang House, which had been moved from China to the PEM.



Monday – Boston. Monday morning the Delegation went to the Boston State House where they were greeted by Senator Patricia Jehlen and Representative Jason Lewis. They discussed topics of current interest, including the MBTA budget cuts that would reduce Train service to Winchester. They also discussed the Winchester governing process of town meetings. This was followed by lunch at the MFA and tour with Susie Vrotsos of the new American Wing. There was a French Consulate reception, with M. Christophe Guilhou, Le Consul Général de France à Boston, before returning to Winchester for evening activities.



Monday – Winchester Reception. Evening brought the official exchange of greetings between St. Germaine-en-Laye and the Town of Winchester. Judie Muggia, the first and also current President of the Winchester Jumelage, opened the proceedings with a brief introduction and recollection of the serendipitous events that led to the establishment of the organization in 1990. Forrest Fontana, Chairman of the Winchester Board of Selectmen, gave a welcoming speech praising the understanding and friendships that the relationship has fostered over the past two years. Selectman Fontana underscored the close ties between the two cities with the gift to the St. Germaine delegation of a United States flag which had flown over the Capitol in Washington, DC. Mayor Emmanuel Lamy in turn presented the Winchester Selectmen and Town Manager with a photo of the famous Chateau, home of Louis XIV prior to his upgrade to Versailles.



Tuesday – Harvard Square and Departure. Early morning showers cleared off nicely Monday morning as we set off in two cars for Alewife Station, to park the cars and take the subway into Harvard Square. The morning was spent with John McConnell, who led a walking tour of Harvard University. Starting at the two oldest buildings (MA and Harvard Halls,) the group visited the “Statue of Three Lies” (Statue of John Harvard.) From here the tour went north from the Old Yard into the Law School, science and museum area and into the Graduate School of Design. Tim Zeitler gave an in-depth tour of the architecture school, visiting particularly the studios and advanced workshops, where students use laser cutters and robotic tools for making models of their designs. Across the street, we continued with a visit to Memorial Hall, a vast Victorian dining hall, theatre, and memorial to Harvard College’s civil war dead. Passing through the New Yard, we visited the many libraries, Memorial Church, the huge new construction going on at the Fogg Art Museum and the Carpenter Center for Visual Arts by the famous French architect Le Corbusier. Following this we wandered slowly down to the Charles River, visiting a number of the large Houses (upperclassmen’s-and-women’s dormitories,) the Business School and athletic complex across the river, and finally the Kennedy School as we returned to Harvard Square.

A delicious lunch at John Harvard’s Brew House followed, and then, in sunny and summer-like weather, some much-appreciated freedom for the delegation to go shopping all over Harvard Square for Harvard memorabilia and other gifts. The group returned to Winchester in time to leave for Logan Airport.

If you would like to receive more information on the Jumelage or on St. Germain en Laye, please contact us at Jumelage@Verizon.net or www.jumelage.org



Winchester High School Octets and Choral at Town Reception

March 2012

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