



Annual Meeting  
October 29, 2017



# Agenda

- About the Rhinebeck-Rheinbach Exchange
- Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting
- “Hearts Across the Table Dinner” and Silent Auction
- Treasurer’s Report
- 2017 Photos
- Questions and Answers



## About the Rhinebeck-Rheinbach Exchange

**The Rhinebeck-Rheinbach Exchange** is a not-for-profit organization that provides an opportunity for students from the Rhinebeck area and our "Sister City", Rheinbach, Germany to participate in a two-week musical and cultural exchange. While on the Exchange, students in the band and/or chorus perform community concerts and spend time learning about the history and culture of each other's country while living with a host family. 2018 will mark the Exchanges' 40th year and our goal is to keep the communities forever exchanging through peace, friendship, and music.



## About the Rhinebeck-Rheinbach Exchange

As a boy in Rhinebeck, Jack Shackleton was intrigued by the stories of Town Historian Dewitt Gurnell about Rhinebeck's connection to the Palatine area of Germany. Years later, as Rhinebeck High School's band director, Shackleton used this inspiration to initiate the first musical exchange with this "ancestral" sister city. 71 Rhinebeck participants traveled to Rheinbach to share their music, their culture and their friendship. German students and their teachers arrived the following year, and the Exchange was born. Since 1978, over 1000 students and hundreds of families have participated in the Exchange.



## About the Rhinebeck-Rheinbach Exchange

- Exchanges every 5 years
- We travel to Rheinbach the first year,
- Germans travel to Rhinebeck the second year.
- Fundraising every year
- Pays for Hosting Expenses, operating expenses
- We visited Rheinbach in 2017
- Germans will visit us in July of 2018



## Participation Requirements

- All participants from Rhinebeck and surrounding communities (including adult chaperones) must participate in the Exchange Chorus and / or Band. Additional participation in Ensembles of String, Band or Chorus is encouraged.
- Mandatory weekly rehearsals for six months prior to the July departure date.
- Student's families must commit to hosting a German student for two weeks in summer following the trip to Germany.
- Students should be entering at least the 9th grade in the fall 2022.
- Student and family must support the Exchange and actively assist in fund raising efforts throughout their membership.

## 2017-2018 Schedule



- Student and Adult Recruiting starts now and continues through early 2022
- Germans visit July 12-26, 2018 - Host families are needed



## Fees and Costs 2017-2018

- Membership dues = \$50.00 per family for the 5 year cycle
- Travel fee \$774.00
- Airfare \$1,126.00 (Lufthansa – Newark to Dusseldorf)
- Total cost \$1,900.00 for the two week trip



## Fees and Costs – Hosting

- Board and Feed your guest(s) Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (most days)
- Transport your guest(s) to meeting point daily
- Pick up your guest(s) from meeting point daily
- Family weekend
- Transport your guest(s) to and from concerts
- Most other expenses paid by the Exchange (buses, admissions, etc.)



Help is Needed!

- Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting  
November 18, 2017
- Product Sales
- Publicity



Help is Needed!

- Hosting Committee – Find host families for 80 German Students
- Itinerary Committee – Plan activities for our German visitors



Help is Needed!

- New Board members are needed for the next 5-year cycle, beginning October 2018.
- Fundraising chair
- Recording Secretary



Thank you!

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