

The Statue of Liberty Club Newsletter



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Events in Colmar

Submitted by Vince Swift
Our club recently had a mini-meeting at the Bartholdi Museum in Colmar, France. Here is narrative of the events that precipitated the meeting.

Lepère Print Donation

All members should have a 2016 calendar that has a front-side reproduction of an Auguste Lepère wood engraving of an 1885 gift presentation/dedication event in Paris. The gift was a 1/4 size Statue of Liberty, fabricated by Bartholdi, given to the City of Paris by the

American Community in Paris to honor the upcoming 1889 centennial of the Storming of the Bastille Prison – a flashpoint of the French Revolution.

I purchased the print in 2014 with the intention of donating it to the Museum. In October 2015 I asked Laurent Ghesquière to take the print back to France upon his return from our New York meeting, then we could work on a formal donation event. A few months later, I received word from Christian Meyer that he was getting married in June 2016 and I should expect an invitation in the mail. My invitation arrived with the date of 11 June for the wedding, so I contacted Museum Curator Isabelle Bräutigam asking if we could schedule a formal donation event a few days before the wedding. Isabelle worked with the Mayor’s staff

and selected June 9 for the ceremony. I invited French club members to attend, then started my individual planning for a June trip to France.

Thursday, June 9: On a beautiful day we assembled in the Museum courtyard; the Colmar Mayor, members of his staff, the Museum Curator, members of her staff, and 5 club members.

Curator Bräutigam started the speeches with a background of the contact between she and I on making a donation of the Lepère print and her appreciation on behalf of the Museum.

I then gave a brief, very brief, speech in French ... my speech was:

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Our ‘official’ SLC 2016 Meeting photograph. Members (L-R): Micky and Gilbert Miclo, Vince Swift, Laurent Ghesquière & Christian Meyer

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“Mr. Mayor, Madam Curator, Friends of Auguste Bartholdi. It is my honor to return this print to France. And, it is my honor to donate this print to the Bartholdi Museum. This Bartholdi statue is currently on the Seine in Paris. Thank You Very Much.” Mayor Gilbert Meyer and I then uncovered the print, which had been covered by an American flag.

Gifts from the Liberty Island Museum Store (Gift Shop)

Ever since I bought a copy of Barry Moreno’s *Wonder of the World* book during our 2011 visit to Liberty Island, I have been an advocate of the value of its story with the historical pictures. During our visit to the Liberty Island Gift Shop last year, I noted the book was now being offered in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

In the planning my trip to Colmar, I thought it would be appropriate to donate copies, in all 5 languages, to the Bartholdi Museum Gift Shop and copies of the French edition to Village/Museum officials.

When I contacted Jose Sepulveda, Brad Hill’s main buyer on Liberty Island, about an order, he quickly turned my request around and indicated they would be pleased to make the donation if the club would make the Colmar presentation. Brad, Jose and their entire staff on Liberty Island, and now Ellis Island, have always treated our club with great respect during our visits to the New York Harbor islands. Jose also had the books delivered to Laurent’s home in France.

Prior to being mailed, I asked Barry Moreno to autograph the French copies that were to be given to Village/Museum staff; in Colmar, I autographed the same cover page of the French editions and included a club 25th anniversary sticker – the same sticker on the front page of the three 2016 club newsletters.

After my brief speech at the Museum, I asked Christian Meyer to deliver my prepared speech, in French, about the book and the donation from the Liberty Island Gift Shop. I gave the first copy of the autographed French version to Colmar Mayor Gilbert Meyer.

Next to speak was Mayor Gilbert Meyer who noted the long history and strong friendship between the Club and Museum, and of our several visits to Colmar – five since the first in 1995.

I was very pleased and honored by the recognition and appreciation expressed by Mayor Meyer and Curator Bräutigam, and I appreciate the translation efforts, again, by **Christian Meyer**.

I also thank the Museum for the gift items I received. Again, a sincere **Thanks** to the team at the **Liberty Island Museum Store** and, always, all our **NPS employee friends**.

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Roseline Mélanie Madeleine STIERLI and Christian Joseph MEYER
Mr. and Mrs. Meyer
M. et Mme Meyer

11 June 2016 at Saint Jacques le Majeur Church in HUNAWIHR, France

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The meeting photograph

I was pleased that **Micky** and **Gilbert Miclo** were able to join us at the Museum and are included in our photo on the cover page of this newsletter. They have been club members since our 2004 visit to Colmar. All photographs of Colmar, at the Museum and later at the Meyer wedding, are provided by **Laurent Ghesquière**. Pictures of the Museum event are found beginning on page 8.

A Wonderful Alsatian Wedding

I met the new Bride a few hours after the Museum reception – and I am correct when I refer to Roseline as a new Bride. According to Christian, a civil wedding is the only ‘official’ ceremony recognized in France; they were married a few days earlier in a civil ceremony. However, a church wedding is customary for someone raised in a religious family. So, at a pre-church-wedding dinner in KAYSERBERG, I met Roseline, purposely sat next to her and was able to dismiss the comment Christian had made that Roseline is ‘shy’. Roseline is a completely charming woman and we had no problem communicating. Christian is expertly coaching her in English; their trip to North America later this year will be easier for

Roseline to enjoy. Roseline is our newest club member and I was very pleased to welcome her to this great club. At this dinner, Christian admitted, and Roseline quickly agreed, she is more organized than he and is “more Alsatian” than he. Now, this is important from the detail and execution of their church wedding, aperitif reception after the wedding and their wedding dinner later that day. At this dinner, the restaurant prepared an Alsatian dish, a special request by Christian, of BAECKEOFFE (See URL #1 for a description) ... very good; we had an appetizer Christian called ‘smelly cheese’ and it has to be an acquired taste – I did taste the cheese, albeit a very small taste ... ugh! Oh, one other interesting item from the dinner table talk, Roseline indicated that The Statue of Liberty is Alsatian.

The Statue of Liberty Club



Roseline and Christian lead their guests through HUNAWIHR to an *apéritif* reception.

It was at this dinner that we met four families, with Alsatian roots, from Castroville, Texas. Christian and his father had visited the families in Texas several years ago. A very nice and colorful clan that included a baby boy.

Saturday, June 11th: On the church wedding day, Christian and his Bride observed many Alsatian customs, starting with the color theme of red and white – the colors of the Alsatian flag. Guests were invited to observe these colors – I missed that and did not have either color on! The beautiful location of the church and the beautiful day could not be more agreeable for this wedding. (See URL #2 and URL #3 for views of the church, the picturesque village and surrounding vineyards located on the terraced hillsides.)

The church ceremony was in French, the ceremony booklet in French, German and English and all six songs sung by the church choir were in English.

After the ceremony, guests threw red and white flower petals on the couple. Then the couple released a pair of white doves followed by guests and the couple releasing at least 100 red balloons ... I did indicate the color theme was red and white.

Next, Roseline and Christian led their guests down from the church to an open-air reception where *apéritifs* (drinks) were served along with a light snack of local food favorites, including soft pretzels ... great soft pretzels, which I was also able to purchase in Colmar during my stay there. One of my favorites was a soft pretzel roll, about 3" long, centered with a piece of warm ham topped by warm sauerkraut – a specialty of the award winning chef at this reception.

These two events took place in HUNAWIHR, a village about 30 minutes north of Colmar. The wedding reception was in UNGERSHEIM, a village about 30 minutes south of Colmar.

After Roseline and Christian departed the *apéritif* reception for the wedding reception (see the picture of the vintage Citroën 'limousine' on page 7), I said a heartfelt good-bye to Gilbert and Micky Miclo, then did the one-hour drive to the wedding reception.

The wedding reception continued the Alsatian customs/colors theme. I was seated at the same table with Delphine and Laurent Ghesquière; Laurent and I received a 9" Statue of Liberty – his was white, mine was red (see the picture on page 7). Delphine received the table center piece.

As we started a five-course meal, each with its own Alsatian wine, we were treated to an ensemble of eight couples in traditional Alsatian dress dancing traditional Alsatian dances to two accordions.

Roseline and Christian surprised everyone by performing a very modern dance that they had personally choreographed and practiced for some time.

Close to midnight, it was time for the Americans to take leave from the festivities. The Texas group had flights from Zurich early Sunday morning and I had a six-hour drive to Paris in the morning – because **I forgot my phone** at the Colmar hotel and had to double-back to retrieve it, the travel to Paris actually took nine hours.

I can safely report that this was one of the most loving, organized, colorful and interesting weddings I have experienced.

I thank Roseline and Christian for the invitation, the fun, the experience and the memories.



From Iris November

This has been a difficult June. For everyone. Still learning the unfolding story of the Orlando tragedy only adds to the pain, and, yes, the anger that comes with the murder of innocent people. I know that in wartime, this becomes unacceptable acceptance. But in a Club where young people are having fun --no, not acceptable. And then, the failure of our elected representatives to enact laws to try to limit, in some way, the ease of buying guns-- unacceptable. Please, use your

VOTE in the coming election to let your Senators and Representatives know, in absolute terms, what you want done. It's the only power we have, so use it wisely. Our grandchildren will thank us!

My city, Cleveland, is in the news a lot these days. First of all, the NBA Championship and LeBron James! It truly was a dream come true for the awesome sports fans we have here. The spirit was everywhere, and lots of smiling people!!

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Next, we have the RNC which will meet here in July. Not so many smiling faces-- and we hope it will be a safe and calm week. If you watch the coverage, please note how beautiful and interesting my city is! Truly, a great place to live.

Vince mentioned that he found a Toy Museum in Colmar and it was fun to find it. I remembered that many years ago, I was visiting my daughter, Anita, in London where she was in an acting company. One day, riding on the upper deck of a bus, I saw we were passing a toy store, that had an unusual doll house in the window. I got off at the next stop, and walked back. Sure enough, the dollhouse was a hand painted, stucco, cottage, designed and painted by a scenic designer from a Cardiff Opera Company! How could I leave it??? So, they packed it up in a very large box. Because I had brought two suitcases with me, and I was allowed, by the airlines to have two-- I substituted the dollhouse for one of my suitcases, and, because security was not as it is today, I was able to get it on the plane, and home to Cleveland! It's one of my favorite stories.

My plans for honoring Mort, "the 12 months of November", are moving forward very nicely. More than 16 organizations have committed to include Mort in some way in their calendar from Sept. 2016-Aug. 2017. The activities range from annual meetings, opening night at the theater, Montessori classroom with children, Library dedication of a Mort humor shelf, and more. I'll keep you in the loop.

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Have a safe and fun summer. I'll keep reminding everyone I know to register to vote-- and VOTE! All good thoughts.

Love, Iris



From the President

The Other Goal on My Trip

I had three goals planned for my trip to France. I've reported on the Bartholdi Museum donations in Colmar and on the Meyer wedding. These goals were successfully completed after my first goal – visit four additional American Cemeteries

of buried American Veterans from both World Wars. On my 2014 trip, I visited 11 American Cemeteries located in France and the Benelux countries. I can report that each cemetery is maintained in a dignified location and with a beautiful design and environment. (See URL #5)

For the entire trip, I had a rental car and drove a total of 1,721 miles (2791 km), and yes that is a lot in 10-days.

River Flooding in Paris

Weather-wise, my 10-days in France were mostly overcast and occasionally wet. In early June many areas of Europe, including France, were hit with heavy rain storms that caused flooding. The Seine River, which runs through Paris, had risen to flood levels. The Seine River island where the 1/4 size Statue of Liberty is located was flooded over. See comparison pictures on page 10.

Colmar, Village of Museums

I was in Colmar for 5 days of my visit to France. The village of 68,000 (2013) maintains a central district of historic building structures with winding cobblestone streets. I used a Tourist Map, available in multiple languages at my hotel, to keep my bearings; in the map's pamphlet was a list of five museums within the village.

A Google search of "museums in Colmar France" lists 10. Remember this for the next club visit to Colmar!

I went to the Toy and Little Train Museum to get information that I will forward to The Strong Museum in Rochester, NY. Members will recall that Iris & Mort November donated a large portion of their Liberty collection to 'The Strong' in 2003.

The Strong National Museum of Play is "... devoted to the history and exploration of play." (See URL #4).

I'm sure Iris will remind all U.S. members, so I'll second her advice ... be registered and vote.

Cherish Our Liberty.

Vince Swift

From The Vice President



Club Meeting Las Vegas 2017

The Statue of Liberty Club will have it's 2017 meeting in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada. It's been since 2002 when the club was last in Vegas and oh how its changed since then. **The dates**

for the meeting are October 26-28, 2017. We need to hear from you if you are interested in attending. This will help us get the lowest possible hotel rate when we have an estimate of how many hotel rooms to block. As an example, rates for October 2016 vary from \$154/night double to \$220/night quad and up (inclusive of daily resort fee). Please mark your intentions for the October 2017 Las Vegas Nevada meeting on the reply paper in this newsletter and return to Brian Snyder 5901 W. El Paso Ave., Fresno, CA 93722. If you prefer you can send this information in an email to VicePresident@StatueofLibertyclub.com. **We need to hear from you by August 31st**, please respond as soon as possible. More details on room rates, club activities, and concerts/shows in future newsletters.

Some fun Vegas attractions include the High Roller, a 550 ft. tall observation wheel (think enclosed air conditioned Ferris Wheel); the Slotzilla and Voodoo Ziplines, 120 ft. and 400 ft. high respectively; Guy Fieri's Vegas Kitchen & Bar at the LINQ Hotel; family and adult theater; plus, music by the Osmond's, Reba, Brooks & Dunn, Britney, J-Lo, Rod Stewart, and my favorite Olivia Newton-John (Hopelessly Devoted to You, #3 in 1978). Acts and theater are subject to change and will be different next year. If you are a card, dice, or slot player, they still have those too. A few classic attractions include Hoover Dam and Fremont Street. One thing you can count on; Vegas is always reinventing itself.



Did you know in late 2010 the United States Postal Service issued a "Forever" stamp with the face of the Statue of Liberty on it but to their embarrassment, it wasn't the face of Miss Liberty in New York? It was the face of the 150 ft. tall statue in Las Vegas on the NY-NY Hotel & Casino property. A faux pau that will last "Forever", just like the stamp. The 2013 copyright lawsuit should be over in the next couple of years.

Marketplace

The Statue of Liberty Club's redesigned website has a marketplace where you can buy and sell your Statue of Liberty related items. There is no fee to use this service however, registration with your name and email address is required. The marketplace can be found at StatueofLibertyclub.com's website under **Marketplace**. There are a few items listed for sale now but the service works best when more participate. The Marketplace is safely housed on our server and not a third-party location. If you need assistance in listing your item, uploading images, or making adjustments to your description, please email VicePresident@StatueofLibertyclub.com. This is a free service for Statue of Liberty related items and is open to the public to buy or sell. More information is available at the **Marketplace-Add** link found on the club's home page.



Classified Ads

Dale Dwyer reaching out to other members interested in postage stamps with the Statue of Liberty:

Hello Follow Statue of Liberty Collector.
I collect SOL on stamps from around the World. I would like to trade / buy with fellow members who collect SOL on Stamps.
I have been specializing in collecting the first county to issue the SOL on a stamp, which is Uruguay in 1919. But still need other SOL issues from around the world.
I would like to hear what your needs might be, were we could trade or buy.

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Book Review

Submitted by Adela French

"Emma Lazarus In Her World: Life and Letters"

Author: Bette Roth Young

Publisher: The Jewish Publication Society 1955

ISBN-13: 978-0827605169

There are several people we associate with the Statue of Liberty. Bartholdi, of course, the designer and builder of the Statue and the Frenchman who led the movement to make it a gift to the United States. Eiffel, whose internal design made the erection and its endurance possible. Pulitzer whose publicity and penny campaign resulted in the construction of the base of the Statue. And of course, Emma Lazarus, a 19th century poet, socialite, and intellectual whose poem describes the Statue as the "welcoming goddess" in New York harbor. Emma Lazarus never knew that her verse was to be inscribed on a plaque in the Statue and, over time, to be accepted as the purpose and role of Lady Liberty.

THE NEW COLOSSUS

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.*

*"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

The poem was written in 1883, a time of heavy immigration of Russian Jews escaping from the pogroms in Eastern Europe. Emma was active in helping Jewish refugees resettle in the United States and in Jerusalem.

Betty Roth Young's book emphasizes Emma's involvement in New York society, East Coast intelligentsia, and, of course, her poetry.

A brief biography and some rare and interesting photos emphasize her social life. Georgia Schuyler, Emma's friend, succeeded in having the second verse of the poem inscribed on a bronze tablet placed inside the pedestal of the Statue in 1903, this is a number of years after Emma's death.

The bulk of the book is a collection of letters to friends and correspondents including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Excellent bibliography; index;

298 pages.

More wedding pictures



Wedding reception table favors for Laurent and Vince

The Name-Place box contained the 5-course meal menu, including wines, printed around the other 3 sides. Inside the box were Ricola lozenges – Ricola is Christian’s employer. The wedding details were ... detailed!



The Honeymoon 'Limousine'



Church Saint Jacques le Majeur of Hunawirh



**(top to bottom)
Vosges Mountains
Vinyards
Village of Hunawirh**



Bartholdi Museum Curator Isabelle Bräutigam's speech outlines the history of the Lepère print between Vince Swift and the Museum.



Colmar Mayor Gilbert Meyer's speech reviews the long history of friendship and respect shared between the Village and Museum with The Statue of Liberty Club.



Christian Meyer delivers the President's message, in French, about the donation by the Liberty Island Gift Shop of Barry Moreno's *Wonder of the World* book. The books are located on the table.

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Colmar Mayor Gilbert Meyer is the first recipient of an autographed *Wonder of the World* book.

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Museum Curator Isabelle Bräutigam, Club President Vince Swift, Colmar Mayor Gilbert Meyer and the Lepère print.



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Paris Flood ~ June 2016
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Seine River flooding in early June covered the island where the 1/4 size Statue of Liberty is located. The floodwaters rose above the level of the young girl in the picture on the left.

24 Renewing Members ... Thank You!

Mary & Dennis Ackley	Kevin MacCarthy
Marlene Blackwell	Carol Oakes
Laura Cortner	Glenna Sue Powell
Susan Costa	Lolly Sample
Judith & John Deming	Annette Schabowski
Dale Dwyer	Dorothy Shearn
Judy Edwards	Joanna Sieberg
Delphine & Laurent Ghesquiere	Lewis 'Bob' Snyder
Francine Grillo	Jean & Robert Weaver
Robert Hieronimus	Jean Wiart
Patricia Krauchune	Leo Willems
Joan Laskoff	James E Zemancik

Join the Club or Renew Your Membership Online!

\$23 Annual Membership Dues (U.S.)
\$25 Annual Membership Dues (International)
 SLC members can renew their annual memberships, or new members can join, using a credit card or PayPal account from the club's web site at
www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/join/
 Using online renewal will send your payment electronically to the SLC credit union account.
 Members, new and renewing, will receive an electronic confirmation of their payment transaction. A paper application can be found on the above webpage. The application contains a mailing address.

1 New Member ... Welcome!

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Eugene Stilp (returning member actually)
 1550 Fishing Creek Valley Rd.
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Address Correction from the last newsletter:
 In the Spring 2016 newsletter – Volume 26, Issue 1 on page 5 –the Village name where Jean and Bob Weaver live was misspelled. They live in the **John Knox Village** in Orange City, Florida.

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The club's annual **Membership Directory** will be updated and **mailed with the November, 2016** newsletter. Please email or mail all changes to any club officer ... Thank You.

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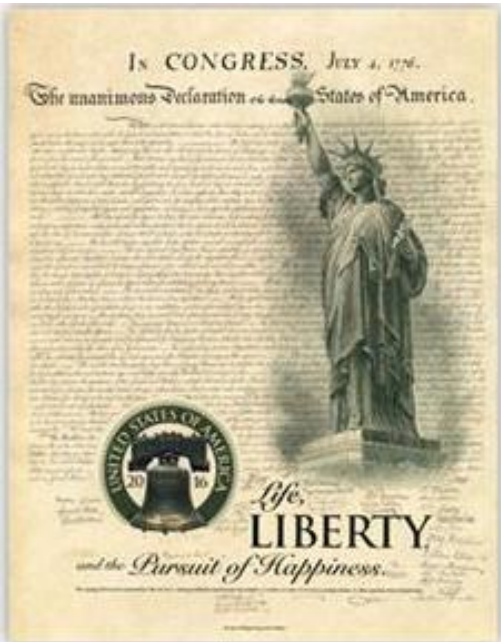


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1	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baeckeoffe	
2	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hunawihr	
3	http://www.alsace-wine-route.com/en/229000792-Church-Saint-Jacques-le-Majeur-of-Hunawihr.html	
4	http://www.museumofplay.org/	Website of The Strong Museum in Rochester, NY
5	http://www.abmc.gov/	Information about America's Overseas cemeteries and memorials
	www.TheStatueOfLibertyMuseumStoreOnline.com	Museum store (Gift Shop) on Liberty Island
	Moreno ~ Statue Of Liberty: Wonder of the World ~ Museum Store Item # 3335	
	Khan ~ Enlightening the World: The Creation of the Statue of Liberty ~ Museum Store Item # 3753	



New York City iPhone 6 cover embellished with genuine Swarovski Crystals

Laurent Ghesquière's 11.5 in. replica of Salvador Dali's Statue of Liberty



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