

The REORGANIZATION MEETING of the Twinning Committee was held tonight. Members present were Alan Barrows, William Chambres and James McCann, III. Staff present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer, and Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager.

1. Due to the low attendance, upon motion of Mr. Barrows and approved by committee, the reorganization was tabled until March 2009.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Chambres, and approved by committee, the minutes of the January 7, 2009, meeting were accepted.

3. **Lottery:** Mr. McCann reported 183 lottery tickets sold, which is slightly less than last year, so he encouraged members to keep selling. Six tickets won in January for a total payout of \$150. The bank balance as of the end of December was \$9,328.53.

4. **Fingerpost:** Mr. McCann solicited a quote from the Cast Iron, Co., in Missouri, based on the UK version but featuring two lines of text on each finger, which would be quoted individually. However, he has not received a response yet. He, Ms. Washington and Mr. Havir have not yet met to work on the design. Mr. Chambres reported that he and Mr. Greenberg have not yet met to strategize fund-raising.

5. **Video Conversion:** Mr. McCann called the company that provided the original video “Cheltenham: A Journey through Time” about the compatibility program. The company said it could provide a DVD containing that film and “A History of Cheltenham,” which Mr. McCann ordered. However, Mr. McCann could not play the DVD either, so a compatibility issue seems to still exist. Ms. Gibson volunteered to contact Ms. Wight to see if she can offer any solutions.

6. **E-Newsletter:** Mr. Chambres presented a first page (see attached), including the information he received from Ms. Gibson. Ms. Gibson suggested replacing the photo on the

front page. Mr. Chambres expects other members to submit articles for inclusion in the newsletter. Mr. Barrows asked who would get the newsletter but that was undetermined.

7. **Gym Link:** Mr. Barrows reported that instead of a weight-loss contest, a UK gym proposed a “race” across the Atlantic. The UK gym can program its treadmill, bicycle and rowing machines to log the total number of kms/miles traveled. If the US gym does the same, whichever one accrues the agreed upon total [3450 miles or 5552 kilometers] wins the Cheltenham challenge. This could become an annual event and perhaps some sort of award or trophy could be kept at the winning gym as an incentive. Mr. Barrows received positive feedback from the Elkins Park Gym but must check if it has the ability to track miles on its equipment. Mr. Barrows also volunteered to write press releases about the contest once everything is finalized.

8. **Playhouse Link:** On behalf of Ms. Spruill, Mr. Barrows reported that the Cheltenham UK playhouse hosts independent professional troupes, which would make exchanges difficult. However, it also has a youth troupe and a drama school, which may offer better opportunities.

9. **Kimmel Center Summer Camp:** Tabled since Mr. Chambres left early.

10. Under *Old Business*, Ms. Gibson reminded Mr. McCann of his offer to locate an e-penpal for a Cheltenham, UK, woman with a now two-year-old son.

11. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Barrows and approved by committee, the meeting was adjourned.

David G. Kraynik  
Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson  
Public Information Officer

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## Twin Cheltenham's

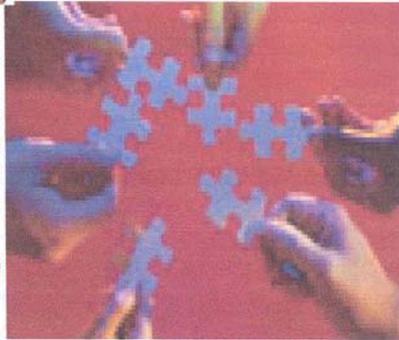


### *Cheltenham, USA, and Cheltenham, UK.*

After more than 50 years of friendship and reciprocal visit, a formal relationship with namesake Cheltenham UK was made with an official Twinning Charter on Saturday, October 11, 2003, during the Community Harvest Festival at Curtis Arboretum, the Township's largest public event.

The Township Commissioners created a Twinning Committee to develop a regular program for exchanges

between the two communities. Before then, interaction had been sporadic, usually in response to major anniversaries, such as the Township's Centennial Celebration in 2000. The Twinning Committee's charge is to establish programs of cultural, social, educational, governmental, fraternal, sporting and other connections to



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strengthen the bond of friendship between the two communities.

This newsletter is published to further those goals

### Special points of interest:

- What is the Twinning committee? When did it start?
- How can I join the Twinning Committee?

## An Invitation to Participate

Cheltenham Township residents interested in participating in the Twinning Program as a member of the Twinning Committee or as a host for future Cheltenham,

UK visitors should contact the Township by calling 215-887-6200, ext. 230 or emailing: [Cheltenham@cheltenham-township.org](mailto:Cheltenham@cheltenham-township.org).

Membership in the Twinning Committee is currently dues-free. Meetings of the Committee which are open to the general public are held monthly