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1972 photo of Chuck Rodabaugh, left, and Benjamin de Fresne in Oakwood.



Chuck Rodabaugh and Benjamin DeFresne today

OSCA member reunites with French friend

Chuck Rodabaugh recently became a member of Oakwood Sister City Association but in fact, he's been a part of OSCA since the beginning. Chuck and his family participated in the first student exchange with Le Vésinet in the summer of 1972. He was one of 15 student "goodwill ambassadors" who boarded a TWA flight for Paris to spend three weeks in Le Vésinet and then bring back nine French students to spend another three weeks in various Oakwood homes. Chuck's parents, Ed and Susie Rodabaugh of Hadley Rd, hosted Benjamin de Fresne, of whom, over the years, the family lost track. When Chuck's brother Tom organized a trip to Paris this past September, Chuck and his mother decided to join the couple. Reading several articles in the

Oakwood Register on the recent rejuvenation of OSCA, Chuck wondered what had happened to Benjamin. A little computer scouting found that Benjamin had left Le Vésinet and Paris to realize his longing to manage a vineyard in the south of France. A few emails later, Chuck, his mother and brother were ordering train tickets down to Toulon. After spending a few days in Paris and enjoying the sights, the four headed down toward the Côte d'Azure to spend the rest of their week with the de Fresnes at their Chateau Jasson in La Londe les Maures. Great food, great wine and great memories were shared by all.

Other people in the news for Oakwood Sister City Association include four talented students who

submitted artwork this summer to Outremont's Blizz'Art competition. Our sister city hosted its 11th bi-annual event for the exposition and competition of young visual art. A jury of artists and professionals was charged with selecting the best works in numerous categories divided by age group and medium. The judges had to choose between 300 hundred pieces for which 30 prizes were awarded. Oakwood High School student Marcel Georgin won a first place cash award of \$100 for his "Self-Portrait" in charcoal and Oakwood Jr High student, Reid Rupp, received a first place cash award of \$75 for his "Mask Face" using India ink. Other greatly appreciated entries were from Troy Gould of OHS and Bailey Gallion from OJHS.