Speech to the evening of March 18, 2023

Mr. Mayor, Mr. Deputy, Deputy Mayors, Councillors, members,

We, the Board of Directors, are pleased to welcome you to this festive evening of St. Patrick's Day, so dear to our friends in Wicklow. You are 65 people to have answered our invitation. We will send a report of this evening to Wicklow.

Our friends of Wicklow have informed us of their disappointment due to the absence of delegation of Montigny caused by a late invitation, and a low capacity of reception.

Also, for the future we should coordinate our agendas earlier to avoid further disappointments and simultaneous invitations. AMI will establish direct communication with the twinning committees.

Dear members, I would like to remind you of our next events:

- the Franco-German trip to Brussels with 51 participants, including 18 Germans,

- the visit of the Senate with 30 participants,

- the Flamenco show on April 1st at 8 pm in the Jacques Brel hall, organized by our friend Marie Cayla, from whom you can reserve tickets,

- the trip to Berry-et-Creuse programmed from September 30 to October 2, 2023, organized by Jean-Pierre and Claudine, from whom you can get information.

- the Europe Day scheduled on June 09 and 10, 2023, organized by the town hall, where we will receive important delegations from Dolyna, Kierspe, Wickow, with a show at the Jacques Brel hall. Claire Dizes and Pierre Kara will be able to inform you.

A trip to Lunca could be organized from 9 to 13 July 2023.

The twinning committee of Voisins Le Bretonneux and the European Movement of Yvelines organize on March 20, 2023 at 8:30 pm at the town hall a conference on the Franco-German partnership, from the Elysée Treaty until today, with the Mayor of Sceaux Philippe Laurent, as speaker.

This evening, on behalf of all the members and the members of the board, I greet and thank Pierre Kara, whose next promotion will take him away from Montigny.

We will keep the memory of a kind person, always smiling, ready to help. We thank him for the organization of the events he was in charge of, and for the assistance he gave to the contributions and events of the AMI. The Kierspe Twinning Committee would like to thank him for his work.

We wish you every success in your new position.

We are pleased to offer you a small gift so that you can keep some memories of AMI.

The office would also like to thank Romain Sbarra for his dedication and his investment during all our evenings and events.

Any association lives only by the actions and voluntary work of its members. It is up to them to come forward, to act and to contribute to the renewal of the Association.

So, I invite you to share your opinions with us, but above all to participate actively in the life of the Association:

I invite all those who wish to do so to apply now:

- to the organization of a trip as an Associate Organizer,

- to the Board of Directors, where we act in a collegial way.

I invite you to thank all the members who prepared this evening, Claudine, coordinator, but also Christiane, Françoise, Marie, Martine, Thérèse, who prepared the appetizers and desserts, François, Jean-Pierre, Patrick and Philippe who took care of the logistics and handling, but also Christine, Jean-Michel etc... who also came in advance to prepare the room and set the tables.

And before handing over to Mr. Deputy Charles Rodwell, and Mr. Mayor Lorrain Merckaert, whom I thank for the availability of the room, I wish you a good appetite and a good evening to all.