

Ein Praktikum in Pinnebergs Partnerstadt **(An internship in Pinneberg's sister city)**



IN WASHINGTON: Lena Ousvatova visited landmarks and worked in Pinneberg's sister city
(Photo courtesy DAGRP)

PINNEBERG internship in Rockville, USA - this dream came true for Pinneberger Lena Ousvatova. So reports Herbert Hoffmann of the German-American Society Rockville-Pinneberg (DAGRP). For four weeks, Ousvatova lived and worked in the sister city of Pinneberg, Maryland - a unique opportunity.

Last year, a delegation from the American twin city arrived to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the partnership in Pinneberg (as we reported). At the time, Ousvatova, as an intern at the Pinneberg city administration, was responsible for looking after the visitors to city hall. Hoffmann reports: "On this occasion more was spoken on the sidelines of the anniversary events, whether there is interest in an internship in the twin city Rockville." Both cities agreed: a good idea. Hoffmann says: "This possibility opens up a further development of the longtime solidarity." Ousvatova came to the internship like everyone else: with a letter of application.



Kathleen Conway (photo), City Clerk and Director of Council Operations Rockville, together with partners in Pinneberg, created a broad employment and visitor program, including a formal welcome reception at the Glenview Mansion for the German intern. Hoffmann explains: "The program envisages an intensive 'getting to know' all the important authorities and organizations in the sister city, attending Council Member and Mayor meetings, as well as a board meeting of Sister City Corporation and various other organizations."

There was plenty of free time for leisure: museums, a trip to Annapolis (the capital city of Maryland) and - the absolute highlight - a Congressional Tour in Washington D.C. were on the program. Meanwhile, Hoffmann is impressed by the partnership's dedication. "The board of the German-American Society in Pinneberg is pleased and grateful for the great effort and commitment of many friends from the twin town of Rockville," he says. *(Reported by Felisa Kowalewski)*