



ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION
NEWSLETTER

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The Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) is a non-profit corporation founded in 1986 to enhance and maintain the friendship and 'Sister City' relationship established by the City of Rockville in 1957 with Pinneberg, Germany, based on youth, educational, cultural and commercial exchanges pursuant to the People-To-People Program initiated by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956 to promote world peace.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by **Brigitta Mullican**, President, RSCC

Since our March newsletter, we have had many wonderful Sister City activities. We thank our vice-president **Jack Rodgers** for putting on a very successful wine tasting event in April, one of the best ones. **Julie Pfefer** worked hard to get food donated by our local groceries. All board members work hard to put on our events. Keep an eye out for our fall wine tasting this coming November, and for another Dim Sum event (scheduled tentatively for August – more details to come).

The RSCC again participated in Rockville's Hometown Holidays, manning one of the beverage booths. Again, a big thank you to **Jack Rodgers** for organizing the work schedule while I was out of country.


Again, this year **Liz Von Kaenel** coordinated the Memorial Day Parade entry inviting the Dragon Dancers, who are always a hit with the kids. We even won an award from the Parks and Recreation judges. Thank you to **Drew Powell** for laying the Sister City wreath at the annual memorial ceremony for all who fought and died to keep us free.

In early May I met with the German-American Society in Pinneberg, Germany to discuss the Rockville-Pinneberg Sister City 60th Anniversary planning. We welcome other organizations, businesses, and individuals to join our anniversary

committee. Please contact us and send your comments to RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com. We are grateful to our individual, family, and corporate members for their continued support. If you have not renewed your 2015 membership, we ask you to use the application form in this newsletter or go to our website at www.RockvilleSisterCities.org. Our many events are posted on our website and we will continue to send you emails about our fun and cultural activities.

Our annual meeting has been changed to a Thursday this year, September 24, 2015, so please make a note of it.






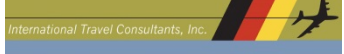







Have a good summer and hope to see you at one of the next events. Don't forget the Bethesda Big Train game on June 26 and the Dim Sum on (tentatively) August 9.

THE PASSING OF ANOTHER RSCC FRIEND	
	<p>Frau Helga Nolte, wife of Prof. Dr. Hartmut Nolte, passed away on March 18th, 2015. She and Prof. Dr. Nolte were among the founding members of the German-American Society, Rockville-Pinneberg (DAGRP). Frau Nolte served on the Board of DAGRP, and was a staunch supporter of the activities accomplished by both DAGRP and RSCC. The Rockville Sister City Corporation extends its heartfelt condolences to the entire Nolte family.</p>

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THANKS TO ALL OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF RSCC !

April 2015 – SPRING WINE TASTING AND FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS

On Friday, April 9th, RSCC held another successful Wine Tasting/Fund Raiser at Glenview Mansion.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, fruits, and pastries - as well as six different wines - were in abundance. Special

thanks go to the following merchants for their support:





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In addition, guests were treated to an exceptional evening of classical and contemporary music presented by the "piano prodigies" of Seasharp Music Studio. Special thanks go to Ms. **Vivian Kwok**, Seasharp's Director, for her support of RSCC's endeavors.

<http://seasharpmusicstudio20850.blogspot.com/>



Relaxing in Glenview Mansion's Sister City Room between performances are **Vivian Kwok** and her talented students.

A special raffle was held for the remaining photos from Pinneberg's *Fotokreis* exhibit which was held in October 2013 at the Rockville Senior Center. Thanks again to the Pinneberg *Fotokreis* for their generous donation of their professionally produced photos.

May 2015 – PLANNING FOR THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

RSCC President **Brigitta Mullican** and RSCC Member **George Albrecht** were recently in Pinneberg as guests of former DAGRP President **Hans Georg Beplat** and his friend **Ilke Allwardt**.

During the 5-day visit, Brigitta attended a Pinneberg *Stadtrat* (City Council) meeting, and she and George were guests of honor at a wonderful party on a Friday night at a local restaurant.

Their primary mission in Pinneberg was to meet with counterparts and members of the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft Rockville-Pinneberg* (DAGRP: German-American Society, Rockville-Pinneberg) to begin planning for the Rockville-Pinneberg 60th Anniversary in 2017.



60th Anniversary Planning Meeting
(L-R) **Herbert Hoffmann**, **Brigitta Mullican**, **Bernd Hinrichs**, **Margrit Ziegler**, **Ingeborg Hinrichs**, **Birgit Drechsler**, **Ilke Allwardt**, **Hans Georg Beplat**

For more information about the ongoing plans for the 60th Anniversary between Rockville and Pinneberg, and how YOU can make a difference, please see [the RSCC Webpage](#).

May 2015 - ROCKVILLE "HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS" by Jack Rodgers, RSCC VP

RSCC manned the beer tent! “*Bier, her; Bier her, oder ich fall um!*“ (Another beer! Another beer, or else I will collapse!)



“Thanks to all who helped man the RSCC beverage booth during Hometown Holidays. Working with each other builds team spirit and also earned a significant contribution for RSCC programs. In addition to a reimbursement from the city, RSCC

will probably gain additional money from tips and the sale of mugs. A final accounting will be provided later by the city."

May 2015 - ROCKVILLE "HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS" by **Liz von Kaenel**, RSCC Director. As one of the long-time participants, since the early 1980s, RSCC helped the City celebrate and honor the Memorial Day holiday. The day began with RSCC Director **Drew Powell** placing a memorial flower wreath at Rockville's memorial flame. This wreath laying is a tradition instituted by our sister city Pinneberg.

For the parade, our unit was led by **George Albrecht** and **Steve Fisher**, in jaunty German hats, carrying the RSCC banner. This was followed by **Liz von Kaenel** in German dress riding in **Jack Rodgers'** Corvette convertible. A pickup truck was decorated with flowers - black-eyed Susans for Rockville; roses for Pinneberg; and peonies for Jiaying. Two large flags from our sister/friendship cities also were displayed on the truck.



A group of young people from the CCACC delighted the parade onlookers with Chinese dragon dancing accompanied by traditional drumming. **Bing Huang** and **Ying Chen**, both in Chinese dress, carried the Jiaying banner.

Many thanks for behind the scenes work on the truck go to: **Liz von Kaenel**, **Gerrie Checkon**, **Julie Pfefer**, **Steve Fisher**, and **Maury Ward**.

As a complete surprise, RSCC won the Parks and Recreation Department's prize as their favorite unit in the parade.

JUNE 2015 - PLAY BALL!

Again this summer, thanks to the generous support of the **Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation**, **Bethesda Big Train Baseball** will showcase the extraordinary nonprofits of Montgomery County. Big Train Baseball (now a program of BCC Baseball) will honor two nonprofits at each of the 22 home baseball games of the **Bethesda Big Train** to be played at **Shirley Povich Field** this summer. For more information about Big Train Baseball, including the schedule and directions to the field, please log onto <http://www.bigtrain.org/>. Povich Field is located in Cabin John Regional Park near Westfield Montgomery.

The RSCC Board has selected the game for **Friday June 26** (v. Gaithersburg Giants). We will have 100 FREE tickets available. Join us for an evening of volunteering and America's favorite pastime. Contact us immediately at RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com to reserve your tickets!

June 2015 – A NOTE FROM JIAXING

RSCC Director **Bing Huang** received the following from **Twinkle Lee** (Jiaying Liaison to Rockville) after forwarding her photos from the parade: "It is so nice of you to share with us the photos taken in the parade. It made me just feel like being there with you in person. Sorry to say that Jiaying doesn't have an official flag or logo or so at this moment.

I'd also like to share with you a piece of information that the **7th Jiaying International Cartoon Biennale** will be held in late October this year in Jiaying. [Please find more details in the attachment](#) - the invitation is in both English and [Chinese versions](#). Would you please help to pass the Invitation on to those may be interested in this. If there is anyone interested to take part in, please just let me know. It is also getting hotter in Jiaying. As I've heard there is a saying that the year 2015 might be one of the hottest years on record due to the El Nino phenomenon. Just sincerely hoping that the climate change will not bring much harm to people's daily lives."

AUGUST – MOVIE NIGHT
by **Liz von Kaenel**



At 7pm, Monday August 31st, the German film "Wings of Desire" (with English subtitles) will be shown at Montgomery College's [Parilla Performing Arts Center](#). The event is free of charge.

Set in West Berlin, two angels roam the city unseen and unheard by its human inhabitants, observing and listening to their diverse thoughts. The film is also a meditation on Berlin's past, present, and future. Wim Wenders won in Cannes as the best director, 1987 and the Grand Prix by the Belgium Film Critics' Association, 1988. Siskal and Ebert gave the film two thumbs up. 👍👍

RSCC BOARD MEETINGS

Rockville Sister City Corporation Board meetings are open to the public. They are held the second Tuesday of each month (except December) starting at 7:30 p. in Rockville City Hall on 111 Maryland Avenue. [Contact President Brigitta Mullican](#) to be advised of any schedule changes.

RSCC THANKS ITS NEW (AND RENEWING) MEMBERS (SINCE MARCH 4, 2015)

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- Thompson, Betsy & Gary
- Williams, Gabriele & Jean Kerns

Thanks to all of you for your support of RSCC!

If your name is missing, misspelled or otherwise needs correction, [please let us know immediately](#).

NEW CITY LIAISON


Andy Lett has taken over the duties of RSCC's City Liaison from **Laura Creech**. RSCC wishes to thank Laura for her help and assistance and wishes her well in her new duties. We also wish to welcome Andy and look forward to working with him in the future. Andy is Rockville's Superintendent of Recreation.

HOW GERMANY IS LESS CAR-RELIANT THAN THE U.S. – from Bill Michie, RSCC Member

Compared to Americans, Germans own fewer cars, drive them shorter distances and less frequently, and walk and cycle and ride transit more often. They have slimmer waistlines to show for their active transport habits and suffer fewer traffic deaths whether in a car or not. They spend less household income on getting around even as they pay much more in driving costs. They use less energy per person on ground transport, resulting in lower carbon emissions. (See the Sustainability Indicators for U.S. and German Transport Systems chart for a great list of performance measures). Source: http://www.citylab.com/commute/2015/02/all-the-ways-germany-is-less-car-reliant-than-the-us-in-1-chart/385163/?utm_source=nl_daily_link4_020515

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Age, in years, of a pretzel discovered in Germany, which has been called an "archaeological sensation"



TIME March 30, 2015

ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION (RSCC)
Membership Application/Renewal Form - RSCC is a Tax Exempt, Not-For-Profit Corporation

I would like to (check one) renew, or apply for membership. Enclosed is my **tax deductible** payment (check one):

\$20 Individual, \$30 Family, or \$100 Corporate Membership, **for the Calendar Year 2015.**

Additional tax deductible contribution of \$ _____ **Total enclosed \$ _____**

Memberships are for the calendar year. There is no prorating of memberships.

Please print. Please provide your email address. Otherwise we have no way of keeping you informed of our activities and events.

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____ Email Address: _____

For internal use only. We do not release to other organizations.

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____, Work Phone: _____, Cell Phone: _____

Make check payable to: **RSCC** Send to: Rockville Sister City Corporation, c/o Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850

AREAS OF INTEREST: (TO ALL MEMBERS, NEW & RENEWING, PLEASE, PLEASE CHECK AT LEAST ONE.)

- Hosting visitors from Pinneberg; Hosting exchange students (high school); Fundraising; Helping with membership drive;
- Helping w/Wine Tasting Events; Helping w/Memorial Day Parade; Organizing Cultural or Sport Exchanges; Bicycle Tours;
- Developing or Helping with Other Events; Serving on Board of Directors; Other (specify below)

(These are not commitments, but do help us understand our members' interests.)

Other Comments, Suggestions, etc. _____

Application/Renewal Form (Revised 06/22/14-gwa)

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