



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 **Chris Malone**, President, RSCC

July and August were unusual months for the RSCC. When the dust cleared I was President of this historic international organization. This is how it happened.

On July 8, 2015 the RSCC Board held a Special Meeting called by the President, **Brigitta Mullican**. Brigitta Mullican informed the Board that she was resigning as President so she could run for the Rockville City Council. Brigitta Mullican asked me to insert this statement in this President's Message:

"She is still highly committed to the Rockville Sister City program and is proud to report when she resigned there was a full Board. She hopes that new Board members will be found to continue the most active Sister City program. The RSCC partnership with Pinneberg will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2017."

At the Annual Meeting on behalf of the Board, I will present a special award to Brigitta Mullican for her dedicated service, devotion and exceptional leadership of the RSCC.

Under the By-Laws, **Jack Rodgers**, Vice-President became President upon the resignation of Brigitta Mullican. At the July 8 meeting Jack Rodgers, informed the Board that he could only serve as President through August 11, 2015 Board meeting. Accordingly, the Board needed someone to volunteer at the July 8 meeting to serve as Vice-President and then as President after Jack Rodgers resigned.

I volunteered and the Board elected me Vice-President. I indicated to the Board that I only wanted

to serve as Vice President and President until the October Board meeting where officers are elected for the next year. Under the By-laws, I became President at the end of the August 11 Board meeting.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2015 at the Glenview Mansion at the Rockville Civic Center Park from 7:30 to 9 pm. The most important item on the Agenda is the election of Directors for the new year. The election is held each year to fill vacant (this year, one) and expiring (this year, four) Director positions on the Board.

The RSCC's most critical need is a member who will stand for election as a Director and who is interested in serving as President. The RSCC's additional need is members who will stand for election as a Director and who are interested in serving as a Chair of one of our events, projects and activities.

We are grateful for the long continued support of our members, officers and directors. Nevertheless, the Board believes that the RSCC is at a critical point in its long existence. As of this date, I am not aware of any candidates among the members, who have indicated that they are interested in serving as President. Having a President is crucial for the new year, since during the year we will start the planning for the Rockville-Pinneberg, 60th year Anniversary celebration.

Please attend the Annual Meeting on September 24, 2015, because it is the RSCC's most important meeting of the year.

REMEMBERING JOE BATZ



Joe passed away on Friday, June 19, 2015, after a long flight with Alzheimer's Disease. He and his wife Mae ("Pigeon") had been extremely active in RSCC and enjoyed hosting and being the guests of many of our Pinneberg friends. Joe was a Director of the RSCC Board for many years and held the job of Membership Chair with dedication, aplomb, and professionalism. The Rockville Sister City Corporation extends its heartfelt condolences to the entire Batz family.



JUNE 2015 – BIG TRAIN BASEBALL!



About 20 RSCC Members and friends took advantage of free tickets to the Gaithersburg Giants vs Bethesda Big Train game in June. The game was played at Shirley Povich Field, Cabin John Regional Park in Bethesda, MD. RSCC attendees enjoyed the game and camaraderie at the Park.

"The Big Train scored ten runs or more for the third time this season en route to an 11-0 shutout win over the Gaithersburg Giants at Povich Field.... It was the largest shutout victory of the season for Bethesda. With the win, the Big Train improved to 16-3 on the season and remains atop the South division by six games." - By: Kyle Brown (http://www.bigtrain.org/news/?article_id=276)

Reminder: CARTOON CONTEST

RSCC Director **Bing Huang** received the following from **Twinkle Lee** (Jiaxing Liaison to Rockville): "I'd also like to share with you a piece of information that the **7th Jiaxing International**

Cartoon Biennale will be held in late October this year in Jiaxing. [Please find more details in this 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."

JULY 2015 - RSCC HONORED BY CCACC

On July 17, 2015 the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center (CCACC) hosted a presentation party for an RSCC delegation at CCACC's main building in Gaithersburg. RSCC Board Members **Liz Von Kaenel, Brigitta Mullican, Bing Huang and Jack Rodgers** presented officials from CCACC with a check for \$100 to help support the Youth Dragon Dance Team. The Dance Team has been marching with RSCC in many previous Memorial Day parades in Rockville, as an adjunct to Rockville's Friendship City in Jiaxing, China. This year RSCC was awarded a \$100 prize as Parks & Rec's "favorite unit", and Director Von Kaenel suggested the money be transferred to the Dance Team for its efforts. CCACC also generously presented each RSCC representative with a small "goodie-bag" of useful items.



AUGUST 2015 – DIM SUM



RSCC held another Dim Sum event on **Sunday, August 9, 2015**. Once again it was

at the New Fortune Restaurant in Gaithersburg. As occurred at last year's Dim Sum, everyone experienced a great meal with many varieties of food to sample.

Thanks to all members and guests for attending, and for helping us with this fund-raising activity. And thanks to RSCC Director **Bing Huang** and the folks at New Fortune for making it happen!

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AUGUST 2015 – RVFD VISITS PINNEBERG



"Last night (August 6, 2015) Battalion Chief Hinde, Captain Ader, & EMT Hinde made a presentation on behalf of the officers and members of the RVFD to *Wehrführer* (Fire Chief) Claus Köster and the members of the *Feuerwehr* Pinneberg. The presentation at Pinneberg Fire Headquarters included a letter inviting our good friends from Germany to our 95th Anniversary Awards Banquet in April of 2016. Since 1992 the RVFD and *Feuerwehr* Pinneberg have had a strong relationship formed through the Rockville Sister City Corporation. Throughout the last 3 decades countless friendships have been forged during many departmentally organized and personal visits back and forth between the US & Germany. We look forward to continuing to learn from one another and our lasting friendship with the members of Pinneberg." [from the RVFD Announcement]

AUGUST 2015 - AWARD FOR SUE THORPE



Former RSCC President, **Brigitta Mullican**, is shown presenting retired teacher **Sue Thorpe** with a Shadow Box of memories and a Certificate of

Appreciation for Sue's dedication and achievements as the Primary Liaison between Rockville's Wootton High School and various schools in Pinneberg, Germany. During her time at Wootton, Sue was the head of the Arts Department and

coordinated the Education Academy. Since she has a strong love for traveling, she coordinated the student exchange trips for Wootton and Pinneberg students.

Sue said, "For two years, students from Wootton High School traveled to Pinneberg and toured many incredible historic and cultural cities. And the Wootton students and their families welcomed German students and staff to Rockville. In all of these exchange visits, the highlight was the personal relationships that were established and which continue to this day. It was always a privilege and an honor to be a part of these special programs."

Sue now lives in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, where she is involved with special programs in the College of Education at Penn State University. She is also very blessed to care for her grandchildren and to be a part of their early learning experiences.

Thanks again, Sue, for your help and support in this important People-to-People endeavor!

AUGUST 2015 – VISIT WITH ROALD SCHRACK AND PAT WILSON

Pat Wilson and Roald Schrack, long-time supporters of RSCC, welcomed **George Albrecht and Brigitta**



Mullican to their relatively new abode in Gaithersburg recently. Pat and Roald are now in the Mund Building on the Asbury Campus. They have a beautiful apartment on the seventh floor with two balconies over-looking the campus.

Roald has always had his ear to the ground regarding Rockville politics, and still follows it with much more enthusiasm than Gaithersburg politics, which he finds rather "bland".

He related some of his interesting family history, including this information about his former father-in-law, [Calvin Bryce Hoover](#): *"I gave a short talk on him at a Sister City meeting five years ago but I consider his importance to history sufficiently important that...you mention him again. What is important is that the Morgenthau Plan was defeated and instead, Germany was assisted in regaining its status as an important and vital part of Europe. He deserves greater recognition for the role he played."*

To top off the visit, Roald joined Brigitta and George in an afternoon at the MoCo AgFair, where Roald (who is 89) reminisced about his early days as a cowherd for his grandfather while observing the award ceremonies for 2-year old heifers. *"After up close and intimate relationships with cows I appreciate going back occasionally and seeing them in these beauty contests - checking out my sensitivity to their finer points. Selective breeding has assisted evolution in producing an animal that is not only beautiful (to my eyes at least) but extremely efficient in converting cellulose to protein."*

FAMILY FROM PINNEBERG LIVING IN ROCKVILLE by Denny Freezer



Alexander, Katharina, Frederik and Christian

In an almost unbelievable coincidence, **Christian and Katharina Jessen-Klingenberg**, and their sons Frederik (5) and Alexander (3), had just bought a house in Pinneberg, moving there from Hamburg, when...and here I will let Christian continue the story:

"Literally days later I got a job offer from the German School Washington D.C. to work there as a teacher for the coming three years. After some consideration, I accepted that offer which, after all, is a great opportunity to experience life in the United States. And then we found a house for ourselves in Rockville - only to find out AFTERWARDS that Pinneberg and Rockville were twin cities. So my family and I won't live in Pinneberg but in its partner city Rockville (215 Beall Avenue) for the next three years."

The family has settled in their new home, which in another coincidence, used to be the residence of the Head of the German School. Christian, who is a huge history buff and can't wait to explore Civil War battlefields in the United States, previously spent 5 years at Oxford, and will be teaching History and Latin. Katharina is applying for a work visa to work there also, and both boys will attend the German School.

As you can see, the Jessen-Klingenbergs are a great addition to Rockville, and Christian and Katharina and their sons have already in a very short time made many friends in our community. They are anxious to delve into American life and really get to know Rockville and the surrounding area. Please give them a big welcome when you meet them.

AUGUST 2015 – MOVIE NIGHT by Liz von Kaenel



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

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. 👍👍

In attendance were **Liz VonKaenel, John and Rita McKee, George Albrecht** and our new Rockville resident, **Christian Jessen-Klingenberg,**

SEPTEMBER 2015 – RSCC ANNUAL MEETING

(We will report on the Annual Meeting in the next Newsletter.)

RSCC THANKS ITS NEW (AND RENEWING) MEMBERS (SINCE JUNE 10, 2015)

CORPORATE:

- Nexus Holidays – China Travel

FAMILY:

- Bass, Rob & Jen
- Wright, Bob & Stephanie

Thanks to all of you for your support of RSCC!

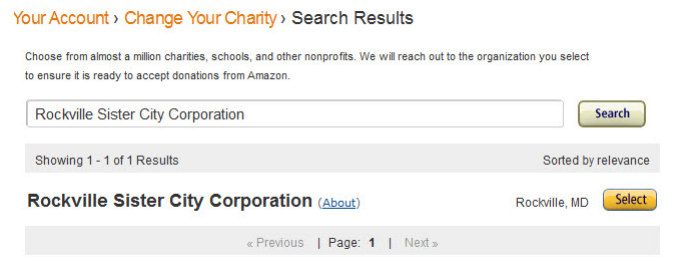
If your name is missing, misspelled or otherwise needs correction, [please let us know immediately.](#)

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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 pm in Rockville City Hall on 111 Maryland Avenue. [Contact President Chris Malone](#) to be advised of any schedule changes

OCTOBER 2015 – German-American Day Dinner and Fundraiser is coming.
(You can send in your reservation now – use the form below)



Rockville Sister City Corporation

COME JOIN US

To Celebrate **German American** Day with an **INTERNATIONAL FLAIR**

Sunday, October 4, 2015 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Mykonos Grill

121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, MD 20851

\$45 per person (includes \$5 fundraiser/donation for RSCC)

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 1, 2015

Space is limited – sorry, walk-ins cannot be accepted

Menu

Assortment of Appetizers

Yogurt tzatziki, eggplant *melitzano salata*, Greek caviar *tarama* and beets with goat cheese

Greek Taverna Salad

Romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, feta cheese and black olives

Choice of Entrée

#1 - Fresh Filet of Salmon

Broiled with a touch of olive oil, lemon and oregano

#2 - Chicken Mavrodaphne

Breast of chicken with *mavrodaphne* wine sauce and fresh mushrooms

#3 - Roasted Leg of Lamb

Sliced boneless leg of lamb, topped with brown gravy

#4 - Hot Vegetarian Platter

Vegetarian *mousaka*, vegetarian grape leaves and *spanakopita*

Dessert: Galaktobouriko



For more information call Gerrie Checkon at 301-279-0708 and mention "German-American Day Dinner"



Name(s): _____

Select # of Entrée(s) desired (@ \$45) #1 ___ #2 ___ #3 ___ #4 ___ Total \$ _____

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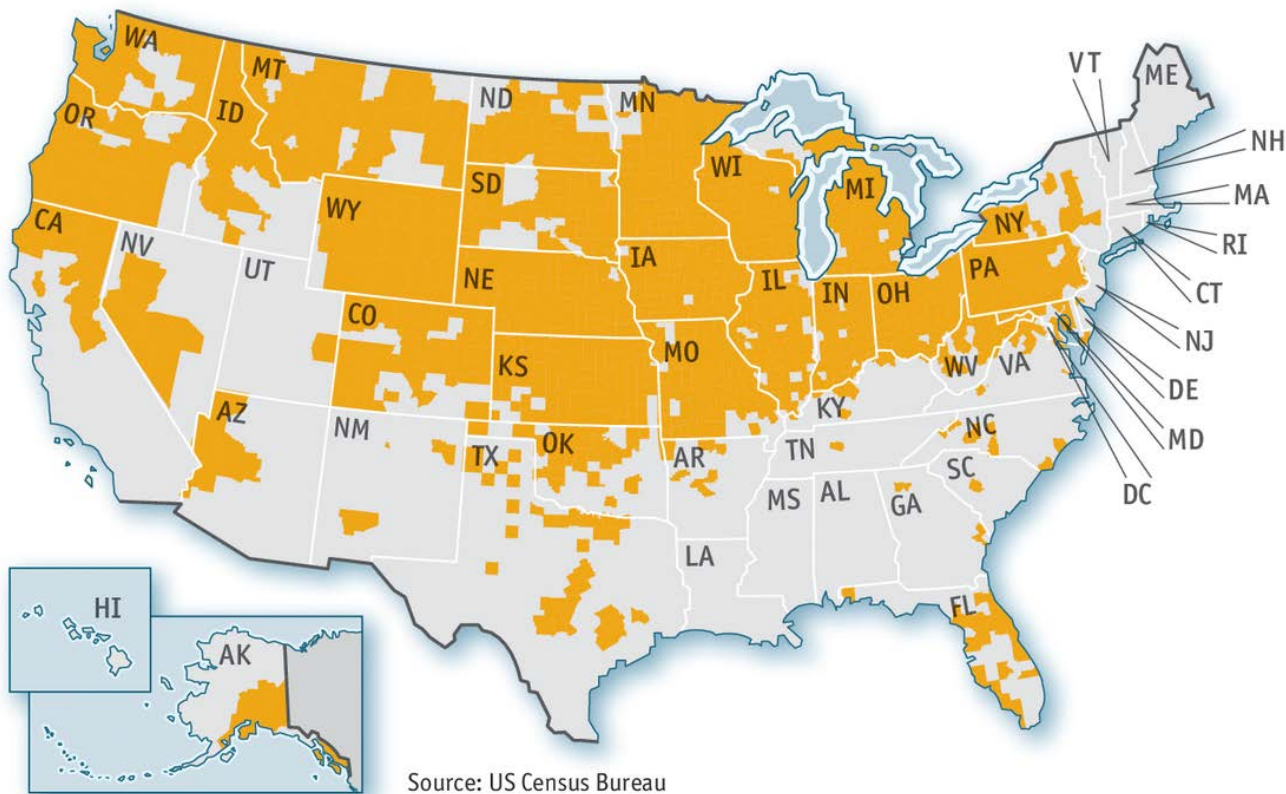
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DID YOU KNOW?

JIAXING	PINNEBERG
<p>Jiaxing was a place of fish and rice. More than 7,000 years ago, there were inhabitants living on fish and animal husbandry. Jiaxing made great progress in its economy during the Sui Dynasty (581-618) due to the construction of the <i>Jiang Nan He</i>, the Hangzhou to Zhenjiang section of the Grand Canal. The canal helped the region become a bread basket in the southeast of China, and a place rich in cotton fabric and silk. [http://www.travelchinaguide.com]</p>	<p>Though now in ruins the Pinneberg castle still speaks volumes of a history that goes back to 1351. Locals still remember the night during the World War when 8500 bombs were dropped in and around the vicinity. After listening to this tragic [story] you can't but be amazed at the spectacular beauty that has risen out of it. The town is picture perfect and laid out with all conveniences that you might be wanting. [http://www.mygermancity.com/Pinneberg]</p>
ROCKVILLE	
<p>Rockville is one of Maryland's oldest towns, with its origins dating back to Colonial America. During Revolutionary times Rockville was known as Hungerford's Tavern, the name of its most familiar landmark. When Montgomery County was formed by a division of Frederick County in 1776, Rockville served as the county seat and gradually became known as Montgomery Court House. In the 1780s, the community was known as Williamsburgh, named for the family that subdivided the central part of town, when Rockville was little more than a cluster of homes, a tavern, a courthouse and a jail. [http://www.rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?NID=978]</p>	

Counties where German-Americans are the largest ethnic group



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ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION (RSCC)
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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.

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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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