



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 **Drew Powell**, President, RSCC

As President of Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) since January 2016, I had not actually visited our sister city, Pinneberg, Germany. For both business and pleasure I have traveled to Germany during the past thirty-eight years and frequented such cities as Frankfurt, Hannover and Munich. I've always enjoyed my visits and thought that I had a pretty good idea of the "German Experience." I was in for a pleasant surprise!

**My son, Tyler**, and I arrived in Pinneberg in early August (2016). Pinneberg, Rockville's Sister City since 1957, is located just 20 km northwest of Hamburg, which happens to be about the same distance that Rockville is from Washington, D.C. (part of the reason that Pinneberg and Rockville were "paired" as sister or twin cities in 1957). Driving from the south of Germany, we pulled into **Bernd Hinrichs'** driveway; the door opened and there stood Bernd **and his wife Ingeborg**. Bernd is the President of the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft Rockville-Pinneberg* (DAGR), RSCC's counterpart organization in Germany, which facilitates Pinneberg's Sister City relationship with Rockville.

Soon, Tyler and I felt as though we'd become a part of the Hinrichs family. Bernd and Ingeborg couldn't have done more to make us feel welcome and showed an unprecedented level of hospitality. We soon met with **Herbert Hoffmann**, a DAGRP Board Member, Deputy Mayor and a Pinneberg City Councilmember with a commanding presence and can-do attitude. We toured Pinneberg Town

Center, the *Drostei* (roughly equivalent to Rockville's Glenview Mansion), City Hall, which included the Council Chambers and the "Rockville Room" (filled with more Rockville memorabilia than I have ever seen). We made a quick stop by the "*Pinneberger Tageblatt*," Pinneberg's local newspaper, for an interview.

Later, Bernd took us by the *Freiwillige Feuerwehr Pinneberg* (Volunteer Fire Brigade) to meet with *Brandmeister* (Fire Chief), **Claus Köster**, who gave us a complete tour of the fire station. I have never been so impressed with state-of-the-art firefighting technology! We also visited the "*Rosengarten*" (Friendship Garden), established in 1997 and smelled beautiful "Rockville Roses." That evening, we met with members of the DAGRP Board accompanied by *Bürgermeisterin* (Mayor) **Urte Steinberg** to discuss upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in Pinneberg and Rockville. During one of our day trips, Bernd and Ingeborg took us to the picturesque town of Lüneburg, which had architecture dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. **Margrit Ziegler**, also a DAGRP Member, and her husband **Jürgen**, took us to the *Norddeutsche Gartenschau* in the Ellerhoop Arboretum, which was a wonderland of local and exotic flora of unmatched beauty. Amazingly, while walking in the arboretum we were stopped by some Pinneberg residents, who exclaimed, "You're from Rockville! We read about you in the Pinneberg newspaper."

We reluctantly left Pinneberg, feeling as though we had become honorary citizens and members of a much larger family. We are eagerly looking forward to return to Pinneberg in June 2017.

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**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR RSCC MEMBERSHIP!**



**Memberships are for the calendar year.** New and Renewing Memberships are being taken NOW for 2016. See the last page of this newsletter for the form, or visit our webpage <http://rockvillesistercities.org/> And please ask your neighbors and friends to join RSCC! An application is provided at the end of this Newsletter. **Thanks!**

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**60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

In 2017, the City of Rockville and RSCC invite you to join in celebrating 60 years of our Sister City relationship with Pinneberg, Germany. We have one of the longest partnerships in Sister City history! Please consider how you would like to participate. Here are some of the options:

**Join the Rockville Delegation to Pinneberg May 30 to June 6, 2017.** Thirty delegates representing Rockville will be hosted by Sister City counterparts in Germany during a week of activities, culminating in a 60th anniversary reception Friday evening, June 2, in Pinneberg's City Hall and a dinner on Saturday evening, June 3, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the *Drostei*, Pinneberg's cultural center.

**Join a customized group tour to Germany June 1 to June 12, 2017.** Arrive in Pinneberg in time to join the Rockville delegation for the Friday and Saturday evening celebrations, then take off the next day with a tour guide and motor coach to visit Bremerhaven, Lüneburg, Berlin, Wittenberg,

Leipzig, Weimar/Eisenach/Wartburg, Nuremberg, and Munich!

Above and beyond the usual city tours, the tour group will be treated to special guest speakers and events. A BMW plant tour is being arranged as well. [Please email us for more information](#), and **reserve your place on this tour by January 6, 2017.** At least 25 travelers are needed, and we expect to send out a reading list and plan local activities for the group during the months before departure in June. **You must be an RSCC member to receive a discounted rate for the tour.**

**Host Pinneberg delegates to Rockville, October 2 to October 8, 2017.** In October, 2017, it's our turn to return the favor of being gracious hosts for our friends from Pinneberg. Let us know if you can be a host family.

Help plan excursions for our Pinneberg visitors in October 2017. What would be new and exciting places around Rockville and Washington, DC, to show our guests?

**Come to a citywide "Rocktoberfest" celebration on Saturday, October 7, 2017.**

Please send your ideas, suggestions, comments, and desires to us at [RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com](mailto:RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com) and we will be in touch with you right away!

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**ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION FALL EVENTS AND BEYOND**

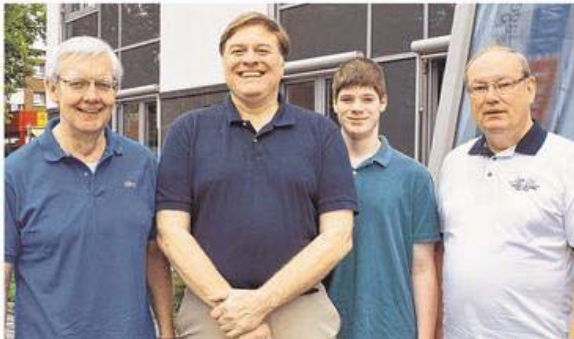
**Rockville Sister City Day** will be held in Rockville Town Center on **Saturday, September 24th between 4 and 6 PM.** The German themed event, which celebrates RSCC's thirty years of service, will feature draft beers served by World of Beer and Gordon Biersch, the music of the Rockville German Band, food with a German flair provided by local vendors, the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department as well as other enthusiastic participants. Join us for a craft-beer, German sausages and pretzels and a lot of fun. There will be kid-friendly activities, too!

RSCC will hold its **Annual Membership Meeting** at Rockville's historic Glenview Mansion on **Thursday, September 29th between 6:30 and 9:00 PM.** From 6:30 to 7:30 PM there will be a social gathering. Light refreshments, including wine, as well as hors d'oeuvres will be served. The meeting will take place between 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Even if you're not a member, please join us for this fun and informative evening.

On **Sunday, October 9th between 4:30 and 7:00 PM,** RSCC will host its **annual German - American Day Dinner** at Normandie Farm Restaurant. In addition to great food, including Normandie Farm's famous popovers, there will be a speaker and music provided. This year's German - American Day Dinner celebrates not only German - American Day and German Unity Day, but also the thirtieth anniversary of the Rockville Sister City Corporation.

#### **AUG 4, 2016 - A VISIT WITH DEAR FRIENDS**

*President of the Rockville Sister City Corporation as guest in Pinneberg / Reception for the 60th anniversary of the partnership planned.*



Lots to discuss in the coming days: (from left) **Bernd Hinrichs**, president of the German-American Society, **Drew Powell**, president of the Rockville Sister City Corporation, and his son **Tyler Powell** and spokesman **Herbert Hoffmann**. (Photo: Erdbrügger)

It is raining outside, but Drew Powell still has a good mood. "I love to be in Pinneberg. Despite the rain," he says. Powell is president of the Rockville Sister City Corporation in the United States.

With **his son Tyler**, Powell is currently a guest in Pinneberg of **Bernd Hinrichs**, president of the German-American Society Rockville Pinneberg (DAGRP). Together with spokesman **Herbert Hoffmann** the four stopped by the editorial staff of the *Pinneberger Tageblatt*.

Powell has traveled in Germany before, but now for the first time he was in the town of Pinneberg. It is a visit among friends. For 59 years Pinneberg has had a partnership with Rockville, Maryland. (The DAGRP was founded in 1984.) The partnership between Rockville and Pinneberg (existing since 1957 - one of the oldest partnerships in Germany) continues through official and unofficial meetings. So Powell's visit is not only a pleasure trip, but also for the exchange of ideas on the 60th anniversary of the friendship, which will happen in 2017.

Some of what is planned, says spokesman Herbert Hoffman, is this. On 2 June there will be a large reception in Pinneberg. It will be a big affair: The American ambassador in Berlin and **Schleswig-Holstein's Prime Minister Albig** are invited. For the remembrance book chronicling the event, **Chancellor Angela Merkel** is to write the greeting. A delegation from the United States will participate in the festivities.

In return, the residents of Rockville plan to do the same: "We are preparing a reception and an Oktoberfest," says Drew Powell. For this visit to the US from 5 to 8 October, Herbert Hoffmann has organized an "Indian Summer Tour" through Canada and the USA. A second delegation from Germany will also make their way to Rockville - showing how the two locations, with German-American friendship, really function. [Reporter:erd]

#### **AUG 2016 - DIM SUM - ANOTHER GREAT TURNOUT !**

RSCC's annual Dim Sum event was held at the New Fortune Restaurant in the Walnut Hill Shopping Center in Gaithersburg on Sunday, August 14, 2016. Once again it was a delicious afternoon of great food and conversation. About 35 people were in attendance. Thanks to those who attended and helped in our Fund Raising event.



*Dim Sum'ers*

**SEP 2016 – BETSY THOMPSON, RSCC AND DAGRP MEMBERS MEET IN IRELAND**

| Room # | Guest Name          |
|--------|---------------------|
| 302 ✓  | Thompson, Elizabeth |
| 307 ✓  | Hans, Peter         |
|        | Schulze, Angelika   |
| 203 ✓  | Coyle, Jim          |
| 304    | Freezer, Denny      |
| 103 ✓  | Hampton, Norm       |
| 303 ✓  | Ziegler, Margrit    |
|        | Aucker, Jan         |
| 308    | Hinrichs, Bernd     |
|        | Hinrichs, Ingeborg  |
| 306    | Reimer, Reimer      |
|        | Reimer, Inge        |
| 204    | Gorlitz, Detlef     |
|        | Gorlitz, Ruth       |
| 401 ✓  | McKenna, Tom        |
|        | McKenna, Sherry     |
| 104 ✓  | Bethke, Heide       |
|        | Dietmar, Hans       |

Former RSCC/City Liaison **Betsy Thompson** was on an extended tour of Ireland. On September 2<sup>nd</sup> she posted on Facebook: “(Husband) Gary has arrived!!! Met up with my friends from Rockville and Pinneberg, Germany (22 of us!) in Galway today. A great day of hugs and catching up with dear friends as we explored this city with our guide, Liam.”

**A bicycle tour through Ireland / Pinneberger**

*Tageblatt* from 15 Sep 2016

*Members of the German-American Society and friends from Rockville went with Betsy Thompson on a bicycle tour through Ireland.*



*Ireland with friends*

*For decades Betsy Thompson from Rockville ensured actively and passionately that the partnership between Rockville and Pinneberg was filled with life. “Many of those [in Pinneberg] who visited Rockville, remember with fond memory the commitment and kindness they received. It was always a matter of course, to make the stay of Pinnebergers in Rockville interesting and lively,” says **Herbert Hoffmann** of the German American Society.*

*So it was obvious for the Pinnebergers to fulfill a special birthday wish by Betsy Thompson. For her 60th birthday she had the idea to do cycling through Ireland together with some of her Pinneberg friends.... A total of 22 participants were*

*present. Eleven from Rockville and the same from Pinneberg. These included, among others, **Margrit Ziegler** and **Bernd Hinrichs** from the board of the German-American Society.*

*The trip started in Dublin. Next via Galway to Doolin on the west coast. There all shared a house where all took care of their own daily wants and needs. The Irish weather was not always on the side of the participants. Storm and rain ensured a few days when, despite rainwear, not everyone arrived at home dry in the evening. Nevertheless, all were satisfied with the trip and they especially enjoyed the spectacular scenery. Conclusion: The basic idea of a good partnership could not have been implemented any better. [Reporter:erd]*

**SEP 2016 -THE CONGRESS OF GAMERS**

RSCC Member **John Goon** has informed us of the following: The Congress of Gamers will be held **September 24-25** at the Rockville Senior Center. The Congress is an effective and highly regarded local mini-games convention. All variety of board and card games can be played here, and it has become a popular venue for families.

Visit <http://emsps.com/cog> for details. Please add the date to your calendar and tell your gamer friends. Pre-register to save money and time. <http://emsps.com/cog/registration/preregister.html>

Think about using the "bring & buy" to sell games you don't play, or about trading them in our no-ship trade. Details are on the CoG web site.

Volunteer! We're still looking for volunteers for a wide variety of the tasks that improve a great convention.

A few things are best done in advance: Share your tournament and other gaming interests by completing a very short survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ2XG9M>  
**Point of contact is John Goon, PO Box 1745, Rockville, MD 20849 [spineyone@yahoo.com](mailto:spineyone@yahoo.com) 301-315-8297(H), 301-613-8297(Cell)**

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**“Rockville Sister City Day”** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 4-6 pm.** (Click on the link above, or see Page 6.)

**Are you a bicyclist? Sunday, October 2, 2016**  
[Montgomery County Farm Tour and Picnic](#)

**German-American Day Dinner - Sunday, October 9, 2016** at Normandie Farms Restaurant (See attached flyer for reservations !)

**October 2016** – marks the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the RSCC**

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**FALL 2016 - LIBRARY GAMES DAY**  
by RSCC Member **John Goon**

Fridays are for board and card gaming in Rockville. The Rockville Go & Chess Group meets every week from 7 to 11 in the Rockville United Church, 355 Linthicum Drive, Rockville, MD and is hosted by RSCC member John Goon. The group actually plays a large variety of games, old and new. In addition to the traditional games like Go and Chess, many of the newest generation designer games are represented. These include Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Carcassonne, Splendor, Power Grid, Caverna, SeeLand, Star Realms, Jaipur, Seven Wonders, Hanabi, Dominion, and Race for the Galaxy. Card games like Bridge have a robust following of beginner/intermediates. Many of the games are stored on-site.

The group sponsors community service activities throughout the year. These include volunteer visits to the Children's Inn at NIH and the Bethany House Apartments to support monthly game nights there. These projects started over 7 years ago and are going strong.

Other group outreach activities involve hosting game days at county libraries. The 2016 schedule follows:

- Saturday, 10/08.** Aspen Hill Library, 1-4 PM.
- Saturday, 10/29.** Twinbrook Library, 1-4 PM.
- Saturday, 12/04.** Twinbrook Library, 1-4 PM.

The Rockville Go & Chess Group has been a part of the Rockville community since 2001. The average weekly attendance is 25. Anyone interested in participating and/or volunteering can contact: John Goon at [spineyone@yahoo.com](mailto:spineyone@yahoo.com)

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**RSCC is now part of the “AmazonSmile” project.** What is AmazonSmile? It’s a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (that’s us!) every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> to sign up and choose “Rockville Sister City Corporation” as shown in the next column. Thanks for your support!



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**FREE**

**ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY DAY**  
WITH THE  
**Rockville German Band**

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPT. 24  
TIME: 4-6 p.m.  
PLACE: ROCKVILLE TOWN SQUARE

Visit the Rockville Sister City booth. | Food and beverage available for purchase.

**WOB** WORLD OF BEER  
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[www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov)

The German themed event, which celebrates Rockville Sister City Corporation’s thirty years of service, will feature draft beers served by [Gordon Biersch](#) and [World of Beer](#), the music of the [Rockville German Band](#), food with a German flare, the [Rockville Volunteer Fire Department](#) as well as other enthusiastic participants. Join us for a craft-beer, German sausages and pretzels and a lot of fun. There will be kid-friendly activities, too!



**Rockville Sister City Corporation  
COME JOIN US**

To Celebrate **German-American** Day with a *French-American* flair

**Sunday, October 9, 2016 -- 4:30 to 7:00 pm**

**(4:30 to 5:00 - Socializing      5:00 - Dinner)**

**Normandie Farm Restaurant**

10710 Falls Rd, Potomac, MD 20854

Phone: (301) 983-8838

**Price includes \$5 fundraiser/donation for RSCC programs**

**☞ Please RSVP by Thursday, October 6, 2016**

**Sorry, walk-ins cannot be accepted**

**All menu items include Mixed Salad, Popovers, Pumpkin Cheese Cake and Coffee, Hot Tea**

Menu #1 Boneless Breast of **Chicken** (@\$40)

Menu #2 Grilled Filet of **Salmon** (@\$45)

Menu #3 Braised Short Ribs of **Beef** (@\$47)

Menu #4 **Vegetarian Lasagna Plate** (@\$37)

**Cash Bar will be available**

Musical interludes will be performed by **Nancy Leonard** before and after the main meal (please see reverse side)

Guest Speaker will be **Steve Hollands**, President. German-American Heritage Society of Greater Washington DC

For more information call Marika Brown at 301-340-8970 or E-Mail [RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com](mailto:RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com) and mention "German-American Day Dinner"

✂ ----- **CUT HERE** and return with payment -----

**Keep upper portion for your records & note check #, amount and date**

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| # _____ <b>Vegetarian Lasagna Plate</b> (@\$37)   | \$ _____ .00      |
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**Send your check (payable to "RSCC") to RSCC, c/o Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850**

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## GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY DINNER INFORMATION

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Nancy Leonard



<http://www.musicbynancy.com/>

Nancy Leonard (Accordionist) studied music and the accordion under Dr. Carmelo Pino from Catholic University's School of Music and who has been a frequent performer at the Kennedy Center. Nancy's present coach is Tony Lovello, the Liberace of the Accordion. Nancy began studying the accordion at age 10. She played in two polka bands in her youth and on a float in Atlantic City. As an adult, she continues to perform throughout the United States.

Nancy is an active member with the American Accordionists' Association and has performed with the Washington Metro Accordion Society (WMAS) in Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Gettysburg, Orlando, Philadelphia and throughout the Washington and Baltimore Metro areas including Falls Church, Alexandria, Bethesda and Silver Spring. She also performs many of her own arrangements.

Her repertory includes selections of French, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Russian, and Polish. She performs Ballads, Show Tunes and Waltzes for musical entertainment and much of this music is available on her two (2) CD's. She has performed in 12 orchestras under 5 conductors, and has performed as a strolling accordionist in Las Vegas; Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.; French Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Palm Beach County, FL; and many states throughout the U.S.

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### GUEST SPEAKER

**Steve Hollands**, President – German-American Heritage Society



Join us to explore the rich cultural heritage German-speaking immigrants have bequeathed to our nation and capital. We meet generally once a month. Our meetings feature knowledgeable speakers and a variety of programs. We also visit German-American sites and German restaurants and hold a summer picnic and a *Weihnachtsfeier*. As a member of our Society, you can listen to fascinating lectures and participate in exciting tours. You can also do your own research and offer lectures or tours. You will receive our *Newsletter* with interesting information about the contributions of German-speakers to Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. It will also inform you about our upcoming events and those of other German-American organizations in the National Capital Area.

Would you like to become a new GAHS member? Click [Here](#)



**RSCC THANKS ITS NEW (AND RENEWING) MEMBERS FOR 2016 (SINCE JUN 15, 2016)**

(See also the December 2015, March 2016 & June 2016 newsletters if your name doesn't appear here.)

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS GOOD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR; YOU CAN HELP OUR ACCOUNTING RECORDS IF YOU RENEW OR JOIN DURING JANUARY/FEBRUARY EACH YEAR. THANK YOU!**

**CORPORATE:**

- Rockville Volunteer Fire Department

**FAMILY:**

- Moran, Thomas & Carol
- Moreno, Donna & Carlos
- Patrician, David & Nadine
- Schrack, Roald & Pat Wilson
- Wermers, Johanna & Russell

**INDIVIDUAL:**

- Angstadt, Anne
- Gilchrist, Jim
- Salzano, Jane
- Weinstein, Sharon

**HONORARY:**

- Hsu, Dr. & Mrs. Nelson (for having donated the Peony Garden at the Glenview Mansion)
- Treschuk, Terry (retired Rockville Police Chief)

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 Drew Powell](#) to be advised of any schedule changes

**DISCOVERING ANOTHER WORLD**

by **Isabella Paternoastro**

For two weeks in July 2015, I, a local Rockville girl who has never left the country, was awarded a scholarship to China with the Summer Camp for Mandarin Test-Takers Overseas by the Confucius Institute at University of Maryland College Park. Within those two weeks, a group consisting of myself, 68 other students, and teachers from France, Portugal, Great Britain, Germany, and the United States visited the famous landmarks in Beijing and Xi'an, met a host family, took classes at a local school in Xi'an, and watched incredible cultural performances. The most exciting part of this trip was the morning and night markets, where I could buy food and gifts purely in Chinese. It is a different world in China, and the culture gives a new appreciation of Rockville's diversity.



**SISTER CITY NEWS ARTICLE FROM 1985**

To RSCC – “What a wonderful surprise to get the 1985 newspaper article about the Richard Montgomery High School student’s trip to Germany and Pinneberg. I remember it well, because my wife and I connected with Jennifer at the end of her trip. We continued visiting with some of our distant relatives in the Schwabia area of Wurttemberg.

Now, fast forward 31 years to the middle of July 2016 and **Jennifer Villforth-Veazey** and her husband and three children went to the Wurttemberg areas. Jennifer has made other trips to Germany but this was the first visit for her husband

and the three children, so they will be interested how their 'Mom' got her start!  
 'Jenna' lives in King George County on the banks of the Potomac River with her husband Warren, and children Carl, Dylan and Ellie. Thanks for bringing to light Jenna's first trip to Germany." **John C. Villforth**, Gaithersburg, MD

**NEW PARENTS**

**David and Nadine Patrician** (RSCC Family Members) welcomed their first child, Ellie, recently. Ellie was born on May 27th. Congratulations to the new parents !



"What a fun surprise! I just found the FB site this article was posted to as well. I was a part of a 1983 trip to Pinneberg too. I believe this was to set up the sister city exchange program? There were only three of us students and two German teachers, Mrs. Von Nordheim and Ms. Olson.

As my father said, I took my own children (the same ages I was when I made each trip) to Germany this summer. I'm sure they'll get a kick out of seeing the students' reactions to Germany 'back in the day.'

Thank you for sharing!" All the best, **Jenna Villforth Veazey**

David was one of three Rockville high school students to spend time attending high school in Pinneberg (in 1989). Since then, he has traveled widely, and has worked in South Korea and the USA (Voice of America). He now lives and works in Northern Germany. See more about David at...

<http://www.davidpatrician.com/>

**Students visit Rockville's sister city**  
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 Pizza with pepperoni, they learned, is actually pizza with green peppers in Germany.  
 Other German questions they found anyone involved bicycles. "I couldn't believe it, but they had a bicycle group under the school! I had hundreds of bikes," exclaimed Adcock.  
 All agreed that the German school system was different. They spent two days in classes geared for those going to college.  
 "The girls actually knitted in class," said Andrea Knapp, a senior.  
 They said the classes seem harder than American high school classes.  
 Kathy Snyder, a senior, said some German students wanted to attend American universities because the schools here "were easier."  
 The Richard Montgomery high school students said they gained new insights into the German culture, but still haven't decided if all "I actually think in German sometimes," Knapp said.  
 This station, the students agreed, could be hazardous to their nose.  
 Smoking is a widely-accepted custom among Germans of all ages.  
 "It is not just one or two people smoking, it is everybody. There was a line, and had to leave the smoke box to get it," Knapp said.  
 Although they enjoyed their trip, the students said they were glad to be back in America.  
 "It is a nice place to visit, but I definitely wouldn't want to live there," Knapp said.  
 "It was great seeing something different," said Jonathan Adcock.  
 The students travelled with their German teacher, Alice Olson in Pinneberg as part of Rockville's cultural exchange with the German city.  
 Most students stayed with the families of the German students who visited Rockville in September and October. Two German students are scheduled to arrive in Rockville again in September.  
 The student-exchange program began last year, when Olson, a German native, decided to take advantage of Rockville's sister city status and introduce Rockville students to German culture firsthand.  
 — Beth Bremer

**Students visit our sister city**  
 When 11 Richard Montgomery High School students return to their books in September, they will have exciting tales to tell.  
 These students spent three weeks traveling through Germany, including a visit to Pinneberg, Rockville's sister city and East Berlin.  
 "I felt so funny. There I was taking pictures of the wall and the people are staring at me because they knew I could talk and they couldn't," said Christine Adcock, a senior.  
 The students said they appreciate their freedom now that they have traveled to the Communist city.  
 Jonathan Adcock, a sophomore, said when he got off the train in East Berlin, the first thing he heard was the "click-click" of soldier's marching in the streets.  
 "The bread is so fresh. When I got back here, the bread tasted like dough and the jelly here is pure crap," Knapp said.  
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**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 2016.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (This is my Work Home Cell)

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

OR you may pay by [PayPal](#) (click) --- be sure to include all applicable information!

**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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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