



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

The end of the year is upon us, and it's time to look back on the Rockville Sister City Corporation's high points of 2016. There are many events that stand out.

- Over the 2015-2016 Holidays, RSCC decorated the Pinneberg Room in Glenview Mansion
- January saw the election of new RSCC Officers
- Council Member **Beryl Feinberg** became the Rockville City Council Liaison to the Rockville Sister City Corporation in February
- Also in February, RSCC Director **Bing Huang** had his painting "Running Horse" accepted by the Strathmore Arts Center for its annual art exhibition, and did his Chinese calligraphy during the Lunar New Year celebration at Lakeforest Mall - activities that complementing RSCC's "Friendship City" relationship with Jiaxing
- March saw RSCC members partake in the Rockville Science Center's Appreciation Night
- We received Lunar New Year greetings from Jiaxing, our Friendship City, in March
- In March RSCC Representatives attended the MoCo Sister Cities Annual Meeting
- Pinneberg Firefighters visited Rockville in April 2016, and RSCC was there to help in the festivities
- Finally in May, after a snowstorm delay, we held the RSCC "Meet & Greet" event with the new Rockville Mayor and Council
- And also in May, the Peony Garden at Glenview Mansion was in full bloom
- At the end of May, Members volunteered at the Hometown Holidays beer tent to help raise funds for the Corporation
- On Memorial Day, RSCC presented a wreath and partook in the annual parade. Marching were RSCC Board members and friends as well as enthusiastic students from the German School of Washington, D.C. (Deutsche Schule), and the Golden Dragon Dancers from the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center.
- Around June, thanks to the efforts of RSCC Director **Lynn Mandujano**, planning for the June 2017 Germany tour got underway.
- Also around that time, RSCC went "big online", using PayPal payments and creating a link to "AmazonSmile", to help us in fundraising
- Thanks to the efforts of RSCC City Liaison, **Andy Lett**, and Rockville's IT Department, the City's Boards and Commissions page featuring RSCC was amended and updated. This included the reactivation of RSCC's City Hall phone number: 240-314-5029.
- In June, RSCC members traveled to Frederick, MD, to the monthly "Stammtisch" to restore contact with Frederick Sister City folks
- RSCC Member **John Goon** continued the Twinbrook Library Games Day during the summer and fall months
- In August, we held our annual "Dim Sum" event
- Also in August, **I and my son Tyler** arrived in Pinneberg to meet with our German counterparts and discuss schedules and events for our 60th Anniversary activities
- During September, **Betsy and Gary Thompson** met up with various RSCC and DAGRP folks in Ireland for a bike tour; truly "Friends Across The Sea"
- And also in September, the RSCC Board was in attendance at the City's Volunteer Appreciation Day.
- In late September, Rockville celebrated Rockville Sister City Day (for the first time ever!) - with a German band, food, games, and a fair amount of beer; thanks to those folks who supported us!
- Toward the very end of September, RSCC held its Annual Membership Meeting - members voted to approve certain changes to the Corporation's By-Laws and were given a recap of the past year's activities.
- In October we celebrated German-American Day in style at the Normandie Farm Restaurant - entertainment, a talk about Marylanders during early wartimes, good food, and camaraderie were all in abundance.
- In October, RSCC again took part in the 8th Annual World of Montgomery Festival

- The Year comes to an end as it started, with **Liz von Kaenel** and her elves again decorating the tree in the Sister City Room of Glenview Mansion

Now a quick look to the future:

- First and foremost, I ask all of you to join or renew your membership immediately. **Because our dues will increase after January 1st, 2017 we ask that you renew (or join) prior to December 31, 2016.** (Details are found in this newsletter.) If you do join or renew before January 1st (that means no later than December 31st), you will qualify for the 2016 dues rate (\$20-Individual; \$30-Family; \$100 Corporate). Use our PayPal app found on the Web Page (<http://rockvillesistercities.org/>) as the quickest way to pay.
- Second, **we have an exceptional Tour of Germany planned which is being held in conjunction with our 60th Anniversary celebration in Pinneberg.** You'll find details in this Newsletter and on the Web Page, too. This bus tour is exceptional regarding what we will see in Germany. In essence, we will travel from Pinneberg (in northern Germany) in an eastward arc, visiting many historical cities and sites, ending up in Munich for the return flight home. RSCC Director Lynn Mandujano has done yeoman's work putting the details of this tour together.

What else is in store for the New Year? We hope you will help us find out by becoming active in our events and providing us with fresh and new ideas.

I want to thank the RSCC Board and each of our Members (Individual, Family and Corporate) for your wonderful support during the past year and hope we, as an organization, have met your expectations.

Happy Holidays to All!

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

### MEMBERSHIP DUES TO INCREASE IN 2017

“We urge new and renewing members to send in their Membership Dues before January 1, 2017 to enjoy membership during the remaining portion of this year (2016) as well as all of next year (2017) at the current lower rate of \$20 for individual membership and \$30 for family membership. **As of January 1, 2017, Membership Dues will be \$25 for individual membership and \$40 for family membership.** The change in RSCC dues is necessary in order to continue our mission of facilitating Rockville's Sister City relationship with

Pinneberg, Germany and Rockville's Friendship City relationship with Jiaxing, China, which includes an increasing number of local and international cross cultural activities and events. **In order to secure membership at the lower rate, dues must be received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2016.** Thanks for your continued support of RSCC!”

*Drew Powell*  
RSCC President

**Memberships are for the calendar year. 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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## CUSTOM TOUR OF GERMANY JUNE 2-12, 2017

In conjunction with the 60th Anniversary celebration of the Rockville-Pinneberg Sister City relationship and the 250th Anniversary of the Drostei (historic Pinneberg landmark) in June 2017, RSCC is offering a unique tour of Germany that



will encompass many examples of German ingenuity as well as insights into the sweep of German history.

The tour starts in [Pinneberg](#), where tour group participants are invited to attend the 60th Anniversary Gala and the 250th Drostei Anniversary dinner gratis as the guests of the City of Pinneberg along with Rockville city officials. Following these festivities, the tour group will travel by motor coach with a dedicated guide to all of the following places: [Bremerhaven](#), [Lüneburg](#), [Berlin](#), [Wittenberg](#), [Leipzig](#), [Weimar](#), [Eisenach](#), [Wartburg](#), [Nuremberg](#), and [Munich](#)! Local guides provide city tours and introductions to other venues, and tickets to the opening concert of the 2017 [Bach Festival in Leipzig](#) are included.

ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY MEMBERS RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT on the cost of this tour! For more details, [please click here on our custom tour provider's information page](#), email us at [RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com](mailto:RockvilleSisterCities@gmail.com) or call 240-314-5029. You may sign up directly on the tour website. **The deadline is January 31, 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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**SEP 2016 - ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY**



Our Rockville Mayor and Council thanked all its volunteers at the Glenview Mansion on Thursday, September 15. Here's a photo with the Mayor and Council and the RSCC Board.

**SEP 2016 - ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY DAY**

Rockville Sister City Day (the first ever!) was held in Rockville Town Center on Saturday, September 24th. The German themed event, which celebrates RSCC's thirty years of service, featured draft beers served by **World of Beer** and **Gordon Biersch**, the music of the **Rockville German Band**, a display by the **Rockville Volunteer Fire Department**, games by **The Rockville Go & Chess Group** and face-painting for kids by **Betty Canellas**.

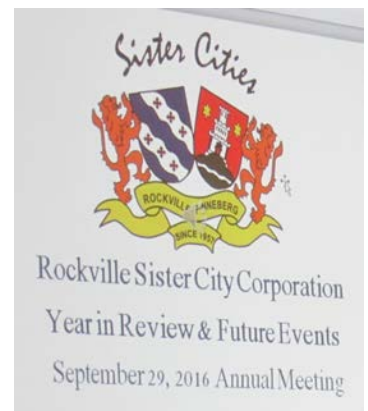


"Prost!" says RSCC Member Sigy Krauss (center) to two members of the German Band

**SEP 2016 – RSCC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

RSCC held its Annual Membership Meeting at Glenview Mansion on Thursday, September 29th. Light refreshments, including wine and *hors d'oeuvres* were served. A full presentation of the previous year's events and reports by Officers and Directors on RSCC's activities (including the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and scheduled tour of Germany) were given.

The General Membership voted on nominees to RSCC's Board of Directors and on two amendments to RSCC's Bylaws. The proposed Bylaws changes reflected greater flexibility in the scheduling of the RSCC Annual Membership Meeting and making minor textual corrections to RSCC Bylaws. The new amendments were approved as presented.



It was announced that Rockville City Clerk/Director of Council Operations (and former RSCC Director) **Kathleen Conway** would replace Rockville Superintendent of Recreation (and now former RSCC City Liaison) **Andy Lett**.

**OCT 2016 - NEW RSCC OFFICERS**

At the October RSCC Board Meeting, Officers were elected in accordance with the RSCC By-Laws. The slate remains the same for the next year: **Drew Powell** was again chosen to be President, **Brigitta Mullican** remains as VP, Secretary is again **Steve Fisher**, and **Marika Brown** was re-elected as Treasurer. Congratulations to these returning Officers of the RSCC.

**OCT 2016 – GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY DINNER**

On Sunday, October 9th, RSCC hosted its annual German - American Day Dinner at Normandie Farm Restaurant. In addition to great food (including Normandie Farm’s famous popovers) there was a guest speaker (**Steve Hollands**, President of the German-American Heritage Society of Greater Washington) and accordion music provided by the talented **Nancy Leonard**. This year’s German-American Day Dinner celebrated not only German-American Day and German Unity Day, but also the thirtieth anniversary of the Rockville Sister City Corporation.



Guest Speaker **Steve Hollands** (on left) with other G-A Dinner guests

**OCT 2016 – WORLD OF MONTGOMERY**



RSCC again took part in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual World of Montgomery Festival. It is held each year in October to celebrate the rich diversity of the DC Area through

international music, food, dance, culturally authentic arts, demos, hands-on activities, and more.

RSCC provided a display about our Sister City Pinneberg, and gave children a pack of Gummi

**GERMANY** – Crack a nut with an authentic German nutcracker, or check out the lederhosen and beer steins from Pinneberg, Germany. Presented by Rockville Sister City Corporation.

Bears. Thanks to **Drew Powell, Steve Fisher, Gilbert Santiago, Liz von Kaenel** and **Tyler Powell** for their help in manning the RSCC booth.



Tyler Powell stamps a "passport" for one of RSCC's visitors

**OCTOBER 2016 - OKTOBERFEST IN FREDERICK, MD**

RSCC VP **Brigitta Mullican** and RSCC Member **George Albrecht** took a short trip to Frederick, MD to visit with members of the Frederick Sister City Association (FSCA) at their booth at the Schifferstadt



George Albrecht and FSCA President "Fritz" Buckingham

House/Museum *Oktoberfest*. The new FSC President **Steven "Fritz" Buckingham** was there with other FSC members, seeking new members and selling [Glühwein](#) and [Bundt Cakes](#).

**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 included the following days:

**Saturday, 10/08.** Aspen Hill Library, 1-4 PM.

**Saturday, 10/29.** Twinbrook Library, 1-4 PM.

**Saturday, 12/03.** Twinbrook Library, 1-4 PM.

The Friday Night Rockville Go & Chess Group will conduct 2-hour morning game demos at the **Chevy Chase Library**, 8005 Connecticut Avenue, on **January 21, February 18 and March 18, 2017, from 10:30 to 12:30.**

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)

**FALL 2016 - HOLIDAY TIMES IN THE PINNEBERG ROOM** by **Liz von Kaenel***Hampelmänner*

RSCC was asked by the City to continue a more than 30 year tradition of bringing a bit of Germany to Rockville. A tree was festively decorated with wooden bead garland, small nutcrackers, *Hampelmänner* (wooden men who move their arms and legs when a string is pulled), straw stars and pine cones, silver icicle drops, gingerbread men, apples, hand crocheted snowflakes, candy canes and was topped with a hand carved wooden star. The display cases featured a German Christmas pyramid and more nutcrackers and were topped with stuffed toys. A topiary deer family was placed in the window at the back of the room. Many thanks to **Chris Malone, Gil Santiago, and Liz von Kaenel** for decorating the room.

**THANKSGIVING IN PINNEBERG** by our friend **Herbert Hoffmann** in Pinneberg



Thanksgiving 2016 in Pinneberg

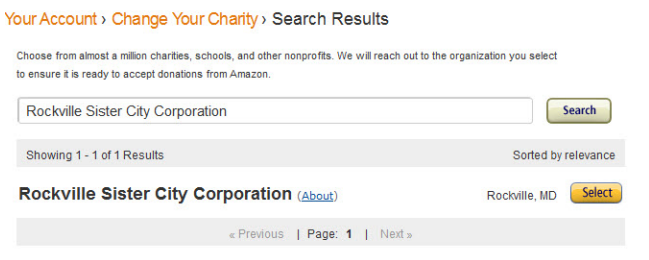
“It couldn’t have been better. Shortly before the jubilee year of the 60-year partnership with Rockville, 60 members of the German-American Society [DAGR] served a delicious meal with turkey in cream sauce, fava beans, sweet corn, Brussels sprouts in butter, parsley potatoes and sweet potato puree. DAGRP President **Bernd Hinrichs** greeted the guests and read a list of the events of 2016. It was a wonderful evening in the restaurant *Meusels Landdrostei*, which the participants will remember for a long time.”

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**BUY AMAZON? HELP RSCC!**

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, 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!



**RSCC THANKS ITS NEW (AND RENEWING) MEMBERS FOR 2017 (SINCE SEP 15, 2016)**

(See also the March, June and September 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!**

Calling all RSCC members to renew their 2017 membership. The RSCC membership is on a calendar year basis, from January to December.

Please use the attached form on the newsletter or visit our website at [www.RockvilleSisterCities.org](http://www.RockvilleSisterCities.org) to download the form.

**Starting January 2017 the membership fees will be \$25 for individuals and \$40 for families. We thank the following members for having already paid for their 2017 RSCC memberships.**

**Brigitta Mullican, Membership Chair**

**CORPORATE:**

- (None yet)

**FAMILY:**

- Curtis, Tom and Stephanie
- Freezer, Denny and Linda
- McKenna, Tom & Sherri
- Sobsey, Alice and Robert

**INDIVIDUAL:**

- Eckman, Bob
- Goon, John

**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. **Beginning January 2017**, they will be held the third Wednesday of each month (except December) starting at 7:00 pm in the Rockville City Hall on 111 Maryland Avenue. [Contact President Drew Powell](#) to be advised of any schedule changes.







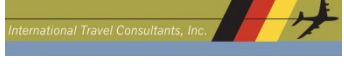





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**ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION (RSCC)**  
**Membership Application/Renewal Form - RSCC is a Tax Exempt, Not-For-Profit Corporation**

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, **Valid until 31 Dec 2016 for 2017 Dues.**

Additional **tax deductible contribution** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total amount enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Application/Renewal Form (Revised 15 Jul 2016-gwa)

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