



ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

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The Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) is a non-profit service organization, which was created to facilitate and maintain the Sister City relationship established by the City of Rockville in 1957 with Pinneberg, Germany, as well as Rockville's Friendship City relationship with Jiaxing, China, founded in 2009. These relationships are based on youth, educational, cultural and commercial exchanges pursuant to the People-to-People Program initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to promote world peace.

SPECIAL 60th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by **Drew Powell**, President, RSCC

It's hard to believe that the Rockville - Pinneberg Sister City 60th Anniversary celebrations are behind us. It was truly a joyous and memorable week! For so many of us in Rockville, it really feels like we have a large, extended family in Pinneberg. This past week, those feelings deepened. All of the events that were scheduled for the Pinneberg Delegation and Indian Summer Tour came off flawlessly, due to the hard work of so many people in Rockville and Pinneberg, too. The weather for our week of celebrations was perfect, which made excursions like the visit to Great Falls and the C&O Canal barge ride even more extraordinary. Every event was special in its own way; whether it was toasting sixty of your best friends and family at Gordon Biersch, being welcomed by a U.S. Congressman in his Capitol Hill office, going on a walking tour of historic Rockville or taking part in Rocktoberfest, where the City of Rockville came out to welcome their family from Pinneberg, it was exciting and heart-warming. The Bench Dedication Ceremony, where our two Mayors unveiled symbols of peace and friendship, as well as the Gala Reception at Glenview Mansion, were poignant and memorable. Barbecue, blue grass music and dancing at the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department was the perfect conclusion to a week not to be forgotten. I don't know how the cities of Pinneberg and Rockville are going to top the 60th Anniversary celebrations, but I sure know that we're all going to try! ■



Monday, October 2, 2017

The Pinneberg Delegation (13 guests) led by **Margrit Ziegler**, arrived at Dulles Airport. The Delegation was picked up by motor coach (provided by the City of Rockville) and brought to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, where individuals were picked up by their host families.



Swim Center pick-up (photo by Joel Perlsh)

Delegates returned to Rockville City Hall later that evening for a Recognition and Welcome Ceremony in honor of the 60th Sister City Anniversary, which was held at Rockville City Hall in the Mayor and Council Chambers as part of the regular Mayor and Council Meeting.



MD State Senator **Cheryl Kagan** (in red), Mayor **Newton** and City Council, and RSCC President **Drew Powell** recognize the Pinneberg Delegation.
(photo by *George Albrecht*)

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

In the morning, the Delegation visited the [Phillips Museum](#) in Washington, D.C.

In the afternoon, it was lunch in D.C., and a visit to the [Renwick Gallery](#). The evening was scheduled for time with host families.

Wednesday, October 4, 2017



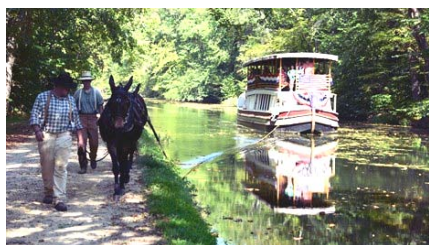
(photo by *Joel Perlsh*)

A guided tour of the [Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum](#) in Chantilly, Virginia, was done on Wednesday morning.



Partners on Earth; Partners in Space! Members of the Pinneberg Delegation and Host Families suited up (virtually) for our special mission of friendship.

Afterwards lunch, and a visit to [Great Falls, MD and the C&O Canal](#), including a scenic canal boat ride.



C&O Canal Picnic (photo by *Joel Perlsh*)



(photo by *Bing Huang*)

Gordon Biersch
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Wednesday evening a Welcome Party was held at [Gordon Biersch](#) in Rockville's Town Center. The menu included four different *entrées*, plus a choice of specialty-crafted beer, wine or soft drinks.

Thursday, October 5, 2017

The Delegation visited the [National Mall](#) with their respective host families in the morning and afternoon. For some, this included a visit to U.S. Representative **Jamie Raskin** (D-MD 8th District) and a tour of the [Capitol Building](#).



Visiting Representative Raskin's office (photo by *Joel Perlsh*)

The Mayor's Reception on Thursday evening was hosted at the home of Mayor **Bridget Newton** and her husband, **Fred Newton**. The event involved all 60 Pinneberg guests, including the Indian Summer Tour.



Pinneberg Group photo (photo by Joel Perlish)



(L-R) RSCC President Powell, Mayor Newton, Bürgermeisterin Steinberg, and DAGRP President Hinrichs (photo by Joel Perlish)



Chef Jeff Eng and his Team (photo by Joel Perlish)

Refreshments and a wide variety of magnificent *hors d'oeuvres* were provided by Executive Chef **Jeff Eng**, [Clyde's Tower Oaks Lodge](#).

Music by "[The Digits](#)" rounded out an exquisite evening of conversation, fine food and dancing.



Friday, 6 October 6, 2017



The morning started with a guided tour of the City, conducted by Rockville's preeminent historian, **Eileen McGuckian** of [Peerless Rockville](#).

**Eileen McGuckian** clarifies an historical point to visitors at the steps of the Red Brick Courthouse (photo by Joel Perlish)

Lunch was at the [Trapezaria Mediterranean Kuzina](#) on N. Washington Street in Rockville.

The afternoon once again provided our guests the opportunity for free time with host families.



In the early evening, both the Indian Summer Tour Group and the Delegation arrived at the [F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater](#),

where a few "official ceremonies" took place.



Musical interlude at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre



Observing historical photos and archives (photos by Brigitta Mullican)



President **Powell** briefs the audience (photo by *Brigitta Mullican*)

RSCC was honored by Peerless Rockville with recognition for the cooperation between the four entities, which made the past 60 years a reality: the cities of Pinneberg and Rockville, and the RSCC and DAGRP organizations.



Peerless Vice-President **David Hill** presents the award, as **Drew Powell** and **Nancy Pickard** (Peerless, Executive Director) look on (photo by *Brigitta Mullican*)

The Bench Ceremony dedicated two benches donated to the City of Rockville; one by the City of Pinneberg and the *Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft Rockville-Pinneberg* (DAGRP) and one by the Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC).



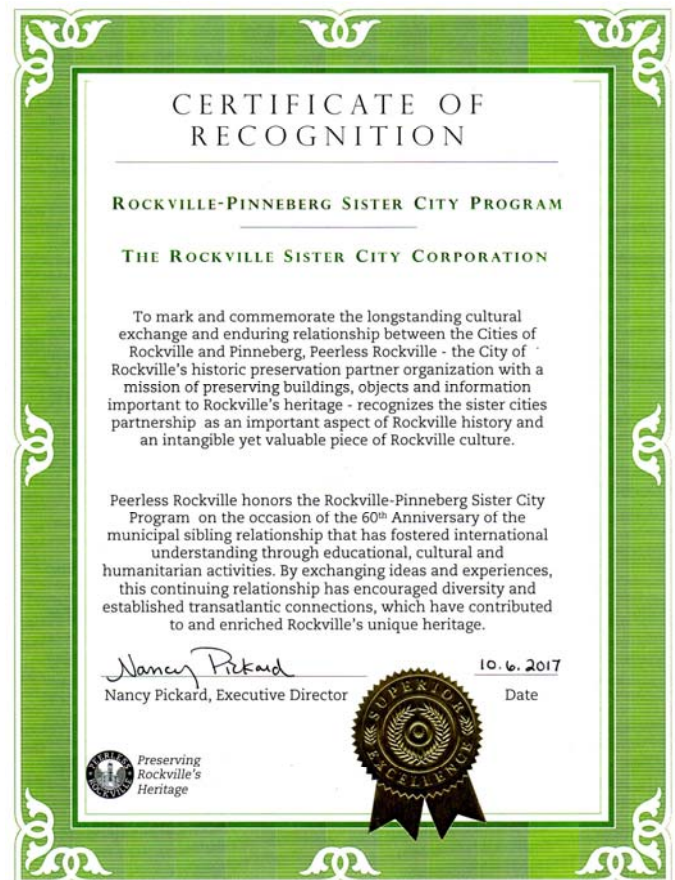
Bench unveiling by the respective Mayors (photo by *Brigitta Mullican*)

Speeches, awards and recognitions for the Pinneberg Delegation and Indian Summer Tour Group members occurred, with both *Bürgermeisterin Steinberg* and Mayor **Newton** complementing our wonderful cities and citizens.



(photo by *Joel Perlish*)

It was a festive and truly celebratory event, capped off with a cello presentation by *Maestro Karim Wasfi*, President-Founder of the [Peace Through Art Foundation](#).





Maestro Wasfi (photo by Brigitta Mullican)

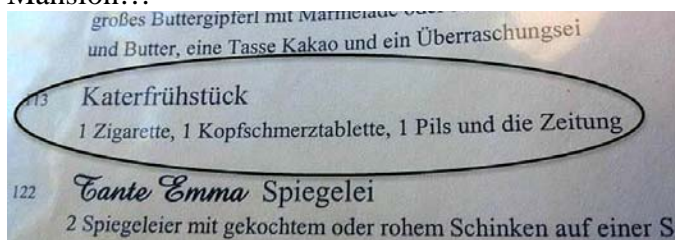
After the conclusion of the ceremonies, all guests were invited to the nearby [Glenview Mansion](#) for the 60th Anniversary Gala Reception.



Claire and Gary Funkhouser discuss the week's events with RSCC Director Bob Wright (center) (photo by Brigitta Mullican)

Saturday, October 7, 2017

This morning was reserved for the Pinneberg Delegation and the Indian Summer Tour Group members to have free time. This might explain why, after a hearty night of partying at the Mansion...



Translation

"Hangover Breakfast"

1 Cigarette, 1 Aspirin, 1 Beer and the Newspaper

"On Saturday, seven [guests] attended the [Catholic University](#) / Worcester Polytechnic Institute

football game with **Wayne Savage** and me. Unfortunately Catholic lost 31-14, but at least there was plenty of action." **Jack Rodgers**



The late afternoon was filled with the citywide "Rocktoberfest" in Rockville Town Square, and all Delegation and Tour Group members were invited to be a part of this special public celebration.



Gemütlichkeit in Rockville (photos by Brigitta Mullican)

In the early evening was a Farewell Party hosted at the [Rockville Volunteer Fire Department](#) (RVFD). The RVFD is an RSCC Corporate Sponsor, and has an extremely active exchange relationship with their counterpart volunteer firefighters in Pinneberg.



A sign of the Rockville-Pinneberg relationship (photo by Joel Perlsh)



Bürgermeisterin Steinberg and Rockville City Clerk/Director of Council Operations, **Kathleen Conway**, proudly display Certificates of Appreciation from the City of Rockville and RSCC at the Farewell Party (photo by Joel Perlish)



RVFD BBQ Farewell Party (photos by Brigitta Mullican)

The BBQ dinner was prepared by [Mission BBQ](#) on Rockville Pike and the Pinnebergers loved the food!



Sunday, October 8, 2017

In the morning, the Pinneberg Delegation had their final moments of free time with their host families. The Indian Summer Tour Group spent their free time preparing for their onward journeys. Around noon the Pinneberg Delegation departed for their return flights from Dulles. Transport was also provided for various Indian Summer Tour Group

members, courtesy of a bus from the City of Rockville.



"Ready to roll" (photo by Drew Powell)

This brought to an end a fantastic week of fun, *Freundschaft* and fond memories.

Many thanks to our friends from Pinneberg for sixty years of valued friendship!

And for the many members, friends and organizations that helped make the week a very special occasion.

Special thanks to our event photographer, Joel Perlish, for documenting this momentous occasion.

His photos can be found at:

<https://joelperlish.smugmug.com/Events/PINNEBERG-ROCKVILLE-SISTER-CITY-60th-ANNIVERSARY-OCT-2017>

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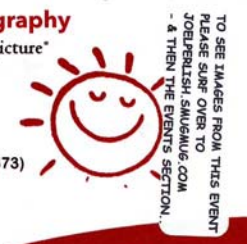
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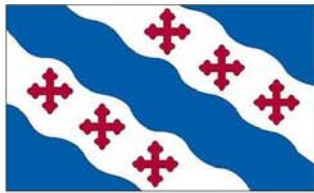
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<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?nid=120>



FACES OF FRIENDSHIP

Photos by Steve Fisher





“We are family!”

(photo by Joel Perlsh)

Thank you to our generous Host Families for their gracious support.

OFFICIAL PINNEBERG DELEGATION (OCTOBER 2-8, 2017)

Guest Name	Position	Host Family
Margrit Ziegler	Head of Delegation DAGRP Vice President	Tom & Sherri McKenna and Sue-Ann Norian
Kai Sibbert	Pinneberg Council Member	Chris Malone & Bonnie Grimm
Ingeborg Heinrich	Pinneberg Committee Member	Steve & Sue VanGrack
Ilse Ohrt	Pinneberg Committee Member	Wayne & Joan Savage
Dorothea Pape	Pastor, Evangelical-Lutheran Holy Ghost Parish, Pinneberg	Bob & Stephanie Wright
Dr. Klaus & Dr. Sigrid Behling	DAGRP Members	Jack & Pat Rodgers
Hans-Dietmar & Heide Bethke	DAGRP Members	Betsy & Gary Thompson
Arno Funk	DAGRP Member	Liz von Kaenel
Karsten & Cornelia Heinke	DAGRP Members	Ying Chen & Jay Wang
Jürgen Ziegler	DAGRP Member	Tom & Sherri McKenna and Sue-Ann Norian

...and to our Tour Guests, we hope you enjoyed your stay in Rockville...

INDIAN SUMMER TOUR PARTICIPANTS (October 5-8, 2017)

Karl-Heinz & Christa Bellmann	Ingeborg Mahlstedt
Hiltrud Bertram-Wals	Reinhard & Gabriela Matthies
Norbert & Angela Bree	Bianca Mende
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Michael & Felicitas Lorenz	Karl-Heinz & Angela Traboldt
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Auf Wiedersehen and Safe Travels to all our “old” and “new” friends and guests!

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

☐ \$25 Individual **OR** ☐ \$40 Family

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

Memberships are for the calendar year (January to December). There is no prorating of your membership.

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☐ 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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