



ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

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The Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) is a non-profit corporation founded in 1986 to facilitate and maintain the Sister and Friendship City relationships established by the City of Rockville in 1957 with Pinneberg, Germany and the Jiaxing, China in 2009. These relationships are based on youth, educational, cultural and commercial exchanges pursuant to the People-To-People Program initiated by President D. Dwight Eisenhower in 1956 to promote world peace.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by **Drew Powell**, President, RSCC

The first part of 2018 has been a very exciting time for the Rockville Sister City Corporation. There have been many new developments as we move forward in the furtherance of RSCC's mission of peace and mutual understanding in the maintenance and facilitation of Rockville's Sister and Friendship City relationships.

Recently, longstanding RSCC Board members, **Wayne Savage** and **Gerrie Checkon**, stepped down from the RSCC Board as they have moved from the Rockville area. We wish Gerrie, Wayne and their families well as they pursue their aspirations in retirement. New RSCC Board members were appointed and unanimously approved by the Rockville Sister City Corporation Board of Directors at the May 15, 2018 RSCC Board meeting. **Kent Wong** and **Kuan Lee** will serve out Wayne and Gerrie's terms until the next Annual RSCC General Membership Meeting, which will be held at Rockville City Hall in the Mayor and Council Chambers on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

I am also pleased to announce that Rockville's Jiaxing Friendship City relationship is moving forward with several planned activities, which have included a well-attended "Event Showcasing Jiaxing, China" at the Seven Seas restaurant on May 3, 2018 and future cultural exchanges scheduled for this year. As Jiaxing and Rockville move toward our tenth anniversary as Friendship Cities in 2019, efforts are currently underway to explore a Rockville-Jiaxing Sister City relationship. RSCC Board members, **Ying Chen** and **Bing Huang** have worked diligently towards the goal of strengthening the two cities' relationship and now serve as co-chairs on a formally recognized RSCC Jiaxing Committee, whose responsibilities include preparations for tenth anniversary activities, including the exchange of Jiaxing and Rockville delegations in 2019.

The Rockville Sister City Corporation Board of Directors formally recognized a Yilan Committee, as we explore a potential Rockville Sister City relationship with Yilan,

Taiwan. As part of this process, the RSCC Board of Directors reviewed and approved a detailed Yilan proposal, conducted a successful Meet and Greet with the Rockville Yilan City Corporation (RYCC) and is now looking to next steps, which include reciprocal cultural exchanges between our two cities. In addition to these activities, the RYCC held the first annual "Bubble Tea Festival" in Rockville Town Square on Sunday, May 20, 2018. The event was host to nearly a thousand attendees and featured presentations of Taiwanese culture and cuisine.

The Rockville Sister City Corporation also participated in the enormously successful "Peerless Rockville Historic Homes Event," where RSCC Board members, general members and friends of RSCC helped to present one of Rockville's historic homes. RSCC Director, **Bob Wright**, was instrumental in organizing this effort.

As part of RSCC's newly designated scholarship program, the Rockville Sister City Corporation took part in the Richard Montgomery High School Annual "Student Awards Ceremony," which was held on May 16, 2018. Participating students created brochures, which promoted the City of Rockville. Stipends of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 were awarded to first, second and third prize entries respectively. Many thanks to RSCC Director, **Christian Jessen-Klingenberg**, for making the first Annual RSCC Prize Competition a great success.

Lastly, the Rockville Sister City Corporation wishes to thank **George Albrecht**, who announced that he is stepping down as RSCC webmaster. George did a great job with the RSCC website over the years and will be missed.

Looking forward, 2018 promises to be a great year for Rockville's Sister City program with RSCC's participation in Rockville's Hometown Holidays and Memorial Day Parade, June Membership Appreciation/Mayor and Council Meet and Greet event, August Dim Sum, RSCC Annual Meeting in September and Rocktoberfest, German American Day Dinner and World of Montgomery in October. We hope you are part of the fun! ■

Drew

PINNEBERG INTERN DEPARTS

Lena Ousvatova, a student intern with the City of Pinneberg, departed Rockville on March 31, 2018 after a productive shadowing of various government officials at the municipal, county and state levels. She was hosted during her stay by **Marika Brown** and then by the **Christian Jessen-Klingenberg** family. Lena attended many meetings and discussion groups where she could assess the way our city operates in comparison and contrast to the city of Pinneberg. Affordable housing programs and housing protocols were of special interest to Lena.

During her time in Rockville, Lena did not lack for "things to do" during her free time. Numerous RSCC members provided Lena with the opportunity to experience many things "American", from eating various ethnic foods, to tours of Rockville, Washington DC and the entire metropolitan area, to celebrating St. Patrick's Day, to an orchestral presentation in Baltimore.



Kathleen Conway presents Lena with our "Farewell" wishes.

A Farewell Party was held in Lena's honor on Saturday, March 31 at Hunter's Bar and Grill in Potomac. It would be a long night for her, because her return flight to Germany departed later that evening! Thanks go to all who made Lena's experience one of true friendship and people-to-people relationships.

Rockville applauds our Sister City Pinneberg for allowing Lena the opportunity to take an insider's

look at how we do business on "this side of the pond". We hope it has been a rewarding time for her personally and professionally, and that a similar exchange might soon be in the works on "that side of the pond". *Tschüss*, Lena!

MARGRIT ZIEGLER VISITS ROCKVILLE

Coincidentally, Lena's farewell was held in conjunction with a welcome for **Margrit Ziegler**, Vice-President of DAGRP (Pinneberg's German American Society) and her grandson, Leander. Margrit had arrived for a Rockville area visit that she had promised to her German grandson, and a highlight during the time here was his rendition of the American National Anthem during Lena's farewell party!



RSCC WELCOME RECEPTION

A welcome reception was held on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the Glenview Mansion for our **two** visitors from Germany, **Lena Ousvatova** and **Milena Koch** who were honored at the reception.

The event was well-attended and included Rockville City Council Members, **Beryl Feinberg** and **Virginia Onley** as well as Montgomery County Council Member, **Marc Elrich**.

Lena is a student intern with the City of Pinneberg and she will be receiving her degree in Public Administration in June 2018.



Rockville City Council Member and RSCC Council Liaison, Beryl Feinberg and RSCC Director, Jack Rodgers

Milena (shown here with RSCC President **Drew Powell**) is an exchange student from Quickborn, Germany, a town which is just 8 miles northeast



of Pinneberg, Rockville's Sister City. Milena is currently attending Richard Montgomery High School for the spring 2018 semester and is staying with her host family, **Annette and Alexander Purves**, and their children, **Kai and Martinique**.



The gathering also served as a farewell tribute to RSCC Director, **Wayne Savage (shown) and his wife, Joan**. Wayne has served on the RSCC Board of Directors for more than a decade. We salute Wayne and his numer-

ous contributions to the Rockville Sister City Corporation and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

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### **YEAR OF THE DOG STARTED FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2018**



The CCACC ([Chinese Culture and Community Service Center](#))

celebrated the

Lunar New Year (Year of the Dog) during February. RSCC Director **Bing Huang** was on hand (as usual) at Lakeforest Mall to showcase his skills at calligraphy, with bookmarks "made to order" with the customer's name (in Chinese characters).

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RSCC HAS A NEW SPONSOR!



"Established in 2003, [The Avalon School](#) brings the spirit of adventure and friendship to boys' grades kindergarten (kindergarten is co-ed) through twelve in an independent day school featuring a challenging liberal arts curriculum.

Welcome to **Richard McPherson**, President, and to The Avalon School as the newest sponsor of RSCC!

JIAXING "REUNION" DINNER HELD

Former visitors to our Friendship City, Jiaying, China; those born in or around Jiaying; and prospective new RSCC members were invited to the Seven Seas Restaurant in Rockville on May 3, 2018 to partake in a traditional Chinese dinner and slide presentation about Rockville's nine-year Friendship City relationship with Jiaying. **Ying Chen, Kent Wong** and the entire Jiaying Committee organized this highly successful event.



(By the way, by the time you read this Newsletter, the peonies in the Friendship Garden at Glenview Mansion should be in full bloom – please stop by and take a look.)



On May 4th, **Rob Orndorff**, Horticulturist for the City of Rockville wrote, "The peonies have started to flower in the formal gardens at Glenview Mansion. I anticipate that they will continue flowering for the next two to three weeks. Enjoy."

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### **RSCC - YILAN COMMITTEE MEET AND GREET**

On April 5, 2018, the Rockville Sister Corporation (RSCC) and the Rockville Yilan City Corporation (RYCC) gathered at Rockville's historic Glenview Mansion for a 'Meet and Greet' in order that our two organizations could get to know each other as

we explore the possibility of a Sister City relationship between Yilan, Taiwan and the City of Rockville. The event hosted nearly fifty participants, including Rockville City Council Member and RSCC Council Liaison, **Beryl Feinberg**.



After sampling a delicious spread of light refreshments, coordinated by RSCC Director, **Liz von Kaenel**, participants were provided with brief

RSCC Council Liaison, Beryl Feinberg (right) participates in a discussion.



RSCC Director, Ying Chen, (center) takes part in a work session

presentations by RSCC's President, **Drew Powell** and RYCC committee member **Hung Bin Ding**. This was followed with small

discussion groups in which RSCC and RYCC attendees shared

various cultural experiences.

Many thanks to all RSCC and RYCC members who worked hard to make the evening a joyous success, especially RSCC Director, **Bob Wright**, who was crucial in this event's planning.



RYCC Director, Hung Bin Ding gives a presentation on Yilan

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## IT'S HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS TIME AGAIN...

RSCC once again hosted a Beverage Tent, serving a variety of beverages, including: Bud, Bud Light, Shock Top Lemon Shandy, Goose Island IPA, Spiked Seltzer, and



Bottled Water.

Purchasing beverages from the RSCC concession and helps to generate some funds for our Sister City activities! (Taste of Rockville tickets cannot be used to purchase beverages.)

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## JIAXING SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

The Rockville Sister City Corporation Jiaxing Committee will present a summer lecture series in July titled, "The Three Waves of Jewish Emigrants to China - Shanghai and Harbin." It will be a two-part lecture by renowned author, **Liliane Willens**.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

✓ July 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Lecture on Jewish Emigration to Shanghai

✓ July 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Lecture on Jewish Emigration to Harbin

Location: Rockville Civic Center, Glenview Mansion 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20852

\$10 RSCC member, \$15 Non-member

RSVP by July 10, 2018 to

Kent Wong at email: [wongerfolg@yahoo.com](mailto:wongerfolg@yahoo.com)

Please make your check payable to RSCC and mail to: Rockville Sister City c/o Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, Attn: Lecture or visit <http://rockvillesistercities.org/> and pay via **PayPal** (note "Lecture")

### **About Liliane Willens:**

Liliane Willens was born of Russian parentage in the former French Concession of Shanghai, China. She immigrated to the U.S. after living in the newly established People's Republic of China for two years. Dr. Willens taught French language and 18th century French literature at Boston University. Her presentations in July will be followed by Q&A sessions. Dr. Willens will also be signing her book, "Stateless in Shanghai," which, in addition to the English language version, has just been published in Chinese and German. ■





## **RSCC THANKS ITS NEW (AND RENEWING) MEMBERS FOR 2018**

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!

**Please check if your 2018 membership is due.**

**Thank you.**

Brigitta Mullican, Membership Chair  
301-230-0890

### **New/renewing members since the Feb Newsletter**

**Corporate GOLD**

**Corporate SILVER**

**Corporate BRONZE**

- Avalon School (Richard McPherson, POC)
- City of Rockville (Kathleen Conway, POC)

*(Italics indicate additional contribution. Thank you!)*

### **FAMILY:**

- Balboa, Samuel & Sue
- Briggs, Jerol & Tom
- Canizares, Rae Pearl & Julian (**new members**)
- Chaurasia, Hema & Rajesh (**new members**)
- Chen, Ying & Family
- Chien, Minze & Natalie (**new members**)
- Gandler, William & Jayne
- Purvis, Annette & Alexander (**new members**)
- Tang, David & Lisa Yang (**new members**)
- Thompson, Betsy & Gary
- VanGrack, Steve & Susan
- Zheng, Pengli & Jun Hu (**new members**)

### **INDIVIDUAL:**

- Angstadt, Anne
- Chang, Victor
- Chen, Tzu Yi (**new member**)
- Fu, Hao (**new member**)
- Huang, Kai-Feng (**new member**)
- Luckman, Chris
- Mandujano, Lynn
- McConkey, Jim
- McGuckian, Eileen
- Meng, Jesse (**new member**)
- Norian, Sue Ann
- Patrician, David
- Thiemeyer, Philipp (**new member**)
- Vandrey, Carol (**new member**)
- Wong, Kent (**new member**)
- Yokum, Craig

### **HONORARY:**

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

Thanks to all of you for your support of RSCC and for your timely renewals!

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

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GERMAN SAYING

**Früher hatten Eltern
etwa vier Kinder.
Heute haben Kinder
etwa vier Eltern.**

*("Previously, parents had about four children.
Today, children have about four parents.")*

WATCH THESE FILMS ABOUT ROCKVILLE'S 60th ANNIVERSARY WITH PINNEBERG IN 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjETKsBomPA>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6fhDUhaj3s>

Great work done by Rockville's Channel 11 Television Team!

ROCKVILLE SCIENCE CAFÉ



3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
<http://rockvillesciencecenter.org/programs/science-cafe/>

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Membership Application/Renewal Form

Today's Date: _____ **For Calendar Year:** _____
This membership is for the Calendar Year, January 1 through December 31.

This is a ☐ New Membership or ☐ Renewal

Enclosed is my tax deductible yearly contribution (check ONLY ONE box below)

☐ Free Student ☐ \$25 Individual ☐ \$40 Family **|-----CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP-----|**
☐ \$100 Bronze ☐ \$250 Silver ☐ \$500 Gold

\$_____ Additional (tax deductible) contribution

\$_____ Total Enclosed Your Check # _____

Make your check payable to "RSCC" and mail it and this completed application to:
 Rockville Sister City Corporation, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850

OR

Pay by PayPal by clicking here

(Please provide as much info as possible [AS A MINIMUM WHAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR and YOUR E-MAIL OR PHONE #]
 in the "Comments" box; we will contact you for any missing information)

Please print the following information as applicable to a Student, Individual, Family or Corporate.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____
☐ individual ☐ family ☐ student (if "family")

Name: _____ Name and title: _____
☐ business (business representative)

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

Email Address: _____ (used for RSCC notices and information only)

Preferred Phone #: _____ This is my ☐ Home or ☐ Work or ☐ Cell

Please check the areas of your interest and participation below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting visitors from Pinneberg | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Exchanges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting students from Pinneberg | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine Tasting Event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Parade Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving as Committee Chairperson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Interests (List) _____ | |

Other member comments, suggestions, etc.

Form dated 02/12/2018



Montage created by Lena Ousvatova during her internship in Rockville

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