



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 Jiaying, 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 Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) **Annual Meeting** will take place on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at **Rockville City Hall**. This is an important Annual Meeting as we will be voting on five candidates to serve on the Rockville Sister City Corporation Board of Directors as well as voting on important Bylaws amendments, which include, a.) changing RSCC's membership procedures, allowing for new members to join RSCC anytime year round (and receive a full year of membership benefits), b.) strengthening of code of conduct for RSCC Board Members and c.) bringing removal of director procedures into accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. There will also be a vote to approve the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes as well as a brief presentation regarding Rockville Sister City Program events and activities since our last Annual Meeting.

Regarding the proposed Bylaws amendments: The RSCC Board of Directors voted to go to a "rolling" membership for our constituents, pending the implementation of an automated (CRM) system. This means that rather than having to sign up in January, new members can apply for membership whenever they wish. Their membership anniversary date would be on the day they sign up. As it is now, if a new member applies for membership any time after January, that member would receive less than twelve months of membership benefits, while paying for a full year of membership. If a member signs up in August, for example, that member would pay full price and receive less than five months of membership. This is not fair or convenient for our constituency. With the passage of this amendment, RSCC members will always receive a full year of membership for their membership dues, whenever they sign up. Also, all members would receive a thirty day grace period after their anniversary date, in which to pay their dues. During that 30 day period, the member receives their full benefits as a member. If a member chooses to discontinue membership, they would simply not pay their dues. There is absolutely no obligation of a member beyond that.

The RSCC Board of Directors voted to strengthen the code of conduct for RSCC Board Members. These measures include initiatives such as 1.) Officers and Directors agreeing to comply with RSCC Bylaws, 2.) Officer and Director participation (i.e. service to RSCC and our constituents), 3.) Officers and

Directors commitment not to injure or harm RSCC, RSCC members or other RSCC Officers or Directors, 4.) Officers and Directors need to perform their duties pursuant to the By-laws and Policies and Procedures, 5.) Officers and Directors will commit to hold confidential sensitive documents, discussions and communications that are deemed confidential, 6.) Officers and Directors procedures for filing complaints, 7.) Officers and Directors engaging in Board approved activities, 8.) Officers and Directors use of social media on behalf of RSCC, 9.) Officers and Directors shall not obligate RSCC without prior Board approval, 10.) Officers and Directors shall not use RSCC communications to promote any incumbent public official or candidate for public office, 11.) Officers and Directors civility, and 12.) Officers or Directors in violation of the provisions of the By-Laws and/or the Policies and Procedures may be subject to disciplinary action.

Lastly, the RSCC Board of Directors voted to bring removal of Board member procedures into compliance with Roberts Rules of Order.

For the RSCC Annual Meeting election of officers and question regarding an amendment to RSCC's Bylaws, a ballot will be issued to each RSCC Member. In order to receive a ballot, you must present a valid photo ID (valid U.S. driver's license, valid U.S. military ID, valid passport, etc.), which shows your current address (the address RSCC has on file for your RSCC membership). If your valid photo ID does not show your current address (the address RSCC has on file for your RSCC membership), you must also present valid proof of residency (gas bill, electric bill, phone bill, etc.), which shows your name (the name RSCC has on file for your RSCC membership) as well as your current address (the address RSCC has on file for your RSCC membership). These procedures are no different than voter registration and will help to insure that only RSCC members cast ballots.

RSCC ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS:

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018

Time: 7:30 PM (Please arrive on time or early to receive your ballot)

Place: Rockville City Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers

Location: 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850

See you at the Annual Meeting!

PEERLESS ROCKVILLE 2018 HOMES TOUR

On May 12, 2018, several Rockville Sister City Directors and Members assisted in the presentation of one of Rockville’s historic homes as part of Peerless Rockville’s 2018 Homes Tour, which attracted over 190 guests, raising more than \$6,000 for Peerless’ mission of preserving Rockville’s unique heritage. RSCC Director, **Bob Wright** was especially instrumental as he coordinated the event in regards to RSCC’s participation. Assisting with hosting responsibilities, RSCC Directors and members included (front L-R) **Gary and Claire Funkhouser**,

(middle L-R) **Kuan Lee, Marika Brown and Liz von Kaenel and Bob Wright**, (back L-R)



Christian Jessen-Klingenberg, Pat and Jack Rodgers, Steve Fisher and Drew Powell. RSCC Member, **Jim Gilchrist** (not pictured) also participated in the showing of what was his boyhood home. A special thanks to **Nancy Pickard**, Peerless Rockville, Executive Director, and all Peerless Rockville Officers and Staff for making the Peerless Rockville 2018 Homes Tour a great success. For more information on Peerless Rockville, please visit www.peerlessrockville.org. ■

RSCC PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS AT RMHS ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On May 16, 2018, the Rockville Sister City Corporation participated in Richard Montgomery High School’s Annual Student Awards Ceremony, where students were



Christian Jessen-Klingenberg, Steve Fisher, Jack and Pat Rodgers

recognized for their achievements and were bestowed with scholarships and cash prizes. After the establishment of an RSCC Student Activities Fund in 2017, par-

ticipating for the first time, RSCC presented three prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd) in the amount of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 (respectively) to students, who created trifold brochures regarding the City of Rockville. All submissions were



RMHS Principal, Damon Monteleone



Christian Jessen-Klingenberg

excellently with **Mary Hull** in RM’s Career Center to make it happen. Richard Montgomery Principal, **Damon Monteleone**, RSCC Secretary, **Steve Fisher**, and RSCC President, **Drew Powell**, were also very helpful in making RSCC’s scholarship/prize competition a reality. RSCC Director, Jack Rodgers, and RSCC Member, Pat Rodgers also attended the Awards Ceremony. What a night! ■

FREDERICK SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES SCHIFFERSTADT ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, May 18, 2018, the Frederick Sister Cities Association celebrated the 1,150 year founding of its



Sister City, Schifferstadt, Germany (that’s not a misprint... Schifferstadt is over one thousand years old!). In attendance were **Carrie Albee**, Landmark Foundation, Chair, **Steven (Fritz) Buckingham**, Frederick Sister

Cities Association, Chairman, **Ron Young**, Frederick County State Senator, **Michael O'Connor**, Mayor of Frederick, Maryland (L-R photo) and a host of other guests.



Representing the Rockville Sister City Corporation, were RSCC President, **Drew Powell**, RSCC Director, **Liz von Kaenel** and RSCC Secretary, **Steve Fisher** (L-R Photo). The celebration was held in Frederick's Schifferstadt Architectural Museum, in which toasting and the enjoyment of refreshments abounded. ■

BUBBLE TEA FESTIVAL



On May 20, 2018 the Rockville-Yilan City Corporation (RYCC) hosted the first Annual Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival in Rockville Town Square. An enthusiastic crowd of over 1,000 attended. The cultural event included performances by a live band, children's choir and an acrobatic circus as well as eight concession booths, which featured many varieties of bubble tea, authentic Taiwanese cuisine and associated merchandise. A special shout out to **Jonathan Lin**, **Kuan Lee** and an RYCC committee of at least 40 volunteers, who worked diligently over the course of six months to make this event a huge success. The Honorable Mayor of Rockville, **Bridget Donnell Newton**, gave a speech commemorating this auspicious celebration, recognizing Rockville's robust Taiwanese Community and Rockville's rich cultural diversity. The RYCC and RSCC's Yilan Committee are currently working with the Rockville Sister City Corporation in the potential formation of a Sister City relationship between the cities of Rockville, Maryland and Yilan, Taiwan. ■



Rockville Mayor, Bridget Donnell Newton and RSCC Director, Kuan Lee

On May 26, 27 and 28, 2018, the Rockville Sister City Corporation participated in Rockville's Hometown Holidays festivities, Wreath Laying Ceremony and Memorial Day Parade. RSCC volunteers manned a beverage tent at the annual music and entertainment event in downtown Rockville. Thanks to the City of Rockville and thirsty attendees, sales of libations and commemorative beer mugs provided RSCC with additional funds for our programs. Generous tips from patrons also helped to provide additional funding. A special shout-out to RSCC Director, **Jack Rodgers**, for coordinating volunteer staffing of the beverage tent. Thanks all around to all, who volunteered to staff the beverage tent.

RSCC PARTICIPATES IN HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS & MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES!



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On Memorial Day, RSCC President, **Drew Powell**, took part in the Wreath Laying ceremony organized by American Legion Post 86.



RSCC Director, **Liz von Kaenel** and other volunteers decorated a beautiful parade float and the CCACC Dragon Dancers performed for cheering crowds! ■

CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS ROCKVILLE

On Tuesday, July 3, 2018, the Rockville Sister City Corporation welcomed a 19 member delegation from the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) at Rockville’s historic Glenview Mansion Cottage, in order to discuss Rockville’s 60 year Sister City relationship with Pinneberg,



Germany and its nine year relationship with Jiaxing, China. The delegation consisted mainly of the “Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries” (CPAFFC), which is a Beijing-based organization that, amongst other activities, oversees Sister and Friendship City relations between PRC cities and other cities of the world. On September 14, 2012 the CPAFFC and Sister Cities International signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which helped to lay the groundwork for the two organizations to collaborate in supporting existing and future friendship city relationships. After presentations by RSCC President, **Drew Powell**, RSCC Director, **Ying Chen**, and President and CEO of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, **Marji Graf**, the delegation took a tour of Glenview Mansion, the Rockville Sister City Room and the Peony Garden, which is dedicated to our relationship with Jiaxing. ■

RSCC SUMMER LECTURE SERIES



On July 12 and 26, 2018, the Rockville Sister City Corporation hosted two lectures at Rockville’s historic Glenview Mansion, featuring renowned author, **Liliane Willens**. Her lectures titled, “The Three Waves of Jewish Emigrants to China - Shanghai and Harbin” were a great success. There were nearly forty in attendance for each lecture. Liliane Willens, the author of “Stateless in Shanghai,” signed numerous copies of her book for enthusiastic readers. ■



RSCC TYBER BIERHAUS BRUNCH

On July 22, 2018, the Rockville Sister City Corporation Board hosted an all-you-can-eat brunch at the Tyber Bierhaus in Bethesda, Maryland.

A good time was had by all as we sampled an array of German and other delicious delicacies. ■



PRESIDENT REPRESENTS RSCC AT 2018 SCI CONFERENCE

On August 2 - 4, 2018, RSCC President, **Drew Powell**, attended the 2018 Sister Cities International Conference in Aurora, Colorado. This year’s seminars focused on young people’s involvement with the Sister City program, economic development and making a difference with cultural exchanges. A business meeting was held, where members elected directors and voted on changes to SCI’s Bylaws. Networking was key, as Drew Powell, President, RSCC & Roger-Mark DeSouza, President, SCI President Powell met with several Sister City representa-



tives from around the country to discuss the challenges of managing multiple sister city relationships. Powell also had the pleasure of meeting with a visiting Cameroonian Delegation, which included the Mayor of Tiko, Cameroon, the Honorable **Daniel Ngande Moukondo**. ■



RSCC DECORATES ROCKVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES



During the month of August 2018, RSCC was invited to decorate entrance display cases at the Rockville Memorial Library. RSCC Directors **Ying Chen, Bing Huang, Chris Malone** and **Liz von Kaenel** volunteered to present the Rockville Sister City Corporation to the greater Rockville community by creating stunning displays that represented RSCC's relationships with Pinneberg, Germany and Jiaxing, China. Beautiful! ■

TASTE OF DIM SUM FUNDRAISER

On August 12, 2018, RSCC held its annual "Taste of Dim Sum" event at the New Fortune Restaurant in Gaithersburg, Maryland. This annual (and delicious) fundraiser was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy great food and catch up with friends of RSCC. About 25 people attended, for which RSCC is grateful for their support. Many thanks to RSCC Director,



Bing Huang (L-photo), for making the arrangements, as well as kudos to New Fortune ownership and staff. ■

RSCC PARTICIPATES IN HAGERSTOWN AUGUSTOBERFEST



Steve Fisher, Dusty Graham and Liz von Kaenel

On August 19, 2018, the Rockville Sister City Corporation participated in the Hagerstown Augustoberfest. RSCC Directors, **Steve Fisher, Liz von Kaenel** and **Drew Powell** made the joyful pilgrimage to Hagerstown, Maryland to revel in this festive celebration, complete with oom-pah music, traditional German dance and authentic Bavarian food. **Dusty Graham**, Former President of the Hagerstown-Wesel Sister City organization, welcomed RSCC guests and provided a space for setting up a Rockville Sister City display (above photo). ■



Drew Powell, RSCC President, and Beverly Abeles, Hagerstown Sister City President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- RSCC Annual Membership Meeting
September 13, 2018, 7:30 PM, Rockville City Hall
- Rocktoberfest (visit RSCC's booth at Rocktoberfest)
October 6, 2018, 11 AM – 5 PM, Rockville Town Square
- German - American Day Dinner (see attached flyer)
October 7, 2018, 4 PM – 6 PM, Mykonos Grill
- World of Montgomery (RSCC Booth)
October 21, 2018, 12 PM – 4 PM, Montgomery College
(Rockville Campus)
- Thanksgiving in Pinneberg
November 25, 2018, Pinneberg, Germany

**RSCC THANKS ITS NEW AND
RENEWING MEMBERS FOR 2018**

Please check if your 2018 membership is due.

Thank you.

Kuan Lee, Membership Chair
kuanleerockville@gmail.com

New/renewing members since the May Newsletter:

Corporate GOLD

Corporate SILVER

Corporate BRONZE

- Wells Fargo Corporate Sponsorship (David Johnston)

(Italics indicate additional contribution. Thank you!)

FAMILY:

- Kueiling (Weichung Wang) Chen (**new members**)
- Gary Cheng (**new members**)
- Ming Hong (Peipei) Chow (**new members**)
- Tze-jeer (Jenny) Chuang (**new members**)
- James (Shu-Chen Chang) Geiger (**new members**)
- Guhhan (Herbert) Green (**new members**)
- Zhipig Gu (**new members**)
- Paul (Mei-Yun) Hshieh (**new members**)
- Chun-Fu (Hsio-Feng) Hsin (**new members**)
- Fulian (Susie) Hsu (**new members**)
- Hsien-Chang (Chiayu Yang) Hsu (**new members**)
- Ching-san (Yu-chuen) Huang (**new members**)
- Tai Long (Victoria F.) Huang (**new members**)
- Wanshu Huang (**new members**)
- Zei-Pao (Liang-Lii) Huang (**new members**)
- Guo-Chiuan (Yuling Hung Chen) Hung (**new members**)
- Chien Yuan (Ching Fen Lin) Kao (**new members**)
- Sidney & Sally Katz
- I-Shiuan (Yu Chen Tsai) Lee (**new members**)
- Yu-Huang (Yu-Chen Hsiao) Lee (**new members**)
- Guang-dih (Su-Hui) Lei (**new members**)
- Robert Li (**new members**)
- Ing-Hour (Sueching) Lin (**new members**)
- Biu Liu (**new members**)
- Yu-Jihng (Chia-chen chang) Peng (**new members**)
- Kwang (Chun Tuan) Shaiou (**new members**)
- Corinna and Edward Shen (**new members**)
- Yng-Kuei (Kuei-Mey) Sheu (**new members**)
- Minshin and Hueyjong Shih (**new members**)
- Shing-Jer (Grace) Tsai (**new members**)
- Terry (Szu-ying Chen) Tsao (**new members**)
- Bill Wu (**new members**)
- Margie (Gerald) Zapol (**new members**)

INDIVIDUAL:

- Hagop Balekjian
- Elise Chang (**new member**)
- Min-Yi Chang (**new member**)
- Min-Ju Chang (**new member**)
- Cheng-Lun Chen (**new member**)
- Christina Chen (**new member**)
- Daniel Chen (**new member**)
- Li Ching Chen (**new member**)
- May Chen (**new member**)
- Po-Chun Chen (**new member**)
- Ray-Yuan Chuang (**new member**)
- Shing-kwan (Sam) Huang (**new member**)
- Louis Huang (**new member**)
- Chiachia Hsu (**new member**)
- Ken Hsu (**new member**)
- Min Ten Lee (**new member**)
- Charlotte (Shihyang) Liu (**new member**)
- Karen Levi (**new member**)
- Jonathan Lin (**new member**)
- Yusu Lin (**new member**)
- Ching-I Meng (**new member**)
- Donna Marie Moreno
- Tommy Mosely
- Fen Chih Shen (**new member**)
- Janice Solomon
- Ming Yang Teng (**new member**)
- Jin Wang (**new member**)
- Sen-Lang Wang (**new member**)
- Mei-Chin Van der Wees (**new member**)
- Eugene Wei (**new member**)
- Henry Weiss (**new member**)
- Fei Xu (**new member**)
- Shi-Keng Yang (**new member**)

STUDENT:

HONORARY:

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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**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>

Thanks to Rockville's Channel 11 Television Team!



Rockville Sister City Corporation

Join us to celebrate German American Day with an international flair

on

Sunday, October 7, 2018 4:00 to 6:00 PM

at

Mykonos Grill



121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, MD 20851

\$50 per person, which includes your choice of menu (below) and includes beverage, tax, tip and fundraiser for RSCC

Please RSVP by Monday, October 1, 2018

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

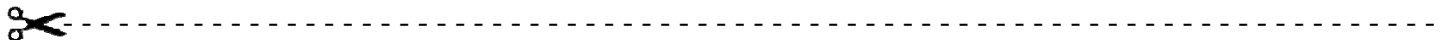
Sliced boneless leg of lamb, topped with brown gravy

#4 - Hot Vegetarian Platter

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

Dessert

Galaktobouriko



Name(s): _____

Select **number of Entrée(s)** desired (@ \$50 each) #1____ #2____ #3____ #4____ Total \$_____

Phone number (H): _____ (C): _____

email: _____

Send your check (payable to "RSCC") to RSCC, c/o Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850

Or pay via [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) at www.rockvillesistercities.org/wp/purchase-donate/ Please "**Add special instructions to the seller**" stating Name(s) of attendees, Number and type(s) of Entrée(s) desired, Phone number(s) and email.

For more information call Marika Brown at 301-340-8970 and mention "German-American Day Dinner"

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Membership Application/Renewal Form

Today's Date: For Calendar Year:

This membership is for the Calendar Year listed above only! (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 \$100 Bronze \$250 Silver \$500 Gold

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

\$ 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.

- Hosting visitors from Pinneberg Cultural Exchanges
Hosting students from Pinneberg Bicycle Events
Fundraising Events Membership Help
Serving on Board of Directors Wine Tasting Event
Memorial Day Parade Event Serving as Committee Chairperson
Other Interests (List)

Other member comments, suggestions, etc.



Montage created by Lena Ousvatova during her internship in Rockville



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