



ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

Rockville Sister City Incorporated is a non-profit corporation founded in 1986 in order to support and promote mutual understanding through personal experience based on Youth, Educational, Cultural and Commercial Exchanges among Sister Cities throughout the World.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear RSCC Members and Friends,

As in the National Scene, it is the start of a new year and a new group of officers. Fortunately we have a more harmonious group than the Washington politicians and do not look to change everything done in the last administration.

As the new President, I thank Rotraut Bockstahler for her enthusiastic leadership over the last year. She accomplished a number of positive things, including a very active exchange program and the initiation of a correspondence exchange between elementary school students. I look forward to continuing these activities with Pinneberg and to expanding our program to include Jiaying, PRC as a second sister city. I also thank the members of the Board of Directors for the confidence shown in me by electing me to this position.

In looking to the future, I have established a number of priorities, which will seriously affect the Rockville Sister City Corporation. First, we must conclude agreements with Jiaying to bring them into a full sister city partnership. This turns out to be a more complicated process than we initially anticipated. Jiaying must go through several additional steps before we can become sister cities. The initial step for them is to sign and implement an Agreement establishing a program of Friendly Relations, which initiates contact between the cities with limited exchanges. I have drafted amendments

to their document proposing terms for such an agreement and am preparing a position paper explaining RSCC's mission, its vision and goals, and giving examples of how we have successfully conducted operations with Pinneberg over the course of fifty years. Jiaying may have to operate under such a limited agreement for at least one year before entering into a formal Sister City Agreement. When the program reaches that stage, it must be approved at the national level by their non-governmental People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. This is expected to take a while.

Jiaying would like to send a small delegation to Rockville to execute the Friendly Relations Agreement sometime in the next few months. Then we would establish a group of contacts for exchange of information within specific areas of interest and to institute a series of limited exchanges between the cities. We will work with the Jiaying Municipal Government officials to arrange the details of this initial meeting between our two cities.

In the meantime, RSCC must reorganize to work with two sister cities. To do this, we need to expand the board of directors and to form two operating entities to run the programs with each city. This will require another round of amendments to the By-Laws and the Policies and Procedures. I hope to accomplish this effort before June.

I expect the Pinneberg operations to continue to work smoothly and look to expand our outreach to the Rockville community to get more community involvement in our programs to provide more insight into the customs and heritage of our German partners. American customs and our history have deep roots in German culture and I hope we can make our citizens more aware of those ties.

I also expect to get the Jiaying operating group incorporated into RSCC and to start producing events and activities for the community which will provide a link to the cultural heritage of a large portion of our population and to provide the greater community with an appreciation for the many contributions of Chinese invention and culture to our American Society.

I would really like to see the creation of a communications network which reaches down into local community organizations to be better able to distribute information about our programs and activities.

Finally, I would like to see an expansion of our fundraising activities to enable more aggressive exchange programs, including some possibilities of subsidizing participation by our general membership. There may be possibilities to expand travel arrangements beyond the sister city visits to include limited touring opportunities, which may encourage wider participation in these events. Increased funding would also enable wider mailing of our newsletters beyond our general membership.

I look forward to the continued enthusiastic support of the members of the board and to the greater participation of the Rockville community in our programs.

We encourage all Rockville residents to apply for membership in RSCC and to actively enjoy our programs. Single memberships are \$15/ year and family memberships are only \$25/year. Corporate memberships at \$100/year are also encouraged, entitling such organizations to advertisements in

this newsletter, on our website, and at our events. An application for membership can be found on the cover sheet of this newsletter.

Jim McConkey
President, RSCC

Newly Elected Officers
By Rotraut Bockstahler

The RSCC bylaws require the election of officers on the Board of Directors at the beginning of each calendar year. Rotraut Bockstahler stepped down from her position as President for personal reasons. She thanked the board for their cooperation, dedication and friendship and expressed that it was an honor to serve as their president. Wayne Savage stepped down from his position as Secretary for reasons of high demand in his professional life. He did a great job of taking minutes and documenting the board meetings.

The newly elected and re-elected officers on the RSCC Board are as follows:

President - James (Jim) F McConkey
Vice President – Sam Choi
Treasurer – Steve Fisher
Secretary – Gerrie Checkon

All board members are volunteers and are serving the RSCC with great dedication and time commitment. They need the help of RSCC members as well.

Board of Directors Reorganization
By James McConkey

To meet the needs of a board controlling the operations for both Pinneberg and Jiaying, board president Jim McConkey, appointed a special task force to look into alternatives for reorganization which will provide for effective management of the separate activities associated with the two sister cities, and yet will not greatly expand the number of directors. The task force is chaired by David

L'Heureux, President Emeritus, and includes Brigitta Mullican and Sam Choi. David may request participation of other RSCC members as required. Some suggestions and possibly recommendations should be available for presentation to the board at the next meeting scheduled on March 11, 2009.

The existing Committee for Revision of Governing Documents will work to adapt the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures to implement the reorganization recommendations.

Ways and Means Committee by James McConkey

A new Ways and Means Committee was initiated at the February meeting of the Board of Directors. It is charged with finding new ways to raise funds; to increase our overall income to support the more ambitious exchange programs; to help subsidize exchange participants; and to support more activities to benefit the community. Steve Fisher, Treasurer, was appointed to head the committee. Janice Solomon volunteered to assist.

We welcome suggestions from all of our members. Ideas can pertain to either the Pinneberg relationship or the new Jiaying relationship or both, and may be related to cultural, sporting, entertainment, social and other activities, holidays, events or any other theme which you can envision. Please submit any fund raising ideas to Steve Fisher at SteveF8170@aol.com as soon as possible.

Cultural Events

RSCC 2009 Spring Wine Tasting Social: White Grape Wines Around the World

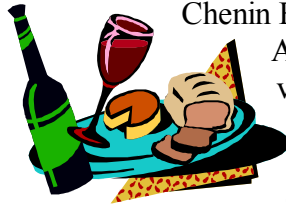
By Wayne Savage

For the past 17 years Rockville's Sister City Corporation members and friends have gathered to share excellent food, drink, and camaraderie while providing financial support for the RSCC's people-to-people efforts. That tradition will continue on

Friday, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Annual White Wine Tasting Social and fund raising event at the Rockville Glenview Mansion.

Last year's white wine tasting event introduced wines from around the world. This year we will be exploring two white wine grapes from different parts of the world and how they present themselves.

The wine tasting will feature Chardonnay and Chenin Blanc grape wines from Europe, America, and Australia. A variety of delicious foods and cheeses will also be on hand to complement the wine offerings.



Admission is \$25 per person for RSCC members and \$30 for non-members. A membership application can be found on the cover of this newsletter. RSCC Memberships can also be purchased at the wine social. Why not join now and take advantage of the reduced rate for members at the wine tasting social?

Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis and space is limited.

Mail a check made payable to Rockville Sister City Corporation c/o City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. For more information about the event, call 240-314-5029.



RSCC Members Invited to Pinneberg for DAGRP 25th Anniversary

By Rotraut Bockstahler

On Sunday, June 21, 2009 the City of Pinneberg, Germany is planning a one-day official celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Deutsch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft Rockville-Pinneberg (DAGRP) - *German-American Society Rockville-Pinneberg* DAGRP. The President, Bernd Hinrichs, and the board members of the

DAGRP have extended an invitation to City of Rockville officials and to members of the Rockville Sister City Corporation to come to Pinneberg and participate in the festivities. If you are interested in going to Pinneberg for this occasion, please contact Jim McConkey, President of the RSCC at 301-926-6059.

Rockville's Sister City Program was initiated by an agreement between the City of Rockville, Maryland and the City of Pinneberg, Germany in 1957 with the goal of strengthening bonds of friendship and cultural understanding between the citizens of both cities. The success of more than 50 years of fruitful exchanges, including strong bonds of friendships, is in large measure attributable to the activities of dedicated volunteers. Under the umbrella of the City of Rockville and the City of Pinneberg, these volunteers incorporated as non-profit organizations in order to be more effective.



In 2006, the Rockville Sister City Corporation celebrated its 20th anniversary without much fanfare, since the much more important 50th anniversary of the Rockville-Pinneberg Sister City program was just around the corner and already in preparation. Pinneberg has now the unencumbered opportunity of proudly celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of its sister city organization. The membership of the DAGRP has increased by more than thirty percent just over the last two years, a great testimony to a lively Sister City relationship with Rockville, its traditions (please see the article below about Thanksgiving in



Pinneberg) and its generous host families who most recently hosted Pinneberg swim team members, high school students and adults who enjoyed what

Rockville has to offer with its new Town Center, a welcoming high school, a modern swim center and enjoyable bike tours.

RSCC members should think about all the wonderful hospitality and opportunities Pinneberg has to offer while planning a trip over there to celebrate the 25th anniversary. Here is an opportunity for a life-changing experience and meeting new friends. Don't hesitate!

Pinneberg Students Visit Wootton High School By Dorothea Steinmann Chaperone from Pinneberg

Great—fantastic—wonderful: wunderbar! These were the reactions of our 12 students (and two teachers) from Pinneberg near Hamburg, Germany who spent three weeks in October 2008 with host families in Rockville. It was during the ceremonies of the 50th anniversary of the German-American Partnership between Rockville and Pinneberg in 2007 that the tradition of mutual student exchanges was brought back to life. After a year of careful planning the idea was successfully implemented. Our students were overwhelmed by the great hospitality of their American host families and soon new friendships were formed.

Special thanks go to the Sister City Corporation for their generous support: without the free use of a Rockville City owned bus the highly interesting excursions to Mt. Vernon, the Baltimore Aquarium (with free entry!), Leesburg, VA and the wonderful hike of the Billy Goat Trail (special thanks to Jon McLaren) would not have been possible. In addition, the students were given free Metro tickets for several exciting trips into Washington. We are very grateful for your incredible generosity and will certainly retain lasting good memories of our visit to your city. In particular, we would like to thank Gerrie Checkon (who hosted my colleague and me), Rotraut Bockstahler and Jerol Briggs who, with their great effort and support made this successful student exchange possible.

We are now looking forward to the visit of a group of students from Wootton High School to Pinneberg in June and hope we can reciprocate your hospitality. We do hope that last year's visit was the

beginning of a lasting friendship with many more mutual visits to come!



Photo: Participants in the Pinneberg-Wootton student exchange are shown above after the farewell luncheon at Wootton in October 2008. Twelve students from Theodor Heuss Schule, their two chaperones, coordinators Tony Derosa, Wootton Language teacher and Gerrie Checkon, representative from RSSC and the local host students pose for a farewell photo.

Wootton High School Students Plan June 2009 Visit to Pinneberg

By Jerol Briggs

Twelve students from Thomas S. Wootton High School are busy planning their upcoming June 18th, 2009, trip to Pinneberg, in a continuing exchange with groups of students from Pinneberg, who have already visited Rockville. The group will be led by Wootton Foreign Language Resource Teacher, Mr. Tony DeRosa, who is coordinating the visit with teachers in Pinneberg. This is the fifth time that Mr. DeRosa will be accompanying a group of Wootton students to Pinneberg, and he is looking forward to meeting again with friends from previous trips. The group will depart Rockville on June 18th, via Lufthansa Airlines, taking advantage of a special group fare offered by the Atlantic Fellowship Travel Agency. Students will stay in Pinneberg with host families until July 9th.

The group is receiving some financial assistance from both the DAGRP (German American Society, Rockville-Pinneberg) and from the RSCC Board, but most of the travel expenses will be paid by the

Rockville students and their families. Once in Pinneberg, the students will stay with the families of their student hosts.

For the first time, students will be hosted by students from two different schools. Both the Theodor-Heuss Gymnasium and the newly named and reorganized Grund- und Gemeinschaftsschule Pinneberg (formerly the Matthais-Claudius Realschule) will provide host accommodations for the Wootton group. Eight of the students will stay with the families of Pinneberg students they hosted here in Rockville last fall, in October 2008.

Pinneberg host teachers Dorothea Steinman and Ingeborg Hinrichs are organizing events and activities for the Rockville students. There will be some day trips planned in the area near Pinneberg, several days attending classes at the German schools, visits to Hamburg, and an overnight trip to visit Berlin. Mr. DeRosa and the students are very much looking forward to June, and their trip to Pinneberg, to learn more about their German friends and our Sister City relationship.



Photo: Beall Elementary School visit

Planned Long-Term Student Exchange By Rotraut Bockstahler

We would like to share with our membership the excitement about the progress of arranging a long-term student exchange with Pinneberg. Last summer, a group of Pinneberg swim team members, mostly high school age, and their trainers came to Rockville to participate in a summer training camp

at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center. Generous Rockville families offered their hospitality for more than two weeks. Clemens Kaiser was one of the young swimmers who liked his host family and Rockville so much that he expressed the wish to attend high school in Rockville for a year. His host family agreed and offered him the opportunity to stay with them. His parents have now arranged for all the formalities and applications. He passed the required tests administered by representatives of the international student exchange agency (in his case AYUSA) and is now awaiting final approval. The goal is for him to attend Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville for the school year 2009-2010. We are very grateful to the host family, the City of Rockville and the Montgomery County Education System to make this dream come true.

Pinneberg Swim Team Visit 2008 - Photo Album with Music

by Ted and Pat Reuther

Participants in the RSCC Wine Tasting scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2009 will have the opportunity to revisit the very successful "Pinneberg Swim Camp Rockville 2008" CD from last summer. We will share the pleasure of viewing the photo album and music CD production, "Pinneberg Swim Camp Rockville 2008," that was created by two of our visiting swimmers, Clemens Kaiser and Arne Valentine. Clemens and Arne have created not just a fun-filled photo album of the grand time our swim team guests from Pinneberg enjoyed. They demonstrate delightful, thoughtful, and sensitive creativity in capturing just the right selection of (largely American) music to highlight the photos. Their music selections capture the tone, the joy, and their sensitivity to both fun-filled activities and the special sites they visited.

Those of us who hosted or helped with arrangements for our Pinneberg Swim Team guests will recall the joy we shared with them, and this CD clearly reflects their joy in their time with us here in Rockville. The album will help make that "A Time to Remember" for us here as well as for our visitors.

We urge both our Rockville hosts from last summer as well as RSCC members to participate in the Wine Tasting event, and to share in viewing and listening to this delightfully filled photo and music album.

RSCC's Film Night - Past and Future

By Liz vonKaenel



RSCC's last film evening took place on January 9, 2009, at the Senior Center. The selected movie "Together" was in Chinese with English subtitles. It dealt with the highly competitive world of young violinists trying to enter the Chinese classical music scene. Sacrifices made by the father allow the son to progress from small-town success to obtaining one of the pre-eminent music instructors in Beijing, and at the same time the son has to weigh the price of potential musical stardom against love for his father. The mutual love between the father and son is a universal emotion present in all cultures. This heart-lifting film was internationally acclaimed.

RSCC's next film evening is scheduled for 7 PM, May 8, 2009, again at the Senior Center. The film will be one featuring German culture. As always there is no charge, light refreshments will be served and there will be time for socializing before and afterwards. Please put it on your calendar and join us.

Hometown Holidays Parade

By Liz vonKaenel



RSCC will be participating in the City's Hometown Holidays parade on Monday May 25, 2009. The Board of Directors would like to invite all members of our organization, and their families, to participate in this event. We will be walking along the parade route (flat and just over one mile) to show support, both for Pinneberg, Germany and our new partner city Jiaying,

China. Contact Liz vonKaenel (301) 251-6303 if you are interested in participating.

Stammtisch

By Liz vonKaenel

AT 7 PM on the first Friday of each month, "Stammtisch" (reserved table), is sponsored by Frederick Maryland's Sister City organization. The event is held at Brewer's Alley Restaurant on Market Street. Practice your German and order a reasonably priced meal from their menu. There is no need to make reservations in advance, just come and enjoy yourself. Contact Liz vonKaenel (301) 251-6303 if you are interested in participating and possibly carpooling.

Chinese New Year Celebration

By Ying Chen

If you missed the fun on February 8 at the RSCC Chinese New Year dinner, here is the recap. Shanghai Café in Potomac, which is very close to Jiaxing, the proposed new Chinese sister city for Rockville, serves typical southern cuisine.

The restaurant was reserved especially for RSCC that night, and more than 40 guests attended. It was a typical Chinese New Year feast welcoming guests with four appetizers, six main dishes, soup, and dessert.

Jennie Forehand, Rockville's state senator, stopped by to greet the guests and to wish everyone a happy Chinese New Year. Sally Sternbach, director of Rockville Economic Development Inc., came with her husband David. Both Sister City members and non-members enjoyed the camaraderie of the new year's dinner.

Before the main course, everyone enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation introducing the legend of the Chinese New Year - The Story of Nian and a story about the Zodiac race in which the rat won the crown and became enemies with his old friend, the cat.

During dessert, the guests watched a video about the proposed new sister city, Jiaxing. Before leaving, everyone got a red envelope containing a small Chinese knot, wishing them good luck in the year of the Ox.



Jim McConkey, the newly elected president of Rockville Sister City Corporation, also displayed photo albums from his trips to China and the Jiaxing area.

We hope the dinner will become a twice yearly tradition with RSCC, with one in June and the other around Chinese New Year again. We encourage you to come next time! If you have any suggestions or would like to participate in this event, please feel free to contact Ying@Longandfoster.com.

Many guests asked for the list of dishes, so here they are:

Appetizers

Snow cabbage with edamame
Marinated chicken
Braised gluten with mushroom
Dumpling with spicy sauce
Yang zhou soup

Main course dishes:

8 treasures chicken
Shanghai noodles
Beef with oyster sauce
Fried quick shrimp
Snow pea leaf tops
Braised whole fish

Dessert

8 treasures pudding

15 Year Old German Boy Looking for Host Family, 2010-2011

By Mary Boergers

Miron Schoeffler is looking for a host family next year. He has been accepted into the Eurovacances exchange program. The program will find a host family for him, but we and his parents would prefer to have him live near us so that we can show him around the Washington, D.C. area.

Miron stayed with us one summer and we really enjoyed having him. He is bright, fun loving, energetic, eager to help and to learn, has a wide variety of interests and loves sports. We would love to have Miron stay with us next year but we have no children his age and being retired, travel frequently.

We have known Miron's family for the last 20 years. His father is a pediatrician in Berlin and his mom teaches English and computer science in a German vocational school. Both parents have spent significant time in the U.S. and would like their son to experience life in America. Having Miron a part of your family next year would be as rewarding for you as it would be for him.

If you are interested, please get in touch with me at boergers@erols.com or via cell phone at 240-355-2277. We will be in India for all of February, so if you don't hear from us right away, that is why. You can also contact his father, Alex, at dr.schoeffler@t-online.de.

Thanksgiving Celebration in Pinneberg

By Rotraut Bockstahler

Celebrating Thanksgiving with an elaborate candlelight turkey dinner at the Cap Polonio, Pinneberg's famous inn and restaurant, has become an annual event and a proud Sister City tradition. It is more than symbolic to celebrate this American holiday in Pinneberg. The date is already set for this year - it will be November 26, our Thanksgiving day. It is a festive event eagerly

anticipated by the members of the German American Society Rockville-Pinneberg. Last year about sixty people signed up and about half of them were newcomers.



Photo: Thanksgiving dinner, Pinneberg

After such a wonderful meal and interesting conversations, it is not difficult to encourage participants to become members of the organization. We wish we could come up with a similar attraction for our membership. The local newspaper, the "Pinneberger Tageblatt" dedicated two full pages of reporting about the event, including pictures. Our wine tastings (we invite you March 6th, 2009 at Glenview Mansion) have much of the same appeal and provide the opportunity for getting together with like-minded and interesting people. It is a tradition that works for us and has already sparked interest in Pinneberg as well. One can only wish that the Sister City Families in both of our cities will grow in numbers and in their interest of sharing their traditions.

An Introduction to the City of Jiaxing, Zhejiang, China

Part two of three

By Ying Chen

Jiaxing has been known for centuries as a charming water town that is "the home of silk and satin" and "land of fish and rice." It is also the birthplace of a long list of ancient philosophers and great modern writers, poets, scientists, and celebrities.

Today's Jiaxing is poised for economic development because of its modern infrastructure in transportation, communication, electronics, and turn

key labor solutions. It is located in the Yangtze River Delta in northeast Zhejiang province. Its registered population is 3.3 million with a floating population of 1 million. Jiaxing is within easy reach of several major cities in the Yangtze River Delta that are linked by a network of airports, railways, and sea harbors. After the high speed Maglev train project is completed in 2010, Shanghai and Hangzhou will be just 20 minutes from Jiaxing. The municipality covers 3,915 square kilometers and has seven subordinate counties and cities under its governance. All of them are listed among "China's 100 best counties".

Jiaxing acquired its name 1,700 years ago during the Qin Dynasty. However, its early Ma Jia Bong Culture can be dated as far back as 7,000 years ago. The landscape combines the beauty of tides, lakes, rivers, sea, and mountains. Its South Lake is one of the famous three lakes in the southeast region of China known for their unique scenery. Jiaxing boasts two ancient tourist towns and multiple national level scenic sites. The ancient town of Xitang is where Hollywood star Tom Cruise recently filmed his third episode of *Mission Impossible*. But Jiaxing has its own celebrities as well - among the 1,800 recorded scholars in China's Encyclopedia, more than 80 are natives of Jiaxing. A Nobel Physics prize winner, Dr. T.D. Lee, is also a native of Jiaxing.

Jiaxing has educational facilities of all kinds. The most well known is Xiu Zhou High School, which was founded by Western missionaries a century ago. Recently, Jiaxing has allied with top national institutions Tsinghua University and China Academy of Science to develop both academic facilities and research institutes that will provide turn key solutions for the labor market as well as commercialize their R&D products locally.

Jiaxing plans to turn its labor-intensive industries into technology-based industries. GDP reached \$17

billion in 2006, which amounts to per capita income of \$5000. Jiaxing has 12 state-approved development zones. Foreign investment has reached \$11 billion with 4,000 foreign-invested enterprises, including 23 of the world's 500 biggest corporations. The current industries include textile, leather, electrical instruments, and general equipment manufacturing. The city government has designated a special area in Nanhu to welcome the high tech companies and research institutes.

Jiaxing is an ancient city with a rich cultural atmosphere. It is also full of energy for growth and development. Although Jiaxing's size and population are greater than Rockville's, from cultural, educational, tourist, and economic standpoints, both cities will find they have much in common. It is our mission to cultivate these common interests through exchange and understanding and thus make our world more peaceful.

Board Meeting Schedule

RSCC board meetings are open to the public. Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month *except December* at 7:30 pm in City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, in Rockville.

Membership

We invite anyone who is interested in joining us to fill out the membership application in this newsletter. The only requirements for membership are completing the application and paying annual dues. Current members, please don't forget to renew your membership.

Membership Survey

By Rotraut Bockstahler

With the 50th anniversary in 2007, the RSCC activities have picked up in numbers, intensity and scope. We would like to involve our membership in the yearly events and visits from and to our Sister Cities. In the past, we have not been able to always



inform you about upcoming events, such as the welcome of visitors by the Mayor and Council, a party at the Roof Top Terrace, our Wine Tastings, our Film Nights, our Socials, the Annual Meeting and other occasions. Sometimes we are asking for help at events, such as the Wine Tastings, or events that the City is sponsoring, such as the Antique Car Show, the Memorial Day Parade, fundraisers for Rockville children to participate in summer camps, and others. We might have a request for hosting visitors from our Sister City. We would like to find out what kinds of events might interest you.

In order to be able to inform you better or to learn more about your suggestions, we would like to have one of our board members contact you by telephone. We will ask you if you have received our newsletter to make sure we have the correct address and we would like to know what we can do for you to become more active and to enjoy your membership in the great Rockville Sister City program. In order to support future activities, we also would like to attract new members. Our financial basis is our membership and we would like to be in touch with them. We focus on cultural exchanges between individuals and families, mostly high school student exchanges, that foster better understanding between our residents here at home and those in our sister cities. We are looking forward to having an exchange with you over the telephone.

German Life

By David E. L'Heureux, President Emeritus, RSCC

One of the finest magazines I have seen. Over a period of time this very informative bi-monthly magazine in English provides you with an excellent view of Germany, German life, culture, society, festivities, food, sightseeing and everything else you might want to know about in a very attractive glossy-paged publication. Not only are the presentations wonderful, but there are also ads leading to German clothing, food, recipes, books, music, souvenirs and activities in the United States. Pictures abound. Issues are not only informative,

but educational as well. Great for adults and children as well. All this can be had for \$24.95 a year. By the time you put down one issue, the next one is at hand. Contacts for information and/or subscriptions are as follows: German Life, P.O. Box 3000, Denville, NJ 07834-9724. (1-866-867-0251)

P.S. - Sample issues will be available as handouts at the wine tasting event in March.



Upcoming Events

- March 6th, 7:30 p.m. - White Wine Tasting
- March 11, 7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting
- April 8, 7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting
- 7 PM, first Friday of each month – “Stammtisch” in Frederick
- 7 PM, May 8, 2009 - German Film Night
- May 13, 7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting
- May 25 - Memorial Day Parade
- June 18- Wootton HS trip to Pinneberg
- June 21 – RSCC members invited to Pinneberg for 25th anniversary of DAGRP





Wine Tasting

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ROCKVILLE SISTER CITY CORPORATION (RSCC)
Membership Application/Renewal Form

I would like to (check one) renew, or apply for membership. Enclosed is my tax deductible payment (check one):
 \$15 Individual, \$25 Family, or \$100 Corporate Membership, for the Calendar Year _____.
Additional tax deductible contribution of \$ _____, **Total enclosed \$ _____**. RSCC is a Tax Exempt, Not-For-Profit Corporation.

Please print below. (Renewals need only submit Name(s) & Addresses, any other changes and at least one area of interest.

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____ Email Address: _____
For internal use only. We do not release to other organizations.

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

Home Phone: _____, Work Phone: _____, Cell Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: RSCC Send to: Rockville Sister City Corporation, c/o Rockville City Hall,
111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850-2364

For info. Or to leave a msg. call 240-314-5029, or visit our website at: www.rocknet.org/Community/SisterCities/

AREAS OF INTEREST: (TO ALL MEMBERS, NEW & RENEWAL, PLEASE, PLEASE CHECK AT LEAST ONE.)

I would be interested in: 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;
 Just participating; Other (specify below) (These are not commitments, but do help us understand our members' interests.)

Other Comments, suggestions, etc. _____

(Continue on reverse side and check here if appropriate)

Memberships are for the calendar year. There is no prorating of memberships. Members who join on or after September 1st will be credited with membership through the remainder of that current calendar year AND the full following calendar year.

Application/Renewal Form Ver.10-3(Revised 2/22/09)



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