



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.

<http://www.rocknet.org/Community/SisterCities/>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Solicitations

By James F. McConkey, Jr., President—RSCC

The Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) has traditionally avoided solicitations as a means of raising funds, but times and circumstances are forcing us to reconsider the ways we augment our revenues received from fund-raising efforts.

This concern is particularly applicable to our exchange programs. Each year we typically host one visit of students from Pinneberg, and we support the sending of one student group from Rockville to Pinneberg. Such exchanges are becoming increasingly popular, and more groups are seeking to become part of the Sister City exchange experience.

Last year we hosted a second group of students from Pinneberg: the Klarinetten Ensemble from the Musikschule Pinneberg. Also, we arranged for the Rockville

Chorus to visit Pinneberg and northern Germany. This year, in addition to the student exchanges, Rockville will host an exhibit of artwork by Detlef Allenberg, a Pinneberg artist, at the Glenview Mansion in September. We have also been

requested to host an exhibit of photographs by Fotokreis Pinneberg. More adult activities are being proposed as the basis of exchange activity. Moreover, we are hoping soon to engage in exchanges with our proposed new Sister City of Jiaxing, China.

All of this activity costs more money than we have been able to raise from our sponsored dinners and wine tastings. Therefore, you may soon see displays at RSCC events or elsewhere soliciting funds for the support of specific exchanges by groups we are hoping to sponsor on exchange trips.

The first of these is the proposed trip of Rockville's Youth Performance Group, The Finest!, to visit Pinneberg in 2012. This fine group of

performers impressed visitors from Pinneberg in Town Square at Rockville's 150th Anniversary

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Celebration last March. Sending The Finest! to Pinneberg would be a real exchange of ideas and culture and a fine example of the principles on which the Sister City program was founded.

When you see such a display and donation box, please make a generous contribution to help these exchanges—particularly those involving these fine young citizens—demonstrate abroad the talent and values inherent in the Rockville community. If you want to make a direct donation, send your checks payable to RSCC, c/o City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. We will gratefully acknowledge all tax-deductible contributions. RSCC is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

CULTURAL EVENTS

RSCC Marks the Lunar New Year

By James McConkey

Rockville celebrated the Lunar New Year at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater in Civic Center Park on February 12th, 2011. The event was organized by Rockville's Asia Pacific American Task Force. It included samples of Asian foods provided by local restaurants served in the social hall downstairs. That was followed by performing groups including Chinese Lion Dancers and other ethnic dancers, instrumental musical performers, and a Kung Fu demonstration.



Brigitta Mullican and Jim McConkey at the Lunar New Year event.

The Rockville Sister City Corporation had a display in the lobby highlighting our international cultural exchanges and the new relationship being developed with Jiaying, China.

Wine Tasting Social—Quite an Event

By James McConkey and Jack Rodgers

On Saturday, February 26th, the Rockville Sister City Corporation held a wine tasting to help raise funds for our programs and to introduce community residents to a new Rockville business enterprise, Jackie's Wine Club. Jackie's provided one-ounce tastings of four different wines and prepared and served an assortment of appetizers and tapas to go with the wine. The food was selected from Jackie's menu by the wine tasting committee. This was a new approach for our wine tastings, partnering with an existing business to avoid conflict with county regulations for food handling. And all indications are it was a great success!

The samples included two red wines from Argentina: a 2009 Pinot Noir by Santa Julia and a 2009 Malbec by J.F. Lurton-Mendoza. Also included were two Italian wines: a Pinot Grigio (white) by Gabrielle and a sparkling prosecco brut by Mionetto. Susana Agostini, Jackie's manager, described the wines being sampled during the evening, and a handout was provided to participants so this information could be carried home.

Tickets were sold through RSCC, which paid Jackie's Wine Club for the appetizers and tapas. Patrons were also able to purchase full glasses or bottles of wine directly from the club. This event was a sellout. The number of reservations reached facility capacity two weeks before the event was scheduled, and RSCC had to turn away additional requests.

Practice Your German/Üben Ihr Deutsch

By Liz von Kaenel

On the first Friday of each month, the Frederick, Maryland Sister City group reserves tables

at Brewer's Alley (located on Main Street in Frederick) for a *Stammtisch*. Although many of those attending speak German, it is not a requirement. There is no cost other than for the food and beverage that one orders. The get together starts at about 6:30 PM. To make sure that enough tables are set up, notify Fritz (by phone 301 631-0127 or email ssbuckin@gmail.com) that you are planning to attend. This always is a very enjoyable evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Meeting Schedule

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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Report

By Brigitta Mullican

The Rockville Sister City Corporation welcomes its newest members: Mark Pierzchala, Lesley Cross, and Susan Wallick. A noteworthy milestone is that this year the Mayor and all Rockville City Councilmembers have become members of the RSCC. The RSCC Board of Directors and all members appreciate their support since membership is our main source of revenue. Susan Wallick is a Wootton High School resource teacher who will accompany a group of Rockville students to our sister city Pinneberg this summer. Thank you Ms. Wallick.

The RSCC Board would also like to thank all the members who renewed their sister city membership for 2011, which runs from January 1st through December 31st. Email reminders were mailed to those members whose memberships have lapsed. Memberships are accepted throughout the year.

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John Britton and Katherin Treiman
Gerrie Checkon and Dale Hoover
Sam and Kil-Cha Choi
Tom and Stephanie Curtis
Jennie and William Forehand, Jr.
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John and Rita McKee
Thomas and Sherri McKenna
Robert and Holly Meyer
John and Marlene Moser
Kevin Moran and Tim Nixon
Mark Pierzchala and Lesley Cross (New)
Theodore and Patricia Reuther
John and Patricia Rodgers
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Wayne and Joan Savage
Caryl McNeilly and Robert Williamson
Xiaming Zhu and Guoqing Weng
Stephanie and Robert Wright

Individual Members

George W. Albrecht	James McConkey
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David L'Heureux	Lois Vuolo
Christine Luckman	Susan Wallick (New)

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):
_____ \$20 Individual, _____ \$30 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.

Please, 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: _____

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

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. _____

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.10-5(Revised 8/18/09)

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