

2020 Financial Statement (unaudited)

Fund Balance 12/31/20	\$13,782
REVENUE	
Memberships	\$ 817
Grants (Public Support)	\$ 1,000
Contributions	\$ 339
Special Events	\$ —
Net increase in cash	\$ 2,156
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 662
Grants/Stipends	\$ 250
Special Events	\$ 909
Total expenditures	\$ 1,821
Net increase/decrease in cash	\$ 335
Fund Balance 12/31/21	\$ 14,117

Special thanks to our donors, board, and volunteers for their contributions

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Climate Mitigation Panel
Earth Day 2021



Ben Schachtman Peace
Through Music Concert



Laura Leibman , scholar &
author "Once We Were Slaves"

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Sister Cities Association of Wilmington
 North Carolina
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Dear Members and Friends,

We continue to create and strengthen Sister City partnerships in an effort to increase global cooperation and promote opportunities for international partnerships for citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations. "The mission of SCL is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time." This mission statement not only applies to improving peace globally, but is equally applicable to our very own diverse communities in the Southeast region.

During 2021 we opened the year with one of our most popular events, enjoying a traditional Chinese New Year's virtually thanks to the efforts of the Chinese Friendship Assoc. of the Carolinas. We took the first steps to create a recipe exchange, thanks to Peter and Chris Laurie from Barbados who inspired us to imagine new ways to connect through food. We encouraged the Rotary Clubs of Doncaster, Wilmington and Barbados to connect virtually through their shared missions. We coordinated an international panel of experts to discuss specific risk mitigation strategies to address damage from rising sea levels and more intense storms impacting communities around the globe. We went forward with the Peace Concert in October and brought together a diverse groups of artists to remind us of how music unites us even in the most challenging times. We ended the year with a pop-up program from the author of "Once We Were Slaves" who documented the lives of Sarah and Isaac Brandon, born to an enslaved mother and Jewish father in Barbados.

While the global public health crisis is not quite over we have planned some great programs in 2022. We are pleased to announce an international panel will convene virtually in March as we honor International Women who will discuss challenges and opportunities facing women entrepreneurs, and a new initiative "International Restaurant Week" is coming this fall.

If you believe in our mission, created from the vision of President Eisenhower, we need your help. First, by being a member and paying dues; second, by attending events; third, by volunteering to work on projects, and finally and most importantly, by advancing citizen diplomacy by engaging with others at home and abroad.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow board members for their time, efforts, and support during another challenging year. Collectively they gave meaning to the expression "we are in this together."

Marilyn Cantarella, President

SNAPSHOT OF 2021

***CELEBRATED CHINESE NEW YEAR* virtually to highlight Chinese culture thanks to coordination with the Chinese Friendship Association of the Carolinas and the Wilmington American Chinese Cultural Association.**

***HOSTED A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION ON WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE* in partnership with the NC Foreign Trade Association. Experts from around the globe came together to discuss flood risk management, hurricane resiliency and transboundary cooperation. Panelists included: Kotchakorn Voraakhom (Porous City Network, Thailand); Saskia Pardaans (Embassy of the Netherlands); Paul Evans (Council Engineer Doncaster UK); Keith Nichols (Program Director CARICOM Climate Initiative); Brad Howe (Senior Assoc. Scape Studios NY/New Orleans).**

***CREATED AN ONLINE RECIPE EXCHANGE* to introduce dishes from different geographies and histories to explore the origins of favorite recipes across borders.**

***PEACE THROUGH MUSIC CONCERT* was held at the Community Arts Center in October. The program featured folk-rock music, classical music, dance, Broadway classics, and for the first time a short film. WHQR News Director, Ben Schachtman served as emcee and also delivered the tribute to Daniel Pearl for whose memory we owe the commitment to this biennial event.**

***HOSTED A POP-UP BOOK DISCUSSION* featuring Laura Leibman, author and historian, who shared her extensive research on the Moses family which led her to trace the lives of Sarah and Isaac Brandon, born to an enslaved mother and wealthy Jewish merchant in Bridgetown Barbados in 1801. An unusual story of multiracial Jews in the new world.**