



Sister Cities News

NC Secretary of State Visits San Pedro



Secretary of State Elaine Franklin Marshall visited Wilmington's sister city in Belize in late June. Secretary Marshall was given a warm welcome on arrival at John Grief II Airport on Ambergris Caye and escorted to the San Pedro Town Hall for an official meeting with members of San Pedro's town government (Sec. Marshall center, Mayor Guerrero left, and Deputy Mayor Ruben Gonzalez right).

While the purpose of the visit was personal in nature, Sec. Marshall was attending a wedding on the island, it provided an opportunity for her to learn first-hand about the beauty of the country/island as a tourist destination and the special relationship between San Pedro and Wilmington over the last decade.

Sec. Marshall enjoyed a side visit to Lamanai, a major Mayan City in the Orange Walk District on the main land. On her return to NC, she thanked General Consul Ed Paul and Sister Cities for their guidance ahead of her visit, saying... "wonderful memories of a delightful place with delightful people and a perfect setting for the bridal couple."

Destination weddings have become increasingly popular with prospective brides, a trend that Wilmington as a coastal city has benefited from as well.

UWI Students Have a Grand Time in Wilmington



Students from the University of the West Indies Cavehill Campus (Barbados) attended a summer session at the UNCW Cameron School of Business. The 11 students and faculty were the first group of what is expected to be an ongoing student exchange between the two universities.

Sister Cities Association provided some financial aid to help support the program as well as organizing some social activities to enhance their experience while in Wilmington.

In addition to class time, they were able to visit the area beaches, the NC State Aquarium at Ft. Fisher, tour the UNCW Marine Science Labs, attend a City Council meeting and do a walking tour of the downtown historic district. Sister City Commission member Theresa Everett treated the group to her home for Fourth of July where they enjoyed hot dogs and potato salad before walking down to the river front to enjoy the fireworks. UNCW Chancellor Sartarelli held a formal reception for them and the Sister City Commission hosted a social evening for them along with visiting students from Fudan University (China) to meet City Council members and experience Southern hospitality. Smithfield Chicken & BBQ donated pulled pork and hush puppies to round out the experience.

Rhoda Green, founder of the Barbados and the Carolinas Legacy Foundation based in Charleston, SC, visited UNCW Fisher Center to speak with the students about the historical ties between the Carolinas and

Barbados. They were intrigued with the family names found throughout the South Carolina city, now Rhoda's home, that marked the connections dating back to the 1600s.



Rhoda Green at the Fisher Student Center



Fudan University & UWI students at Federal Court House

Doncaster Video is Live

A short video on Doncaster produced by the Doncaster Chamber in partnership with the Doncaster Municipal Authority can be viewed from a link on the SCAW website "Sister Cities" page. The video highlights Doncaster's major assets, particularly as a transportation hub for the region. Amazon has been adding jobs to the region for the past ten years.

In addition to the economic benefits, its historic sites, sports teams and thriving arts and cultural scene are featured. Internationally known One Direction band member, Louis Tomlin, is a native of Doncaster and recently chose his hometown to shoot a music video to help promote awareness of the city.

SCI Holds its Annual Meeting in Aurora

Over 500 Sister City supporters gathered in Aurora, Colorado for the 2018 Annual Meeting/Conference. Extra day sessions included two special tracks. The NextGen/Entrepreneurship track focused on several topics relevant to this subgroup from women's leadership to sports diplomacy. The Silk Road track focused on working in the region including an overview from former ambassador to Krgyzstan John O'Keefe.

Citizen to Citizen Diplomacy Honor Roll

SCAW attempts to involve as many people and institutions as possible to achieve its mission in Wilmington and the international community. We want to recognize the individuals and groups that have made a contribution in the past calendar quarter through their active participation or support of a Sister City program activity.

Scott Czechlewski	Theresa Everett
Marilyn Cantarella	Smithfield Chicken & BBQ
Peggy Rosoff	UNCW-OIP
Chad Fan	George Schell
Maria Goudiss	Songzi Li
Ingrid Corbi	Rhoda Green
San Pedro Mayor & Council	
Dr. Ed Paul	
Wilmington Mayor & Council	



Daniel Pearl
WORLD MUSIC DAYS

Sister Cities invites you to an evening of music, song, and dance on October 21 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary in downtown Wilmington. The event features Staghorn Starlings (Molly & Ozzie Darden), Dance Theatre of Dreams, Lesa Rogers Broadhead, B'Nai Israel Kavanotes, Marva Robinson & Tirah Phillips (Soprano), Danijela Zezelj-Gualdi (Violin), Elizabeth Loparits (Piano), Stephanie Perrin & Clyde Edgerton. The concert is free and a family-friendly event (donations appreciated). Doors open at 5:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 21** – You won't want to miss the 2018 Peace Concert at the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary (see above).
- Nov 3** – * Annual UNCW I-Fest on our print calendar has been cancelled due to Hurricane Florence.
- Nov 8** – International Filmmakers Welcome Luncheon will be held at The Basics from 12:00 to 1:30 PM immediately following the Global Perspectives Program *Members only event
- Nov 11** – Save the date for our fabulous "Movie and a Dinner" event in conjunction with Cucalorus. Invitations will arrive in your mailbox before Halloween. 🎃