

2019 Financial Statement (unaudited)

Fund Balance 12/31/18	\$12,328
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Memberships	\$ 841
Grants (Public Support)	\$ 1,000
Contributions	\$ 175
Special Events	\$ 88
Net increase in cash	\$ 2,104
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Administration	\$ 731
Grants/Stipends	\$ 511
Special Events	\$ 45
Total expenditures	\$
1.,287	
Net increase/decrease in cash	\$ 817
Fund Balance 12/31/19	\$ 13,145

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

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Screening of Ai Wei Wei's film "Human Flow"



Mayor Saffo engages with international student



Joe Hou cooking class at the Arboretum

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## **SNAPSHOT OF 2019**

*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 SCI 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.*

*We have a great year planned beginning with a special program on Barbados and the Carolinas as part of today's Annual Meeting. Sister Cities will be traveling to Doncaster in June in recognition of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower and the role of the City's own William Bradford, whose journals preserved the story of the separatists' arrival in the New World. We have reached out to the local government in Glasgow, Scotland to explore areas of cooperation between our cities in response to an interest originating with the local Scottish Society. We have invited aspiring young filmmakers (ages 13-22) to complete a short film on the environment for inclusion in the Global Perspectives program at Cucalorus 26 and we end the year with the Daniel Pearl World Music Days Peace Concert which has been moved to December.*

*If you believe in this mission, 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 last year.*

*Marilyn Cantarella, President*

**CELEBRATED** Chinese New Year to highlight Chinese culture with Sister City members and guests at Szechuan 132.

**HOSTED A BREXIT DISCUSSION** at City Hall in partnership with the NC Foreign Trade Promotion Council for the business community and an evening program for the general community to broaden our understanding of the status of Brexit and its implications for UK citizens living at home and abroad. UK Trade representative, Andrew Terrell, a keynote speaker on the Brexit Panel in 2017, returned to Wilmington for the program.

**ARRANGED A FAREWELL RECEPTION** for the 2018-19 UNCW international students at City Hall.

**PARTNERED WITH THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE UN ASSOCIATION** to offer a free screening for the community of Ai Wei Wei's amazing documentary "Human Flow" drawing attention to the global refugee crisis.

**HOSTED A SPECIAL PROGRAM ON ASIAN COOKING** to examine the ways in which food and culture intersect. Joseph Hou demonstrated classic Chinese cooking techniques while explaining the regional differences and food traditions of China.

**HOSTED** a luncheon for international filmmakers representing England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, and Canada during the Cucalorus International Film Festival.

**PROMOTED OUR SISTER CITIES** by participating in the University of North Carolina International Festival.