

2017 Financial Statement (unaudited)

Fund Balance 12/31/16 (adjusted fig.)	\$11,363.69
REVENUE	
Memberships	\$ 440
Grants (Public Support)	\$ 1,000
Contributions	\$ 265.
Special Events	\$ 986
Net increase in cash	\$ 2,691
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 415
Grants/Stipends	\$ 1,407
Special Events	\$ 450.
Total expenditures	\$ 2,272
Net increase/decrease in cash	(\$ 419)
Fund Balance 12/31/17	\$ 11,782

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

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UNCW– Office of International Programs at student reception



Mayor & Council Greet Dandong Visitors at City Hall



Mayor Pro Tem Haynes & Mayor Guerrero Discuss Street & Roads

2017 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 opportunity for international partnerships for citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations. “The mission of SCA 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 communities in Wilmington and surrounding counties.

In 2018 the Sister Cities Association of Wilmington will continue to develop activities supporting its mission, such as, youth programs, hosting international visitors, economic development, and cultural events. We have a great year planned beginning with a special program on the centennial marking the end of World War as part of today’s Annual Meeting, and invite everyone to join the special ceremonies that will be held at 11:00 AM on November 11, 2018 at the State Capital in Raleigh. Wilmington will be hosting the eastern region of North Carolina’s Sister Cities International members for its spring conference.. We finish up the year with our involvement in Cucalorus Film Festival again and have a busy schedule planned in between.

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, we want to hear your ideas and suggestions on what we might do to increase the impact on promoting peace and understanding.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow board members for their time, efforts, and support during 2017..

Charles Blanton

President

SNAPSHOT OF 2017

CELEBRATED Chinese New Year to highlight Chinese culture at Szechuan 132.

HOSTED AND RECORDED an international panel discussion on both the drivers and implications of the Brexit referendum. A media expert from London and the newly appointed UK trade representative to the Southeast region participated, the former via Skype. A local expert on Great Britain’s political and cultural history rounded out the panel.

SENT A DELEGATION TO SAN PEDRO to recognize the tenth anniversary of the twinning of our cities and discuss ways in which we could collaborate in the future. A local physician in Wilmington donated medical supplies to the clinic in San Pedro.

ARRANGED A FAREWELL RECEPTION for the 2016-17 international students at City hall.

HOSTED A DELEGATION from Dandong as part of their US itinerary, which included a presentation by New Hanover Regional Medical Center on services to medically at-risk members of the community, formal presentation of 30 year anniversary plaque, lunch with Mayor & Council members, a narrated water tour of downtown and the north end marina.

ORGANIZED an Eagles Island Water Tour narrated by local historian and Gullah expert, John Haley, to inform the community about the regions ties to Barbados.

FREE SCREENING for the community of the “Last Emperor of China,” and presentation by a local student on his experiences in Dandong during his summer break.

HOSTED a luncheon for international filmmakers representing England, Scotland, Spain, and Canada during the Cucalorus International Film Festival.

PARTICIPATED in UNCW Intercultural Fest to raise awareness of Wilmington’s sister cities.