

2018 Financial Statement (unaudited)

Fund Balance 12/31/17	\$11,782
REVENUE	
Memberships	\$ 841
Grants (Public Support)	\$ 2,000
Contributions	\$ 631.
Special Events	<u>\$ 778</u>
Net increase in cash	\$ 4,250
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 708
Grants/Stipends	\$ 2,250
Special Events	<u>\$ 746.</u>
Total expenditures_	\$ 3,704
Net increase/decrease in cash	\$ 545
Fund Balance 12/31/18	\$ 12,328

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

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Councilman O'Grady visits with international student



Commemoration of the Centennial of the end of WWI



'Wavin' Flag 2018 Peace Concert  
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## **SNAPSHOT OF 2018**

*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 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 Brexit and its implications for the UK as well as the rest of Europe as part of today's Annual Meeting. Sister Cities will be partnering with the local UN Chapter to screen the documentary, "Human Flow," by Chinese artist Ai Wei Wei in the fall. We have reached out to our sister city in Barbados to encourage one of its prominent artists to attend the 2019 No Boundaries Art Colony, and hope to finalize plans for a youth soccer tournament between San Pedro and Wilmington. 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 thoughts and suggestions on moving forward.*

*Finally, I wish to thank my fellow board members for their time, efforts, and support last year. I want to give special recognition to Charles who enlisted in the US Army Reserves last summer, Kerry who has moved on in her career path with PPD, and Peggy whose term is up in 2019.*

*Marilyn Cantarella, President*

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

**HOSTED A TRAVELING EXHIBITION** at City Hall on North Carolina's contributions to the Great War. At the Annual Meeting, Lt. Col. (Ret) Sion Harrington III spoke to the community on the history of the Tar Heel state and WWI giving an in-depth recollection of ways in which NC, including many from the City of Wilmington, served its country.

**HOSTED EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING OF SCI MEMBERS** to exchange ideas and share best practices with other sister city groups.

**ARRANGED A FAREWELL RECEPTION** for the 2017-18 UNCW international students at City Hall.

**NC SECRETARY OF STATE** visited San Pedro and was met by a delegation of city officials where she learned about ways in which the two cities have benefited from the partnership over a decade of cooperation. Arrangements were made through the SCAW and the Honorary Consul, Dr. Ed Paul.

**AWARDED A SMALL GRANT** to aid University of West Indies (Cavehill, Barbados) students to attend a summer session at the Cameron School of Business (UNCW). Special events were also organized to welcome the international students and introduce them to Southern culture.

**PEACE THROUGH MUSIC CONCERT** featured eight different performers/groups and ended with a tribute to the Symphony for United Nations founder, the late Joe Egger. The words music and song spoke to the universal desire for a peaceful world where people of different races, religions and beliefs can get along.

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

**PROMOTING OUR SISTER CITIES** uploaded a video produced by the Doncaster Chamber of Commerce and the Doncaster Municipal Authority highlighting the regions major assets for economic development to our website.