



**Forward Motion Dance  
Company Photo: L. McGrath**



**The Frog Project  
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**PVUMC GLOW Hand Mimes  
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# 2014 Annual Report

Sister Cities Association of Wilmington

North Carolina

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## 2014 Financial Statement (unaudited)

Fund Balance 12/31/13	\$ 9,218
REVENUE	
Memberships	\$ 975
Grants (Public Support)	\$ 1,343
Contributions	\$ 282
Special Events	<u>\$ 898</u>
Net increase in cash	\$ 3,498
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 801
Grants/Stipends	\$ 800
Special Events	<u>\$ 2,002</u>
Total expenditures	\$ 3,603
Net increase/decrease in cash	\$ ( 105)
Fund Balance 12/31/14	\$ 9,113

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

*Max Allen  
 Angie's Catering  
 David Kesler  
 Laura Blair  
 Christina Brier  
 Sara Bryant  
 PJ Bolduc  
 Marilyn Cantarella  
 Cape Fear Community College  
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 Denis Carter  
 Sterling Cheatham  
 Yixen Chen  
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 Tracy Corle  
 Paul Cozza  
 Scott Czechlewski  
 Suzuki Talent Education of Wilmington  
 Phil Davis  
 Beth Dawson  
 Denise Di Puccio  
 Elijah's Restaurant  
 Linda Estep  
 Forward Motion Dance Company  
 Qian Fan  
 Maria Goudiss  
 Jenni Harris  
 Margaret Haynes  
 Kim Hufham  
 Patrick Hogan  
 Krista Holland  
 Joseph Hou  
 Qian Fan  
 Lorraine Westermark  
 Wilmington Celebration Choir  
 UNCW-OIP*

*John G. Hayes  
 Amanda & Darrell Irwin  
 David Kesler  
 Peter Laurie  
 Diane Levy  
 Autumn Mc Gimsey  
 Linsey Mc Grath  
 Jack Manock  
 Shantal Martin  
 Pat Marriott  
 Fenton Maxwell  
 Joy Murrell  
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 Jon Rosborough  
 St. Mary Church  
 Mayor Bill Saffo  
 Penny Sidbury-Spicer  
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 Randy Shackelford  
 Slice of Life Pizza  
 George Schell  
 Szechuan 132  
 Dale Smith  
 Chamber of Commerce  
 Rosemary Toumey  
 Tony Ventimiglia  
 Eric Alexander Wade  
 Rx Restaurant  
 Riverboat Landing  
 The Greeks*

*Dear Members and Friends:*

*With everything going on in the world these days, it makes the work that the Sister Cities Association does more important than ever. We 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 in Wilmington. And the mission statement of Sister Cities International likewise, is even more pertinent to these times, "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 communities in Wilmington and surrounding counties.*

*In 2015 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 spring lecture planned on "Remembering Churchill," love him or hate him; he was without a doubt an interesting man who had enormous influence throughout the world. 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 2014.*

*Sincerely,*

*Fenton Maxwell*

*Snapshot of 2014*

***CELEBRATED*** Chinese New Year to highlight Chinese culture at Szechuan 132. Participated in UNCW Intercultural Fest to raise awareness of Wilmington's sister cities.

***HOSTED*** a lecture and dinner program on the impact of the Beatles on American culture in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the iconic British group's first performance in the US.

***REPRESENTED*** Wilmington at the first US-China Sister Cities Conference in Washington, DC..

***HOSTED*** a delegation from Barbados in honor of the tenth anniversary of the twinning agreement.. The delegation met with representatives of local government, UNCW, CFCC, the State Ports, ILM, the NHC Tourism Authority, and the Gregory School; in addition to touring the city and nearby beaches.

***FACILITATED*** a tri-lateral exchange between Wilmington and secondary schools in China & Poland centered on math skills.

***HOSTED*** a film and dinner program, "A Day in Bajan Life" along with the premier screening of the locally produced short film by SCAW on Bridgetown.

***HOSTED*** a lecture and dinner program on the China's Twelve Year Plan focusing on economic development activities and the challenges it faces.

***HOSTED*** the third Peace through Music Concert ; a special performance by Barbados soprano, Shantal Martin was included in the program.

***PROVIDED*** assistance in coordinating a visit to Wilmington by a delegation from Chengdu, China.

***HOSTED*** a luncheon for international filmmakers representing England, Scotland, Israel, the Ukraine, Australia, and Canada during the Cucalorus International Film Festival.