

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

2020 Financial Statement (unaudited)

Fund Balance 12/31/19	\$13,145
REVENUE	
Memberships	\$ 781
Grants (Public Support)	\$ 1,000
Contributions	\$ 215
Special Events	\$ —
Net increase in cash	\$ 1,996
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 1,134
Grants/Stipends	\$ 225
Special Events	\$ —
Total expenditures	\$ 1,359
Net increase/decrease in cash	\$ 637
Fund Balance 12/31/20	\$ 13,782

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Dandong gauche painting on rice paper circa 1990s



Jack Fryar shares history of the early Cape Fear settlers



Caribbean Chicken Pelau prepared in Wilmington kitchen

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SNAPSHOT OF 2020

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.

While the banner year of events that were planned in 2020 did not materialize including the delegation to our sister city, Doncaster, there have been other accomplishments in this challenging time. Wilmington and Charleston joined together to deliver a virtual program on the settling of the Carolinas. In lieu of a live program we were fortunate to have former diplomat, Peter Laurie and his son Chris, share their culinary talents from their home kitchen in Barbados to make Caribbean style chicken pelau. We were able to preserve and frame original folk art paintings from Dandong and provided humanitarian aid to help families in San Pedro experiencing food insecurity as a result of the pandemic.

While the global public health crisis is not quite over we have planned some great programs in 2021. We are pleased to announce an international panel will convene virtually on Earth Day 2021 to discuss mitigation strategies addressing climate resilience, and a rescheduled Daniel Pearl World Music Days Peace Concert which will now be in person this October.

If you believe in our mission, created from the vision of President Eisenhower, 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 during a very difficult year. Collectively they gave meaning to the expression "we are in this together."

Marilyn Cantarella, President

PRESENTED the itinerary for the planned June delegation to our sister city, Doncaster, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower. *This trip will be rescheduled as appropriate.

CELEBRATED Chinese New Year to highlight Chinese culture with Sister City members and guests at Szechuan 132. The family style dinner was the last in-person event for the year due to Covid19.

HOSTED A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION at to celebrate the 350 anniversary of the settling of Charleston by the colonists after arriving from Barbados. Jack Fryar, local historian and author, spoke based on his book the Charles Town on the Cape Fear. A documentary film on the settling of Charleston available through Public Broadcasting was recommended viewing prior to the presentation.

HOSTED A VIRTUAL PROGRAM ON CARIBBEAN COOKING to examine the ways in which food and culture intersect. Peter Laurie and his son Chris, shared local culture and methods for preparing chicken pelau Barbados style. Participants were able to prepare the dish in their home kitchens while learning about regional ingredients in the Caribbean.

RESPONDED to a request from the Ambergris Caye Rotary Club to help with their efforts to reduce food insecurity in San Pedro as their entire economy shut down for most of the year due to the closing of its borders.

PRESERVED AND FRAMED original folk art paintings from Dandong representing family life and local traditions with the help of two local artists in Wilmington..