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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

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The aim of the club is to foster friendship and understanding among people of different nations and to support charities that assist women and children.

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Happy Earth Day! The first Earth Day - April 22nd - was celebrated almost 50 years ago as a response to over industrialization and careless disregard for the environment. We have made a lot of progress since then and Mother Earth thanks us. Most of us can remember when the concept of recycling was virtually unknown except that you had to wear all your older sister's clothes. Now, we often have more in our recycling bins than in the trash. New York City is even closing off six different sections of Broadway to be used as pedestrian zones for the day. It goes to show what can be accomplished if consciousness is raised. In a way, that is what we are doing at IWCNE. We are raising awareness that throughout the world, spanning cultures and religions, we are all more alike than we are different. Our speakers and members have reported about people from Africa to South America to Asia - all of whom are striving to make a living and live in peace, as echoed by Gwyneth's talk on Peace Day. Like taking care of the environment, it doesn't happen overnight, but we must continue to move in the right direction.

Lucille Gentsch

## CHARITY RECIPIENTS FOR 2017

The selection committee has chosen three deserving charities to be 2017 IWCNE charity recipients. All offer important services to people in need, and our donations will help them continue the good work.

The **Amenyo Foundation** was founded by James Christensen and has been working with the people of Kpenoe, Ghana for almost 20 years. Projects have included building, providing clean water, helping set up employment opportunities, and raising money for scholarships. Our goal is to raise money to help one girl continue her education from the 10th grade through college or vocational school. Those who have received scholarships in the past have returned to support their village, and we know education is the key to the future.

**Footprints Food Pantry** has been serving residents in Kittery, Kittery Point, and Eliot since 1992. They make available a weekly food supply for 100-120 needy families. It is run by all volunteers, and is very efficient in distributing food in their location, as well as in deliveries to homes. Our donation will be used to improve facilities for storing supplies.

**Lydia's House of Hope** is a home for homeless women and their children. In addition to a welcoming place to stay and nutritious meals, they will receive full support from professionals in setting and achieving goals to prepare them for finding a home and living independently when they leave. It is a very ambitious project, but the group setting it up has a long history of helping the homeless. The plan is for women to stay one year, but they may stay longer and will continue to receive support services.

I hope this will give all our members the incentive to support our fundraising efforts!  
Charline Ludgate

**A Note from our Founder...** Merci, Vielen Dank, Thank you to President Lucille and her 2016 Executive Board for a work well done with Dignity and Joy including helping many people on the way. Best wishes to all for a Healthy, Happy 2017.

Anna Kristina Sawtelle (IWCNE founded January 1992)

(This message was inadvertently left out of the earlier newsletters, but the good wishes are gratefully accepted by the board)

## Board of Directors 2017

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The fifth meeting of 2017 will be on May 8th, 10 AM at Sentry Hill. Note: Next newsletter submissions will also be on or before this date. The newsletter will be sent to the members who request them. However, they will continue to be posted on our website:

[WWW.IWCNE.NET](http://WWW.IWCNE.NET)

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As so many of our dear members have left us, with each one's final departure we reflect on the friendship they have given us and all the work they performed to foster IWCNE's future and our Mission.

I first met Marilyn many years ago, when she worked in the dress shop next to Ogunquit Camera shop. If I remember correctly, Betty Williams brought her into the Club. As we now bid Marilyn a final farewell and thank you, I also wish for her the eternal rest in peace. Lovingly, Anna Kristina Sawtelle



Celebrating Marilyn Barnett's 90th Birthday at last September IWCNE luncheon

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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**WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE YOU JOIN US**

**IWCNE BOOK CLUB**

**Date: Tuesday, April 25 at 2:00 PM**

**Book:** Swing Time

**Author:** Zadie Smith

**Hostess:** Polly Coletti. Pls call hostess if you can attend: 813-633-2987

**Date: Tuesday, May 27 at 2:00 PM**

**Book:** When Breath Becomes Air

**Author:** Paul Kalanithi

**Hostess:** Barb Poulin. Pls call if you can attend 207-337-2623/barbpoulin@aol.com

**World Cinema**

**Thursday , May 11TH at 3:00 PM**

York Senior Ctr., Rt. 1A, York Beach, ME.

2016 film about Uganda: **Queen of Katwe**, directed by Mira Nair. A Disney movie based on a vibrant true story starring Lupita Nyong'o and David Oyelowo. A Ugandan girl's life changes forever when she discovers she has an amazing talent for chess, in this celebration of the human spirit. Please call Barb Poulin if you plan to attend: 207-337-2623

**Treasurer's Report-April 10, 2017**

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Administrative Account | \$ 3,373.16        |
| Charity Account        | \$ 1,377.28        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>          | <b>\$ 4,750.44</b> |

Barb Poulin, Treasurer

**MAY CALENDAR**

Apr 25 Book Club  
 May 06 May Pot Luck  
 May 08 IWCNE Board Meeting  
 May 11 World Cinema  
 May 15 Holiday Fair Meeting  
 May 15 Francophone Luncheon  
 May 20 IWCNE Luncheon  
 May 27 Book Club  
**June 25th Save the Date! Fashion Show**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

02 Joanne Jacobs  
 30 Jay Anderton

**LES CHANTEUSES**

We continue to entertain throughout York County at Sentry Hill, Kennebunk Nursing Center, Vaney's Crossing, Huntington Common, Durgin Pines. Please join us! Call Ellen Farber for details: 207-251-1746 and sing, sing, sing!!!

**FRANCOPHONE**

We welcome new members who are able to converse in French. The next luncheon will be at noon, Monday, May 15th. Please contact Shona Taplin at downpat26@comcast.net for more information or if you are interested in attending this luncheon.

**MAY POT LUCK**

Enjoy festive cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and cherry crepes at the home of Lynn Pahland on Saturday, May 6th from 5 to 7 PM. All are welcome. Please contact Lynne Gass at 207-490-1391, 207-607-1305 or lgass@metrocast.net if you are able to attend.

**FASHION SHOW - JUST 2 MONTHS AWAY**

Coming soon is our Fundraising Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday, June 25 at the Wentworth By the Sea Country Club, Rye, NH. Fashions from PJ's Unique Peek, Kennebunk, ME, will be modeled by our own club members. The fundraiser will benefit Lydia's House, Somersworth, NH, FootPrints Food Pantry, Kittery, ME, and Ameny, Alton Bay, NH. Join us for a delightful program, delicious food, and great raffle items. Any questions? Call Ellen O'Toole 207-439-3172.



**2017 HOLIDAY FAIR - NOVEMBER 5TH**

The Holiday Fair planning is underway, but we still need volunteers! Please get in touch with Ellen Farber at 207-251-1746 or email musicaellen@yahoo.com for information about joining the workforce! The next Holiday Fair will be Monday, May 15th at 4 PM at Ellen Farber's House

**SUPPLIES FOR AMENYO**

James Christensen will be taking a group to Ghana this summer, and they plan to take supplies. We are asking IWCNE members to bring school supplies, to be included on the trip, to our May luncheon on May 20th. Suggestions: pens, pencils, rulers, markers, crayons, classical literature. The latter would include works by Shakespeare, enduring classics by American & English writers. Do not include paper, which adds weight.

**Reservation Deadline: May 13th**

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM, Saturday, May 20th**

**The Nonatum Resort, 93 Ocean Avenue, Kennebunkport, ME 04046**

You can text or call **207-229-8785** and pay at the door or send a check for **\$28.00** to:

IWCNE, PO Box 351, Cape Neddick, ME. 03902

You will receive a confirmation of your reservation

**Social Time: 11:00 AM, Meeting: 11:30 AM, Lunch at Noon followed by program**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Reminder: Cancellations need to be 7 Days before luncheon or you will be asked to pay.**

**MAY LUNCHEON BUFFET**

Chef's Kettle of Soup, Green Garden Salad with Ranch & Maple Balsamic Vinaigrette,

House Ranch Potato Salad with Bacon & Fresh Dill

Mesquite Smoked Turkey, Blackforest Ham, Tuna Salad

Cheddar, Baby Swiss, Provolone Sliced Cheeses, Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion & Pickles

Cheese Tortellini & Grilled Vegetable Salad with Roasted Tomato Vinaigrette, Assorted Breads, Rolls & Wraps

Lemon Bars & PB&J Blondies, Coffee and Tea

**If you are in need of transportation to the luncheon, please contact Deborah Forster at 310-749-8356**

**MAY LUNCHEON PROGRAM**

**Speaker: Susan Roche, Executive Director of ILAP, (Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project)**

As Maine's Executive Director, Susan Roche will describe her work and how ILAP helps low-income immigrants improve their legal status and works for more just and humane laws and policies affecting immigrants. ILAP services include: 1) Clinics to help people understand, fill out, document, file and follow their immigration applications; 2) Assisting asylum seekers to find lawyers through its Asylum Pro Bono Panel; 3) Education and outreach programs to organizations and service providers on a range of immigration topics; 4) Offering extended attorney consultations on immigration legal issues for all those who have gone through the intake process.

**Join us for an insightful discussion and the latest national and state developments on this timely topic.**

**TODAY'S LUNCHEON PROGRAM:**

**Robert Stevens, Esteemed educator and historian of the lifetime achievements and works of Winston Spencer Churchill**

Robert Stevens, as the former principal of York High School for over 37 years, and the longest serving secondary school principal in the entire country, is a local legend.

However, his love affair with Churchill began over 43 years ago when he began sharing history books with two YHS educators who served in WWII. Bob began by reading Churchill's four volume work of WWI and since then has read all his major works, plus more than 50 biographies, including the official one (over 17 volumes). In 1990, Bob was privileged to represent the Harvard Principals Center at Oxford University, where he was treated to many private tours of Churchill's haunts. As a member of the International Churchill Organization for over 35 years, the IWCNE is most fortunate to hear Bob share his expertise on one of the most memorable and remarkable statesman of our time,



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## Yearly Luncheon Calendar– 2017

JANUARY 28  
FEBRUARY 25  
MARCH 25  
APRIL 22  
MAY 20  
JUNE 21 (Wed)  
JULY 26 (Wed)  
AUGUST 23 (Wed)  
SEPTEMBER 23  
NOVEMBER 18

The Board strongly encourages members to attend the monthly meetings, which are integral to IWCNE. Luncheons promote friendship, introduce new members, provide information about club activities as well as furthering our mission of understanding the diversity of cultures in our country and throughout the world. It is also your opportunity to invite friends who can learn about the club and its various programs and projects.

### MARCH LUNCHEON REPORT

The "Patricias"



At the business meeting two important upcoming events were announced to be June 25th at Wentworth by the Sea Country Club and the 25th Jubilee on October 12th at the Colony in Kennebunkport.

Three representatives of the Neighborhood Network spoke to us - all of whom described the origins of the program and the services offered to members which range from help installing grab bars to playing Mahjong. Ms Smith, herself a member, explained how her experiences as a pastor showed her that isolation is a threat for older people. Ms Doucette, a volunteer at Neighborhood Network said they offer three important things: hands-on help, companionship, and, lastly, peace of mind.

### MARCH SNAPSHOT FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Gwyneth Wykes presented a short talk on Peace Day. There are many different "peace days" on different dates around the world but, no matter where or when it is celebrated, it is the same fervent desire. Gwyneth told us of her experiences during the bombing of Coventry in World War II and how meaningful peace was when it finally came. She also spoke of the reconciliation between Germany and England in the rebuilding of the Coventry and Dresden Cathedrals.

