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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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February is one of my favorite months, but at the start it didn't promise to be kind. The cases of Covid were at an all-time high, more aggressive strains of the virus were appearing, vaccines were not easily available, temperatures dropped, and I fractured my patella in three places which means I have not been able to drive.

On the bright side, we have longer hours of daylight, February is the last full month of winter, Covid cases are dropping, vaccines are becoming more available, my fracture is healing better than expected, and temperatures are rising.

But, the best part of this February is that I once again came to realize how valuable the women of IWCNE are to one another. As soon as they heard about my injury I got calls to see how I was doing, food was dropped off at my door, and I have a long list of people who are willing to drive me for appointments, I couldn't be more grateful,

We are moving forward with our activities and plans for the year. This week we selected our 2021 charities (see page 3). And we will be having another Cocktail Hour get together. Our next monthly meeting is on March 27. Plans are made for a St. Patrick's day party on March 17. Please see details on page 2 and please plan to join us for good food and fun!

Stay healthy and happy!

Mariene Benoit

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The next board meeting will be Mar. 10. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Mariene Benoit.

The newsletter will be sent to those members who request it. As always it can be downloaded on our website:

www.iwcne.net

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Dues Reminder

Dues:

Membership dues will be cut back to \$20.00 for 2021 ONLY. Dues are payable no later than January 1, 2021. Checks are to be made payable to IWCNE, and mailed to Yvonne Chainey, IWCNE Membership, 58 Harding Rd , Portsmouth, NH 03801 Or you may use PayPal through our website www.iwcne.net

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Zoom Party!

Wed, March 17 - Dinner Pickup 12 - 2 and Zoom at 5 PM - Price: \$35



Because we still cannot safely have a party, we will celebrate with a fundraising "box dinner". It will be catered by "For the Love of Food and Drink" and will include a choice of main dish - 1. Beef Shepherd's Pie, 2. Colcannon (vegetarian), 3. Corned beef with root vegetables, or 4. Irish beef stew, AND a green salad, Irish soda bread, and a Guinness cupcake!. We will also include a few surprises in the package including Irish Coffee and a fun trivia quiz!

You must reserve and pre-pay by Thursday, March 11.

FIRST Contact Lynne lynnegass123@gmail.com or 207-607-1305 and specify your meal choice.

THEN you can send a check to Lynne Gass (31 Malden Ave., Sanford, ME 04073) or pay by PayPal <http://www.iwcne.net/Files/Pages/Events.html> \$35 for 1 meal, \$70 for 2 etc.

The dinners will be delivered to three houses like we did for the December party and home delivery can be arranged. The pick-up points will be Cindy Sayers in Kennebunk, Mariene Benoit in Wells/Moody and Ellen O'Toole in Kittery. Directions will be sent closer to the date.

At 5PM we will meet on Zoom. We will listen to music and get the answers to the trivia game. Each person who attends the Zoom party will get a chance to introduce themselves and tell us why they enjoy "wearin' the green".

AS USUAL at our St Patty's fundraisers, spouses, significant others, family members, friends welcome!! Please plan on joining us and ordering one (or more) dinners to celebrate, enjoy, and **help our charity account**. The dinners are plentiful and will come in containers that you can even freeze for later.



The pot of gold at the end of this rainbow is how good you will feel knowing that you have participated in something fun while helping our community!!



New Basket Raffle

Nancy Worthley, Angela LeBlanc, and Marion McAuliffe have prepared a Spring/Passover/Easter basket!! This basket is full of lovely seasonal items and contains 2 \$50 gift cards.

Send your checks for raffle tickets - \$10 a piece - made out to IWCNE to Cindy Sayers, 34 Fletcher St, Kennebunk, ME 04043. OR you can pay on the website through PayPal - all you need is a credit card! Go to www.iwcne.net and click on EVENTS. A payment choice will be raffle tickets. Please enter your entire sum of \$40 for 4 tickets rather than 4 separate transactions, for example.

Drawing will be at the March 27th monthly meeting. GOOD LUCK

WORLD CINEMA— VIEWING TIPS



Three choices all on Netflix:

-United States/Germany: *Unorthodox* a 2020 TV miniseries: A young woman brought up in an ultra-Orthodox community in Brooklyn's Williamsburg district strikes out for Berlin, leaving behind an arranged marriage and a tight-knit faith community in part to pursue her goal discovering her own path.

-from France: *Lupin*, a series of 8 episodes featuring a criminal mastermind based on a favorite book from a century ago; zippy but not too violent.

-A comedy you may or may not find amusing: *The Kominsky Method*, a 2018-2019 series featuring Michael Douglas as an aging actor who long ago enjoyed a brush with fame, now making his living as an acting coach. Alan Arkin playing his closest friend. (No subtitles)

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is alive and well, however, as you can imagine, our timeline is up in the air. Our activities will be based on the weather, the covid vaccine coverage and the willingness of our members to feel safe to participate. I welcome your help and ideas. That said, in April, as promised, we have already scheduled a potting party with Joanne's Gardens. Lynne Gass and I will be meeting to poll our vendors in a letter asking if they would be willing to have a Craft Fair outside at our beloved First Parish Church in York in August. I do believe we have the blessings and the good will of that Church at every fair we've had there, no matter how cozy it gets. Ellen O'Toole is thrilled at the idea of having an indoor fashion show in November so we can have space between both events. So, with your patience ladies, we hope to recover and look forward to in person fundraisers as the Spring approaches and help us to socialize and heal from this year's challenging events.

Yours in sisterhood and fun,
Ellen Farber

2021 IWCNE CHARITIES SELECTED!

Because of our robust fundraising during COVID-19 in 2020, the 2021 Charity Selection Committee remains positive in the belief that our strong fundraising will continue as we work our way through the continuing Pandemic. Given that there were many worthy charities this year, the committee decided to pick four to support in 2021.



Youth Journalism International: connects student writers, artists and photographers with peers around the globe, teaches journalism, fosters cross-cultural understanding, and defends a free youth press. They teach students about reporting, writing, storytelling and ethics using real world experience. Students primarily learn by doing the work. <https://youthjournalism.org>

Oyster River Womenade: located in Durham NH provides assistance to community members in times of hardship. They assist when no other resources are available, helping community members through short term crises, whether paying for heat, or rent, or a car repair, their help keep difficult situations from getting worse. www.orwomenade.org



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FindingOurVoices

Finding our Voices - Breaking the Silence of Domestic Abuse

This organization marshals survivor voices (from 18 to 81 years old) to educate everyone about the complexity, insidiousness and pervasiveness of domestic abuse, to help girls and women recognize, avoid, safely leave and heal from dangerous relationships; and to bring about systemic change for more accountability to the perpetrator and more justice and safety for women and children. <https://findingourvoices.net>

Grahamtastic Connection: provides free technology to children with cancer and other serious illnesses to support their education, as well as their social and emotional well-being. Technology, including iPads, laptops, robots and Internet access, enables our children to continue their education during treatment while also remaining connected to family, friends and medical providers. www.grahamtastic.org



As we step up to the challenge of supporting 4 charities this year, there is one other small but worthy charity we will support in the fall of this year. IWCNE members will have the opportunity to fulfill wishes from the **Giving Tree of Rangeley Maine.** We will provide more information on this charity in the months to come.

Please support our generous sponsors.



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MEETINGS/ LUNCHEONS Calendar- 2021*

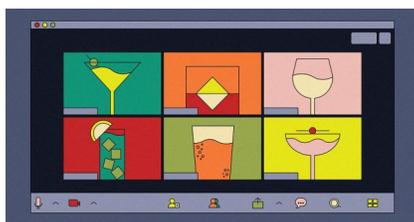
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JUNE 26
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AUGUST 28
SEPTEMBER 25
OCTOBER 23
NOVEMBER 20

*Subject to change.

Treasurer's Report Feb 2021

Charity Account \$1010
Admin Account \$5780
CD Account \$5019.23

Anne Supenia



Please join one of our virtual cocktail get-togethers on Zoom! Make yourself a cocktail or pour a glass of wine or a soft drink and join the Zoom meeting. This is a purely social event.

Date: Friday, March 26th

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: your home

If you are interested in joining the meeting please contact Charline at (207) 439-8884 or ccludgate@comcast.net

March Birthdays

01 Margareta Claesson, Cindy Sayers	14 Jane Bagnell
02 Shona Taplin Mangion	15 Mariene Benoit
03 Barbara O'Leary, Margo Bradford	17 Sara Samaniego
04 Elsa Connolly	21 Elaine Rohloff
06 Nancy Worthley	22 Heidi Stutz, Evelyn Brown
09 Anna Kristina Sawtelle	27 Monique Zombeck
10 Gwen Knowlton, Nancy Winograd	28 Joanne Young

Membership

Welcome back returning member:

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