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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

Founded in 1992 by Anna Kristina Sawtelle  
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### Message from the President:

Happy New Year! World peace in 2016! Not likely, you say. Perhaps, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try to work towards it nevertheless. One of our missions in IWCNE is "to promote friendship and understanding among people of different nations." This is certainly a step in the right direction and we will continue our efforts during the coming year through programs and activities which expand our knowledge of ourselves and others.

Raising money for charities which benefit women and children is our second, but, by no means, secondary function. We are already busy planning fundraising activities which cover a wide variety of interest areas – from small, intimate "meals out" (Dining Divas) to big musical bashes (Jeans and Jewels) to public-invited events (Holiday Fair). I encourage each and every one of you to join in organizing and/or attending those activities which interest you in order to get the greatest benefit from the fellowship and purposefulness of our organization.

So, for my first President's Message in my second time as President: Here's to 2016! I wish all of us success and enjoyment in the coming year's pursuits and, yes, I also wish for world peace!



Founder and Past President, Anna Kristina Sawtelle, receiving her US citizenship on January 8, 2016. CONGRATULATIONS!

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The second meeting of 2016 will be on Monday February 8th at 10 AM at Sentry Hill. Note: Next newsletter deadline will be Monday, February 8. Newsletters will be mailed the week following the Monday to all members who did not attend Saturday's luncheon unless they have requested that we not do so. Newsletters will continue to be able to be accessed on our website.

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

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## Membership News

We now have 69 members renewed for 2016!

New Address for Jeanne Griffin: 465 Webhannet Drive, Wells, Maine 04090. Email address still - [jeannegriffin@massmed.org](mailto:jeannegriffin@massmed.org).

The Board of Directors regretfully accepts the health-related resignation of Michele Hovde as Member Chair. We thank her for her devoted service for many years, both in that role and in the invigoration and growth of our French luncheon group. She has graciously hosted our book group many times as well as innumerable committee meetings, new member lunches and coffees and our recent holiday parties and has been a cherished friend to all.

### IWCNE BOOK CLUB

Facilitator: Charline Ludgate

### JAN. BOOK CLUB MEETING

Date: Tuesday, Jan 26 at 6 PM

Book: *Continental Drift*

Authors: Russell Banks

Hostess: Angela Polino

### FEB. BOOK CLUB MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 1 at 6 PM

Book: tbd

Authors: tbd

Hostess: tbd

New members are always welcome.

**Please call the hostess if attending!!**

### **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Jan 26 Book Club at 6

Feb 7 Pot Luck at 5

Feb 8 Board Meeting at 10

Feb 11 World Cinema at 3

Feb 15 Francophone Lunch at 12

Feb 25 Fair Committee Mtg at 10

Feb 27 Club Luncheon at 11

Mar 1 Book Club at 6

Mar 17 St Patrick's Day Party

## Les Chanteuses

We are always interested in welcoming new members. Prerequisite is having fun & wanting to make people smile. We collected \$255 in donations last year for our charities from the various venues at which we performed. During January that included Varney's Crossing, Kennebunk Nursing Center, Sentry Hill, Huntington Common and Durgin Pines. For dates in February, please contact Ellen Farber-Libowitz 207.251.1746

### St. Patrick Day Event

Is set for March 17th. Details will be forthcoming in our February newsletter.

### Francophone Gourmet Circle

The next Francophone luncheon will be at on Monday, February 15 at noon. For more information if you want to attend or join the Francophone group, please contact Shona at [downpat26@comcast.net](mailto:downpat26@comcast.net).

### Dining Divas

Met January 5th at Thai Lotus. Five members attended. Fun was had by all.

### Potlucks

February 7th, Ellen Farber is hosting a "Souper Bowl" potluck dinner at 5PM. Please bring either soup, salad, or dessert. Please RSVP Lynne Gass at 207.490.1391, 207.607.1405 or [lgass@metrocast.net](mailto:lgass@metrocast.net) Not too soon to think about possibly hosting a pot luck fundraiser in 2016 at a date most convenient for you. Explore the possibility with Lynne.

### Holiday Fair Kickoff

The Holiday Fair Kickoff meeting will be Thursday, February 25 at the home of Ellen Farber at 10AM. Please let Ellen know if you can attend. 207-646-8666

### World Cinema Discussion

Date: Thursday, February 11

Time: 3 pm

Place: York Senior Center  
Route 1A York, ME

Ken Burns' 1985 documentary *America: Huey Long*: 88 minutes in length No subtitles. Commentators include historians David McCullough and Arthur Schlesinger, jr, includes footage of Huey Long himself

Please call Barb at [207.337.2623](tel:207.337.2623) if you plan to attend.

### Treasurer's Report

As of January 11, 2016, the Club's Administrative Account balance was \$2,260.90 and the Charity Account \$1036.35 for a total of \$3,297.25. Submitted by *Barb Poulin*, Treasurer

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM SATURDAY February 27, 2016**

**Jonathon's Restaurant, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, ME 207-646-4777**

Reservations Due Friday, February 19. You can email [mmdunnington@gmail.com](mailto:mmdunnington@gmail.com)  
or call 207-967-2187 and pay at door. Or send check for \$25.00 to:

Marge Dunnington  
43 Bayberry Ave., Kennebunk, ME 04043.

**Social Time/Meeting at 11:00**

**Lunch at Noon**

**Speaker: Mary Jo Monusky**

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

Choice of:

Sam Adams Seasonal Beef Stew w/ Potato & Vegetable OR  
Broccoli & Cheese Stuffed Chicken w/Potato & Vegetable  
Both entrées served w/salad, dessert and fresh brewed coffee or tea

**February 27 Speaker/Program:**

**Arts in Reach (AIR)  
Empowers Teenage Girls**

Since 1997 Arts in Reach (AIR), a non-profit based in Portsmouth, NH has been lighting sparks in disadvantaged teenage girls. Mary Jo Monusky, Executive Director of Arts in Reach (AIR) will explain how teenage girls find their voices and passions by expressing themselves through art. AIR helps teens set goals, choose career paths, make friends, and most importantly, find joy in life. Recent research indicates that music, art, dance, drama, writing and singing are what give teens the most joy. Many teens suffering from bullying, depression, anxiety and pain have responded that their involvement in AIR has greatly strengthened their self-confidence and improved their personal skills.

**"Youth are not vessels to be filled, but fires to be lit."**

Join us as Mary Jo Monusky shares the many positive impacts of AIR as the group continues to mentor through the arts, lighting sparks of joy and hope for a better future for disadvantaged teenage girls in the Greater Seacoast!

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## Yearly Luncheon Calendar– 2016

JANUARY 23  
FEBRUARY 27  
MARCH 26  
APRIL 25  
MAY 28  
JUNE 22 (WED.)  
JULY 23  
AUGUST 24 (WED.)  
SEPTEMBER 24  
OCTOBER 22  
NOVEMBER 19

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.

### Mark Your Calendars:

### International Women's Day March 8<sup>th</sup>

Who better to celebrate International Women's Day than the International Women's Club of New England?! We will sponsor an event open to the public to promote our activities and foster international understanding. More information to follow.

### Member Birthdays During February

- 9 Polly Coletti
- 12 Jackie Connerty
- 16 Johanna Mangion



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