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NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Like many of you, for me this is a time of gathering with family and good times together. In July I'm spending my annual time on Monhegan with my son and family and then joining a two day Ludgate celebration of a 50th Wedding Anniversary.

In August my children and I are hosting a reunion of my family, the first full reunion since they were here ten years ago. The oldest of the 4th generation is 15 now, and we've welcomed 6 new arrivals since our last reunion. In 1998 we had 100%, which we won't equal this year, but most are coming. I'm grateful that my children and nieces and nephews and their spouses and children all have a ball together. They always pick up right where they left off at the last gathering, and there is much laughter.

On another subject-I continue to find signs of hope for our country's future through our young people. This week I read about the U.S. Public Service Academy Act, proposed by both sides of the aisle in the Senate and House of Representatives. Since it was introduced, many other Senators and Representatives, as well as other public officials, have added their names to the list. Youth Advisory Councils have been set up in every state to give kids a chance to ask for support. The proposal is to create a college to offer rigorous academics with an emphasis on public service. Tuition would be free in return for 5 years of civilian service after graduation. To learn more you can go to www.uspublicserviceacademy.org.

I know we're all very proud of the money IWCNE has raised for charity, and we all enjoy the social events that generate the funds. Both are the result of hard work from board members and committee chairmen and members of the events. We really need to have some new people "step up to the plate" and help the club to continue its success. If you're interested in serving on the board or on one of the committees, please call Kristine Slater (603-427-0322) or myself (207-439-8884). I hope to hear from you!

Today's Speaker



Jeff Donatello is a graduate from Springfield College and Palmer Chiropractic College, receiving his credentials in 1995. In 2002 he brought his practice to York, Maine. Jeff lives in Eliot with his wife and two daughters.

This is a young man with many skills beyond that of being a chiropractor. He is a writer contributing a bi-monthly column for a local newspaper titled "Fit for Life". He writes about exercise and health with heavy doses of humorous accounts of his personal experiences.

He is an athlete: helicopter skiing, surfing, mountain climbing, and joining his wife Kathleen training for triathlons - a singular feat in itself. The triathlon requires a 1/2 mile swim, 9-18 mile bike ride and then finishes with a 3-mile run.

He is a Motivational Speaker who has earned a reputation as an articulate and informative presenter.

All of this makes him a well-rounded person; he has his priorities in order. Jeff has said, "I intend to be around for my two daughters as they grow up, I also want to be able to have time for other activities, such as bicycling and kayaking. I am not going to let myself become so chained to my practice that I lose sight of what is important in life".

Today he is going to talk to us about "Stress Reduction Techniques in a Crazy World".

Presentation on August 23

RUBIA . . . MENDING AFGHANISTAN STITCH BY STITCH

Rubia is a non-profit organization serving women in Afghanistan, offering them training and income through the sale of their work. Rubia translates the heritage and skills of the Afghan women into sustainable livelihoods.

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The date of the next board meeting to be held at the Conference Room at Sentry Hill is August 11 at 9:30am.

Deadline for the August 2008 Newsletter is Monday, August 11, 2008.

The Newsletter will be mailed the week following the Saturday luncheon. If you cannot attend and do not receive your newsletter in the mail, please leave a message for Dorothy Healy at 207-363-4167. Items submitted are subject to editing, due to space.

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 363-2612 FOR \$10 TICKETS !!!**

Just like individuals, IWCNE is faced with rising administrative costs. Our major source of revenue for these expenses has been annual dues. The biggest expense is the printing and mailing of the newsletter. At our board meeting we discussed some options for “staying in the black”. We will have further discussions, but would like to hear your opinion about our ideas and other suggestions you may have.

Possible Changes:

Raise annual dues to \$35?.

Try new approaches to recruit new members?

Give members the choice of receiving the Newsletter electronically?

Please let us hear from you by calling any board member.

DONATING BOOKS

FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY OF SO. MAINE

We will be bringing books by or about women worldwide to the Women's Studies Program at the University of Southern Maine early in September. If you have books to donate, please plan to bring them to the August luncheon or contact Anna McGann (207-967-4949) or Julie Stathoplos (207-646-3874) to arrange delivering the books to their homes. (Hard cover, soft cover, or paperback books are most welcome. Please leave your name with the books. In the past 8 years, our club has donated 435 books to the University.)

Brick Store Museum

We did not receive enough reservations for this special evening for it to be a viable fund raiser. Members are just too busy with other summer activities. We may reschedule it for the fall. Please let board members know if you would be interested in attending if we plan it for another date.

IWCNE Activities

Please note: We are asking that members give a call to the hostess or facilitator when an event is in someone's home, by no later than the day before for **all** scheduled activities, including **Book Club and Foreign Film Discussion** evenings, so that appropriate arrangements may be made. Also in case of poor driving conditions, we are then able to telephone those expected if it seems best to cancel an event.

Foreign Film Discussion Evening

(1st Monday of the month)

Barb Poulin (Acting coordinator for Nonie Hubrecht)

Place: The Foreign Film Discussion Group will meet at the Yorkshire Commons Community Room in York.

Date: Monday, August 4, 2008

Time: 7pm

Film: To be announced; call or watch for an email announcement

Light refreshments will be served. Please call Barb Poulin at 207-337-2623 or email her at barbpoulin@aol.com if you plan to attend.



Book Club

(1st Tuesday after club luncheon)
Around the World with Women

Coordinators: Julie Stathoplos and Anna McGann

Place: Home of Anna McGann 207-967-5810, 109 Main Street, Kennebunkport (Rt. 9)

Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Time: 7 pm

Book: *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean
Please call hostess if you plan to attend.

Place: Home of Betsy Wilde 207-646-9994

Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Time: 7 pm

Book: *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin
Please call hostess if you plan to attend.

Francophone Gourmet Circle

Date: Tuesday, August 19th

Place: Zoi Diamond's house
(590 F.W.Hartford Dr) Portsmouth.

Tel: 603-430-2039.



Note: please call Zoi 2 or 3 days before Aug 19th.

Quel bon temps et bon déjeuner nous avons eu a la maison de Susan Manfull le mois dernier!! Il y avait même 3 hommes au déjeuner, mais comme ils parlaient français, ils ont été les bienvenus. Soeur Rita de Burkina Faso était avec nous aussi. Susan est maintenant un membre du club international. Youpi!!!

What a nice time and lunch we had last month at Susan Manfull's. 3 french speaking men came to join us, and were welcomed. Sister Rita from Burkina Faso was with us too. Susan is now a member of the international club. Yippee!!!

A bientôt de vous revoir avant que l'été s'en aille. Janine. Le déjeuner du mois de Mai chez Barbro fut fantastique!! Un excellent festin dans un décor d'une élégance incroyable!!!! Merci Barbro. (je voudrais vous appeler "Babette"). (The May's lunch at Barbro's was fantastic! Excellent food in such an elegant and stylish decor!!) Thank you, Barbro. (I should call you "Babette").

Profitez bien toutes de l'été..

Enjoy the summer all of you. Janine

Kaffee und Kuchen



Lucille Gentsch will be moving from this area and will be missed by all of us.

If there is anyone interested in hosting Kaffee und Kuchen (or a similar get together for practicing your language skills) please contact either Lucille or Charline Ludgate.

Les Chanteuses



The next meeting of Les Chanteuses will be Wednesday evening, July 30th at 5:30PM at my house, to be followed by dinner at a restaurant, perhaps the Grey Gull. The next meeting will be back to normal, whatever that is, and that will be Thursday, August 7th, 5:30PM.

Ellen Farber



Italian Conversation

Angelina Pollino would like to breathe language life into our Italian conversation group. She suggests to simply get together over coffee once a month and speak Italian with others – native speakers, those who may have lived in Italy for a time or those who have studied Italian. If you are interested, please call Angelina at 207-332-3499 for more information.

Our New and Improved Website - IWCNE.net

We've finally updated our Website with current club information and lots of color photographs. Take a look and let us know what you think about it!

- The Photo Gallery section has all the Fashion Show photos from the last newsletter plus many more to really represent the colorful event and the beautiful fashions. We hope to add to this section regularly and welcome your suggestions.
- Calendar of Events (current)
- Current Newsletter plus past issues as space permits.
- History of our charitable grants and more club history as well.

The Calendar, Newsletter and color photos in the Photo Gallery can all be clicked on and saved to your home computer. You can send the files to friends via email or print them out!

Thank You Dorothy Healy for these major enhancements to our Club Website.

Nominating Committee Needs Your Help!!

Several Positions on the board will be open next January.

Without members stepping up to the plate to do their share our club could cease to exist.

We cannot expect the same people to keep rotating on the board.

Please contact any member on the Nominating Committee to discuss which position you would like to fill. You can also choose an assistant. That's up to you. We need to have the positions filled by the end of October.

Don't let your club down!

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Flea Market on August 16th at St. Aspinquid Lodge in York

Save this date and your Flea Market items!

People collecting Flea Market items are:

- Anne Gately from Moody area 207-337-5488
- Micky Robinson from York area 207-363-8074
- Ellen O'Toole from Kittery area 207-439-3172
- Rachel Gowen from Portsmouth area 603-431-2568

You can call these helpers to pick up or drop off your Flea Market items at their homes.

If you can help for an hour that day, 8am - 1pm, with selling the items, please call Rachel Gowen at 603-431-2568.

Pot Luck Dinner

In Retrospect...

We did not have a pot luck supper in June. We opted for a change – and on Sunday, June 22nd we had a pot luck brunch at Ellen O'Toole's lovely home on Gerrish Island, Kittery Point. We began with Mimosas and Peach Bellinis. Our cold brunch menu included several varieties of quiche, bagels and lox and various spreads, noodle puddings, fruit salad, cold ham, and we topped all that off with raspberry sherbet in cranberry juice, coffee and a variety of desserts.

The day was beautiful – a typical June day – warm – sunny – totally enjoyable – and then five minutes before the party ended – the rains came. Torrentially. Well, after all, this is New England! In spite of the raindrops it was an unforgettable Sunday.

For Future...

- Donna Peaker Ritzo home in Rye, NH will be the site on Sunday, August 10 of a Pool Party/Pot Luck at 1 pm. Rain date will be Sunday, August 17. Call hostess at 603-964-5094 for directions
- Muriel Poulin's Back to Nature Pot Luck will be at 10 am Saturday, September 13.
- Lee and Geno Regan-Jacks home in York, ME will be hosting their annual pot luck evening (\$15 donation each attendee) on Wednesday, September 17 at 6 pm. Karen Stathoplos will provide the evening's musical entertainment

Memorial Fund

IWCNE Memorial Fund accepts donations in memory of members who have passed away and the gifts go into our Charity Fund.

Thank you to all who have made gifts to the memorial fund in memory of both Bess Makris and Pearl Somaini-Dayer.

Membership Report

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Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Our Members:

August 1	Sheelah Pearson
August 3	Rita Gaughan
August 6	Freyda Winnick-Zieff
August 16	Mary Farley Gwyneth Wykes
August 25	Ellen O'Toole
August 31	Mary Lee Pons

Visit to Russia



Surprise! The food in Russia is good, served mostly buffet style with a wide variety of choices. At our hotel in St. Petersburg, a tray full of Vodka shots in front of the

Maitre'd welcomed us to dinner. It continues to be the surprises we experienced that stand out in my mind when I remember our time in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

One of our first visits was to Peterhof, Peter the Great's Summer Palace on the Sea of Finland, which we learned is actually fresh water and too shallow for ships. It was built to compare with Versailles, and is especially known for more fountains than the French Palace. Walking through there and the Hermitage we learned that Peter's tastes were modest, his daughter Elizabeth's extravagant in the Baroque style, and Catherine the Great's choice was Classical architecture.

Catherine was German, brought to Russia at the age of 14 to marry Peter III, and loved everything Russian. Her husband was disinterested and spent his time traveling. That might explain why he was assassinated, and she became Empress! It was at Peterhof that she learned this news.

Riding the buses in St. Petersburg is not to be missed-if you are with someone who speaks the language! They are individually owned and priced and always crowded. When you get on you check the fare and pass it up to the driver or his assistant. On one bus, a young girl was collecting, and we found out she spoke no Russian and couldn't make change. Her friends were laughing and helping her and assured us it was okay. When we got off all the passengers waved good-bye, and one woman threw us a kiss.

The Russian Ballet deserves its world renowned reputation. We attended "The Fountain of Tears" at the Marinsky Theatre, which is a magnificent palace. One of the ushers wanted to be sure we knew that the performance was the "creme de la creme", because every part of the production was approved by the President of the Ballet Association. She also let us

into the Tsar's Box for a short visit during intermission. We learned that he seldom sat there, because of the ever present danger of assassination!

Another excellent performance was by the Russian Folk Group. These performers are trained in the same academies as the ballerinas and are outstanding. One comic act was by costumed Eskimos tussling on stage and tumbling into our laps on the front row! When the act finished we learned that the two Eskimos were actually one incredible dancer.

Moscow is a huge sprawling city with too many cars and not enough roads. The only way to actually get any place is by subway. However, I did enjoy touring Red Square and the Kremlin. The political history of Russia was all centered here from the 11th century until Peter the Great moved it to St. Petersburg in 1712. The grounds within the Kremlin are beautiful, with lilacs blooming everywhere when we were there. Even during Stalin's time, when many churches were destroyed, the historic churches here survived. Most date from the 14th century, and all important state ceremonies took place here at the Cathedral of the Dormition.

Of course we had to walk the length of Red Square and through GUM Department store. Our last view before heading to the subway to our hotel was of construction workers hanging on metal framework with no scaffolding or safety nets-they looked like circus performers!

This doesn't begin to describe everything we enjoyed in

our short visit-the Russian Orthodox service, the trip to the medieval city of Novgorod, the parades celebrating the



founding of St. Petersburg, boat trips, street vendors and Craft Show, eating Russian "fast food". Russia is a truly fascinating country and is making amazing progress after the years of living under Communism, followed by the chaos of the 90's.

Charline Ludgate

WCI Corner

The conference in San Diego was a great success.

Clubs that attended were: IWC Hamburg, Germany, Welcome to Taipei, Taiwan, Zurich Int'l Women's Assoc. (ZIWA) Switzerland, Welcome to London, UK and from the US were Welcome to California(WCIC), Int'l Women's Border Club,CA, Welcome to Washington Int'l Club, Welcome Florida (Naples) and Welcome to Tampa Bay,FL.

Eight member clubs sent written Activities Reports. They were; Berkshire Int'l Club, IWC of Boston, Welcome to Colorado Int'l Club, Welcome to Florida Int'l Club, IWC of Philadelphia, Welcome to Tampa Bay Int'l, Welcome to Washington Int'l Club and IWCNE.

The reports on the Int'l Women's Day celebration, "A Cup of Friendship", were very positive. Everyone hoped the idea would both continue and spread. As we experienced, the celebration was a wonderful way to introduce our club to the community and to attract new members.

Other topics that were discussed were regional Conferences for Asia, Europe and the Americas, which were strongly recommended.

It was also suggested that clubs could have exchange visits, maybe with five members from each club who would stay in members' homes of the hosting club. This would offer an opportunity for members to attend a club exchange closer to home which would also be less costly.

WCI will be sending a questionnaire to the Presidents of member clubs asking if they would be in favor of such an exchange. WCI's publication, the Worldwide Link was also requesting and encouraging member clubs to submit articles and photos of interest, preferably photos that show members engaged in an activity, which should not be a problem at all in our club. They plan to feature a WCI member club in each issue.

The Link can be read on line at www.welcomeclubs.org but for those of you who are not connected to the internet and those who would like to have a hard copy of this beautiful, interesting and fun publication, the Link offers private subscriptions at \$5.00 per issue which comes to \$10.00 per year.

Anyone interested can contact me at jorun@comcast.net or (603) 427-0322.

In Friendship, Kristine Slater WCI Liaison

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June 28th Luncheon.



Our scheduled speaker Albert Sciaky got trapped in the unfriendly skies trying to return to Boston from Amsterdam and was unable to speak to us. Instead, Mary Kinnear commandeered her husband, retired Admiral Gus Kinnear, as a substitute speaker. Admiral Kinnear began his talk by saying how much he enjoyed meeting the women of our group because Mary had spoken so highly of us and our organization. He enjoyed putting faces with the names he had heard about and complimented us on our good work.

The Admiral spoke to us about Aircraft Carriers - not a topic one would think would interest a group of women but, when he told us how aircraft carriers house 5,600 people and function like a small city our interest was piqued. Displacing 97 thousand tons of water, an aircraft carrier is 1100 feet long. It has two nuclear reactors, 3 hospitals, 3 cafeterias (each able to feed 3000 three times a day) and purifies water from the sea. Think about what that means when a carrier comes to the rescue in emergency situations such as a tsunami, earthquake or hurricane. But Carriers are roving Ambassadors of Goodwill in every port of call not just in emergencies and catastrophic events.

Admiral Kinnear continued to tell us stories about his life in the Navy with occasional glances to his wife asking if he was taking too long. He was not, as those present were very interested in what he had to say and asked many questions when he ended his talk. The audience eventually, but reluctantly, let him go.

Anne Gately

We Want to Know

Please call us if you know of one of our members who is going through a difficult time - illness, loss of a loved one, or any crisis, so we can offer our support.

Carrie Groppe (207-363-1406)
Charline Ludgate (207-439-8884)
Muriel Poulin (207-490-1808)
Betty Williams (207-646-5772)

IWCNE Luncheon Registration Form

International Women's Club of New England
August 23, 2008

NAME (S): _____

The Old Salt and Lamie's Tavern
490 Lafayette Road • Hampton, NH
603-926-0330

Deadline: August 13, 2008

RSVP: Please send your check for **\$20.00** per person to Regina Godfrey, 22 Bluestone Lane, York, ME 03909
or call 207-363-7547 Pre-registration only. No refunds. Send someone else in your place.

Luncheon Menu

Choice of Clam Chowder or Caesar Salad

- Teriyaki Chicken with baked potato and vegetable
- Grilled Salmon with baked potato and vegetable
- Fish and Chips with coleslaw

Dessert: Bread Pudding

Coffee or Iced Tea



International Women'August 23rd, 2008

Program

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11:00 a.m. Registration (Coffee available)

11:30 a.m. Business Meeting

12:00 noon Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Speaker

Directions to The Old Salt and Lamie's Inn:

From Interstate Route 95 in New Hampshire take exit 2 (Hampton, Hampton Beach) Pass through toll booth, stay left and yield onto 101 East. Follow 27 East approximately one mile into town. We are located on the left at the first traffic light, at the intersection of 27 and Route 1.

From Maine – take 95 South and follow “From Interstate 95 in NH” directions above.

“IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING”

A fantastic graphic of runners, javelin throwers and swimmers on the edge of the starting line and labeled “IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING!” was the huge billboard that faced my friend Barbara and I when we arrived at the Beijing airport. This celebratory advertising for the Olympics was exciting to the eye, but what was that English phrase??? We were soon to learn that the billboard with its technically superior graphics and direct translation from Chinese into English would describe exactly what was happening in China at this time. In its rush to be more democratic, more modern, and yes more westernized, especially for the upcoming games, the Chinese ad companies had created signs in English, but not taken the time to find the correct idioms.

I had been in China 23 years ago and soon was dazzled by the changes. I know you are going to say “nothing stays the same”, look at the changes in York or Boston in the past 23 years. I can only say to you “you ain’t seen nothin’” compared to the change in Chinese society since 1985. No more 20 wide and 20 deep phalanxes of bicycles, rickshaws and the occasional motorbike vying for space at street corners with catholic nuns, buddhist monks, families and business men heading for their daily doings. Now the streets were choked with cars, motorbikes and bikes with small electric engines (no motorcycles allowed in the big cities). The motorbike riders were often women dressed for business in western clothing or families with the precious “one child” holding onto a large pile of books.

On my first visit there was a beginning of entrepreneurial small businesses, now business with a capital B is what it is all about. The pace of life in Shanghai and to a bit lesser extent in Beijing is fast and faster. People actually move so quickly through their day, that eating from “fast food”, convenience stores (Chinese and western style), and always running to get the subway or bus (jammed at rush hours) are the norm. Those romantic languid pictures we once had of the traditional Chinese society moving from pagoda styles roofed houses in sampans are no longer valid. The Chinese provincial governments are trying to “preserve” some of those historic towns and architecture like the ancient quad houses in Beijing where 4 families lived in separate wings and shared the outdoor spaces. But now you are most likely to see high-rise buildings for business and living, plus chic Chinese and European designer clothing and malls filled with international chain stores and signs with references to the stock market: that is what it is all about now in the cities and even in the towns.

Village life has, for the most part, changed dramatically as well. Though there are still many poor rural villages; a large percentage of former Chinese farmers are now living in homes with floors, flush toilets and indoor kitchens. We visited a number of villages in various parts of the country. Most were either moving away from agriculture as a sole means of support or had both small industry plus agriculture. One small settlement had about 80 people and they produced the mulberry leaves that silk worms feed upon. Another settlement of about 250 people had 15 “bed and breakfast” homes (primarily for Chinese tourists), surrounded by fields green with corn (for Agrifuel) plus an area for all the livestock and a small factory nearby. We also stopped in two villages, which had been relocated due to the Yangtze River gorges dam project. In the area we visited, the Chinese have moved 2 million people from the rising waters and newly created small and huge towns- some with 80,000 residents.

While there is great excitement about the future (and that attitude is perpetuated by many billboards, books, movies, etc.) the fact that the average citizen still is not able to move freely about the country or to go abroad, quickly brings you back to the reality of everyday life in China. Though individuals are gaining much more autonomy and many are moving at a fast pace, it is one that the government sets.

Our visit was to have included Tibet, but we arrived just when the demonstrations were taking place in Lhasa and were unable to go into that capital city. We did visit in Chengdu, close to where the recent earthquake took place and we now look at the many photos of the small pandas who were saved and relocated with sad affection; we had seen many pandas in the panda rescue center. The Olympic venues in Beijing were exciting architecturally and the Olympic Village a “green” one with solar power and lovely boulevards with “town houses” that will be sold to Chinese locals, once the games are over. It was hard to believe that the buildings, new roads and sports arenas would be complete in time for the Olympics, but a country that runs at the pace of a thoroughbred horse and can move 100’s of thousands of hard working hands to any job in a short time has the best chance of being ready...now if they could do something about the pollution!!!

Priscilla Schwartz



IWCNE - August 2008 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Save the Dates:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 13th Muriel Poulin's Back-to-Nature Pot Luck • September 14th Garden Party at Strawberry Banke • September 17th Pot Luck at Regan-Jacks with Music of Karen Stathoplos • November 8th Holiday Fair at York Middle School 						
3	4 International Film Discussion Evening Yorkshire Commons 7 pm	5	6	7 Les Chanteuses Ellen Farber's Ogunquit 5:30 pm	8	9
10	11 Board Meeting Sentry Hill, York 9:30 am Deadline for newsletter	12	13	14	15	16 Deadline for Luncheon Signup/Payment Flea Market at St. Aspinquid's, York
17	18	19 Francophone Gourmet Circle Noon at Zoi Diamond's	20	21	22	23 Luncheon The Old Salt Hampton, NH 11 am
24	25	26 Book Club at Betsy Wilde's Moody 7 pm	27	28	29	30
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FASHION SHOW RAFFLE WINNERS

- Muriel Poulin \$ 25 gift certificate for G. Irwin
- Shelley Diamond Bottle of champagne
- Nancy Squatrito Table Runner and Napkins (donated by Cynthia Raymond)
- Sue McCann..... \$50 gift certificate for Chapman Cottage
- Judy Cooper..... \$100 gift certificate for On the Marsh (donated by Denise Rubin)
- Britta Ayer Weekend in So. Bristol donated by Donna Peaker Ritzo)
- Elaine Terrasi 3 Hour Boat Trip & Cocktails (donated by Christopher Ayers)



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