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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND
NON-PROFIT NON-POLITICAL NON-SECTARIAN

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

Momentum - Let's Keep It Going!

In the month of March we had two very exciting and very different IWCNE events. The celebration of International Women's Day at Atlantic Design Center was a perfect blend of information and social interaction. The annual St. Patrick's potluck was a lively evening of music, singing, laughing and good eating. Both events were attended by non-members (as well as a total of more than 30 of our members) and therefore raised awareness of our organization, what we do and how diversified we are. In fact, women joined on the spot at both events! The secret behind these successes is the effort of our membership - planning, making food, spreading the word, and actually attending. We can be proud of ourselves and we are, hopefully, motivated to keep the positive energy going in upcoming events.

On a sad note, I want to express my personal sadness at the loss of Anna McGann. She was so interesting and eloquent. It was a lucky day for me 15 years ago when I first met her after a book discussion group.

International Women's Day Event

"We have shattered so many glass ceilings; now it is time to sweep away the shards and clear women's path to gender equality." With these words, the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon introduced the theme of this year's IWD: 50-50 in 2030. Our event at the Atlantic Design Center was an homage to women's clubs around the world. It was attended by 50 women - half of whom were members. Anna Kristina Sawtelle gave an outstanding, informative and entertaining talk about her experiences starting and working with groups all over the world. Margareta Claesson graciously hosted us in the Atlantic Design Center of Eldredge Lumber and Hardware, Inc. A musical interlude was provided by our Les Chanteuses including a "Happy Birthday" for Anna Kristina. Special thanks to Scott Eldredge, the owner, and to our members who contributed a beautiful array of tasty treats.

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The fourth meeting of 2016 will be on Monday April 11th at 10 AM at Sentry Hill. Note: Next newsletter deadline will be Monday, April 11th. Newsletters will be mailed Monday of the week following the luncheon 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.

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Twenty-three people attended our February luncheon on a sunny afternoon at Jonathan’s. The business meeting included a new series of short reports entitled “Snapshots from Around the World”. This month Lucille reported on the current situation in Germany in regard to the refugee situation. Our featured speaker was Mary Jo Manusky of Arts in Reach, an organization which empowers teenage girls and which we have supported since its inception. Girls come to AIR lacking confidence and purpose. Through creative activities, such as painting, writing and performing, they become more sure of themselves and gain a better outlook on life. Mary Jo showed us a video of testimonials of grateful parents and girls which brought a tear to quite a few eyes.

This is a new series which was introduced at the February luncheon as part of the business meeting. It is a short report on current global issues and events by members of the club who have visited or are very aware of the situation in different regions of the world. In **future** months we will have reports on Great Britain, South America and Asia. If you would like to report on current trends in a country or region your are familiar with, please contact Lucille. Snapshot from Germany: Last year one million refugees arrived in Germany and, at the moment, 3,000 arrive each day. The government is overwhelmed and is struggling to provide housing and food for them all, no less education for the children. The general feeling is apprehension about the future. **NEXT MONTH:** Great Britain and the EU.

Remembering ANNA McGANN On February 18, 2016, we lost our dear friend, Anna McGann. I first met Anna in 1972 and we became fast friends. We shared many interests including a love of books and current events. Soon after moving here, I joined a book club in Wells that Anna had started. She was also responsible for starting the current book club for IWCNE. Anna exuded class, confidence and a love of learning. Always one to stand up for women’s rights, Anna was an important figure in the International Women’s Club. But more than that, she was a true friend and I will miss her very much. All of us who knew her will miss her greatly. Julie Stathoplos

IWCNE BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, March 29 at 6

Book: The Professor and the Madman. A tale of murder, insanity & the making of the Oxford English Dictionary. **Author:** Simon Winchester

Hostess: Charline Ludgate 207-439-8884 or ccludgate@comcast.net

Date: Tuesday, April 26 at 6 PM

Book: Snowflake and the Secret Fan

Author: Lisa Lee

Hostess: TBA

BE SURE TO CALL HOSTESS IF YOU PLAN TO COME

Les Chanteuses

Les Chanteuses going strong. Please join us. Newcomers always welcome. RSVP to: Ellen Farber 207-251-1646

Francophone Gourmet Circle

The next Francophone luncheon will be Monday, April 18th. For location and more information, please contact Shona Taplin at downpat26@comcast.net. We welcome new members who are able to converse in French.

Pot Luck Dinners

These are great fundraisers. Please look at your calendar and see if you can host one. If you can, please contact Lynne Gass at 207.490.1391, 207.607.1405, or at lgass@metrocet.net

New Interest Groups?

Would you like to play **casual bridge**? Join a group of women who have perhaps not played in a while & have no ambition to become nationally ranked. Call or email Charline at 207-439-8884 or ccludgate@comcast.net. She’ll be happy to host.

Enjoy going to **art galleries & museums**, but prefer not going alone. Join a group who would like to explore the world of art in good company. Call or email Lucille at 207-657-5623 or lucillegen@gmail.com

World Cinema Discussion

Thursday, April 14th at 3 PM, York Senior Center, Rt. 1A, York, ME. 2015 US film: **Brooklyn**. An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a new romance. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within. Directed by John Crowley and featuring actors Saoirse Ronan, Domhnall Gleeson & Emery Cohen. 105 minutes long. Please call Barb at 207.337.2623 if you plan to attend.

Breakfast at the Nonantum. Do join us on **Saturday, May 14, 2016** for our annual “Breakfast at the Nonantum” in Kennebunkport. Breakfast is served 7 AM to 10 AM and it is delicious - well worth rising early on a Saturday morning. The price is \$15.95 per person and the hotel donates a percentage of the morning profits to our club. So - come to breakfast and invite your friends to come along. Last year some of our ladies made it a special occasion by wearing hats. Feel free to do that again. See you there!!

Treasurer’s Report

As of March 14th
Bal. of Administrative Acct: \$2,185.27
Bal. of Charity Acct: \$1,748.35
Total: \$3,933.62
Barb Poulin, Treasurer

APRIL CALENDAR

March 29th	Book Club
April 14th	World Cinema
April 18th	Francophone
April 26th	Book Club
May 14th	Breakfast at the Nonantum

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM, SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2016

Nonatum Resort, 95 Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport, ME - (207) 494-1266

Reservations Due No Later then Friday, April 15, 2016

You can email marylee_pons@yahoo.com or call 207-985-6273 and pay at door.

Or send your check for \$25.00 to:

Mary Lee Pons

14 Nottingham Ct., Kennebunk, ME 04043.

Social Time and Meeting at 11:00 Lunch at Noon Program:

NAME: _____ **PHONE** _____

Choice of:

Lobster Cobb Salad, Lemon Chicken OR Baked New England Haddock

Served with Nonantum Signature Vegetable Soup and Chef's Choice Dessert

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Marc Boyd, Volunteer - AARP Fraud Fighter - will speak to us today about fraud and scams and how to prevent it happening to you.

April 23, 2016 Program

Dr. Mariam Raquib will speak about Afghanistan Samsortya, a non-profit organization she founded when she returned to Afghanistan, her homeland, and found agricultural land destroyed by decades of war. Inspired to reforest her homeland and reestablish food autonomy, she started several nurseries, establishes wells, and shared tens of thousands of food-bearing trees with hungry families.

She has an incredible story to share.



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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.

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Once again we enjoyed a great night with the "wearing of the green", eating corned beef and soda bread, and best of all, entertained with great Irish music by the York River Ramblers. We are blessed to have such talented musicians who love our party. Cathy, Keith, and Tom led our sing-a-long with everything from the nostalgic "Danny Boy" to the bawdy "What Do You Do With A Drunken Sailor". We also had a few members do a little step dancing. The Lookout was a wonderful venue for the annual party, and we thank Angela Pollino for hosting us there. We also owe special thanks to Lynne Gass for her work in arranging everything, which involves a lot of effort. She came through in grand style!

April Birthdays

07 Debbi Forster
10 Brenda Sullivan
20 Greta Martin
26 Hilda Emerson



St. Patrick's Day Celebration