



International Women's Club of New England
P.O. Box 351
Cape Neddick, Maine 03902

MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS

Calendar- 2020

JANUARY 25

FEBRUARY 22

MARCH 7

MAY

JUNE 24 (Wed)

JULY 22 (Wed)

AUGUST 26 (Wed)

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 21

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.

WCI Corner

The most important news this month is that the International Women's Club in Jakarta, Indonesia has canceled this year's WCI June conference due to the current global health crisis. We do not know yet whether the conference will be rescheduled in Jakarta next year. IWCNE is part of Welcome Clubs International, a consortium of women's organizations worldwide. Every two years WCI hosts a conference at one of the member clubs. If you have any questions about WCI, please contact WCI Liaison Linda Anderson, 207-703-3000.

Membership news

Welcome New Member Pauline Boyce, 723 Reach Rd, Deer Isle, ME H. 207 348-9949, C. 207 348-6453, pe-boyce@hotmail.com

IWCNE Membership is now 101 paid members for 2020. Membership Co-chairs took the 2020 Membership Directory to the printer on March 12th. It will take a week to a week and a half to get a proof back, co-chairs will review the proof and it will go back to the printer. After that it will take another week plus to get a final product back. We will have a new directory some time in early April.

If club members have a lead on prospective members, please let Marion McAuliffe and or Yvonne Chainey know and we will follow up.



ESTABLISHED 1992

Other Clubs Established

- Dallas, Texas
- Douala, Cameroon

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

Founded in 1992 by Anna Kristina Sawtelle, Volume 29, Number 3 March 21, 2020
WWW.IWCNE.NET and WWW.WCICLUBS.ORG

President's Message

March started off quite as one would expect with warm temperatures and buds starting to appear on trees and shrubs that bloom in the Spring. We had a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Lookout in Ogunquit on March 7, and an International Women's Day celebration at The Atlantic Design Center on March 8. On March 10, the Charity Selection Committee finalized its selection of the three charities the Club will be supporting in 2020 (see page 3). Then everything changed. At the Executive Board meeting on March 11, the topic of the Corona Virus was addressed.

We are facing a new reality in fundraising because of the Corona Virus. The Board is considering decisions about postponing events in the short term so as not to participate in the "community spread" of this new virus. The upcoming April pot luck supper has been cancelled and our "Funraiser" day as well. The Fashion Show has been postponed to October 11. Because there is no clear-cut timeline on the course the virus will take, the Board has voted by email to cancel the April luncheon.

For those who have already paid for the April luncheon, there are two possibilities: we can hold the money and use it for the next luncheon whenever that may be, or you can donate it to the charity fund. Please contact Pam Patton patton.pam@gmail.com with your instructions.

Given that we donate \$10.00 and a food item to the pot lucks, please consider saving on the food and sending your \$10.00 to IWCNE, PO Box 351, Cape Neddick, ME 03902, designating it "fundraising" so that our charity work can continue. Also, as we cancelled the lunch/planetarium outing planned for April 30, which would have cost around \$23.00 per person, those of you who signed up to attend have probably planned for that cost already. Please consider sending a donation.

Perhaps we can schedule some outdoor activities, such as a "fundraising walk" in the free air. Any other ideas for outdoor activities are welcome.

Stay safe!!!

Board of Directors 2020

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Founder	Anna Kristina Sawtelle

The next board meeting is yet to be determined. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Mariene Benoit.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be **on or before April 15**

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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IWCNE BOOK CLUB

March and April meetings are cancelled but keep reading!
 "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean

WORLD CINEMA

York's Center for Active Living is closed due to Corona Virus. The following information is subject to change.
 May 14—World Cinema at 2:30 , at York's Center for Active Living on Rt 1A York
The Front Runner FMI contact Barb Poulin 207.337.2623
 or barbpoulin@aol.com.

FRANCOPHONE

Salut Francophones! Si vous voulez pratiquer votre francais, venez dejeuner avec nous. Nous nous rencontrons une fois par mois pour un dejeuner amical ou on ne parle que le francais! Ce dejeuner a lieu LE 3ieme LUNDI de chaque mois. Contactez Jane Page at email: jane.hohn@gmail.com or 603-373-0258.

DEUTSCHGRUPPE—GERMAN GROUP

Meetings are suspended for the moment. For more information please contact Lucille at Lucillegen@gmail.com or (207) 318-7304. (Meetings are on the first Monday of the month unless announced otherwise.)

Treasurer's Report as of Mar 1, 2020

Administrative Account	\$ 7,427.53
Charity Account	\$ 185.42
TOTAL	\$ 7,612.95

(Certificate of Deposit \$5,015.89)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 04 Walking for charity
 Apr 05 Rain date for charity walk

The Women's Day event March 8 sponsored by IWCNE at The Atlantic Design Center was attended by 70 women and men. Margaret Cleveland entertained and enlightened us speaking about the life and times of her grandmother Frances Folsom Cleveland who became First Lady at the age of 21. Thank you to IWCNE members for preparing delicious food!

Fundraising Activities

POTLUCKS - suspended due to health safety precautions
 (Potlucks are social gathering where we all bring food to share AND donate \$10 (\$15 if there is entertainment) to the charity fund)

NEW: FRESH AIR FUNDRAISING April 4 at 3 pm (April 5 rain date)



Please join us for our first "Fun(d) run"! Fisherman's Walk to Wiggly Bridge in York. We will meet and take a walk together maintaining a distance of 1 meter apart. Hope for good weather, wear sturdy shoes, bring your camera and binoculars. Meet at York Harbour beach (no parking stickers needed until May 15). Bring a beach chair or walk AND donate \$10 to our charity fund. For more information contact Lucille at lucillegen@gmail.com or (207) 318-7304

Les Chanteuses

Les chanteuses is a singing group club of IWCNE that is a group of women who sing show tunes for assisted living & nursing facilities in the area. You need not be an opera singer but should love music & bringing joy to others. We will generally get donations to our club for our time & effort. We have been around for 13 years. Please call Ellen Farber 207-251-1746 for dates.

Thrift Shops: In addition to other activities, in the past year, we raised approximately \$1,100 from contributions of clothing and housewares to Time and Again Consignment Shop in Wells, ME and Budget Box in Kennebunk, ME. Thank you to those who also made contributions. If you have items to donate, please contact Mariene Benoit marienehenrybenoit@gmail.com or (207)646-5839.



FASHION SHOW—CHANGE THE DATE!!

In following the CDC guidelines and recommendations to prevent the spread of the Corona virus (COVID 19) and for the health and safety of our members, the board voted to postpone the Spring Fashion Show until the Fall.

So save the date October 11th 2020.

We will have the Fashion Show at the beautiful Wentworth by the Sea Country Club.

St. Patty's Fundraiser on March 7: Great fun and money for our charities: \$411.00!!



The sing-a-long is always fun and some Irish coffee helps!



Yvonne, framed by the two Lynns

2020 IWCNE CHARITIES ANNOUNCED!

The members who participated on the 2020 Charity Selection Committee had a tough job, but after reading and reviewing 16 Grant applications, the committee picked three organizations. While all 16 were very worthy candidates for our support, the three organizations who won the most votes have small budgets, and meet our criteria of helping women and children.



A COMPANY OF GIRLS

<https://www.acompanyofgirls.org>

A Company of Girls serves 4th grade through High School girls in Portland Maine. Their mission is to “...strengthen and empower girls and their families and foster community through the arts because stronger girls mean stronger communities; confident girls make positive choices and every girl deserves support to succeed!” They accomplish this mission by mentoring girls in after school programs in the visual arts, theater and the culinary arts. They are trying to break the cycle of poverty in the Portland area and are careful to keep track of girls’ progress by ensuring they attend school regularly, keep up their grades in school and involve their parents. The program is free and transportation from school to the after school program is provided. A Company of Girls has been providing service to girls for 25 years and one of their alumnae is now working for the organization!



IN HER PRESENCE

<https://inherpresence.org>

In Her Presence empowers immigrant women from different cultures and backgrounds to learn to think in English through contextual conversation classes and workshops. The program serves women of all ages in Maine and is led by immigrant women. Not just an English as a Second Language Program, In Her Presence helps women with community and career integration. Whether through it’s Senior Program, which helps elderly women to navigate loneliness and isolation, or the New Born Program, where women with small children have access to child care and literacy development for their children while the Moms are learning to speak English; In Her Presence serves as a platform for Maine immigrant women from all over the world to better integrate and thrive in Maine.

STOP trafficking us

... it matters to this one

STOP TRAFFICKING US

stoptraffickingus.org

Stop Trafficking Us was founded by Catherine Wilson. Ms. Wilson addressed our group at a luncheon in 2019 where she outlined the mission of her organization, “to educate the public that 1 in 5 children are sexually abused and that abuse of children is the precursor to sex trafficking, addictions, incarceration and more”. Catherine is the sole employee of Stop Trafficking Us and speaks to groups and conducts training sessions all over New England and the US trying to spread the word about this trauma and it’s domino effect of social ills.

Please support our generous sponsors.

April Birthdays

02 Fran Wooley
03 Tinker Newick
06 Donna Freni
07 Debbi Forster
10 Brenda Sullivan
11 Pam Lynch



13 Marilyn Smith
14 Nancy Knowles
20 Greta Martin,
Rhonda Frothingham
26 Hilda Emerson
28 Barbara Bridge



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