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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

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President's Message

The Internet provides us with an avalanche of information about all corners of the world. However, it is almost impossible to determine the accuracy or validity of this information. That is why, while technology can be wonderful, it is better to have first-hand, personal information from trusted sources about worldwide conditions. This is what we strive for at IWCNE. After listening to our various speakers, we can better visualize the stress in Europe over refugees, England's skepticism of the European Union, South America's complicated problems and the restoration efforts in Afghanistan. Our association with Welcome Clubs International is also an important aid to this end. Their motto is "Women Making a Difference Through Friendship". If you go to the website www.wciclubs.org you will see that these women from all over the world have the same goal as we do - global understanding through friendship. On the website you can find a link to the WCI newsletter which is appropriately called "The Link". It is full of news from sister organizations and a variety of fascinating information. There is a lot of information about Prague (site of their meeting this May) and other parts of the world. Do you know how the internet empowers women? Did you know that yellow is "the color of the mind and intellect" and there are more shades of green than any other color? These facts from informative articles in The Link. Have a look!

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The sixth meeting of 2016 will be on Monday June 13th at 10 AM at Sentry Hill. Note: Next newsletter deadline will be Monday, June 9th. 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.

WWW.IWCNE.NET.



Potluck Fundraiser in York Sunday June 5th 5-7 pm

Please join us at the home of Lynn Pahland. The theme is the promotion of our friendship through "homeland" or favorite finger foods from around the world. Classic Crepes Suzette will be served 6-7. Spouses, guests, etc. are certainly welcome! Please contact Lynne Gass at lgass@metrocast.net or [207-607-1305](tel:207-607-1305).

\$10 per person plus your food or beverage contribution.

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April Luncheon Report

We had 30 people signed up for our April luncheon at the Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport. Despite last-minute cancellations, we had a good gathering of members, guests and potential members for our meeting. During the business meeting Ellen O'Toole announced the charities chosen by this year's Charity Selection Committee headed by Charline Ludgate. This year's beneficiaries are Girls on the Run of Essex, NH, Hospice Help Foundation, Portsmouth, NH, The Wonder Years Learning Center, Kittery, ME, and Dress A Girl Around the World, Southern Maine.

The speaker was Dr. Mairiam Raqib, assisted by Sheila Grace. Dr. Raqib described her childhood in Kabul, Afghanistan, surrounded by trees and flowers. When she returned to her home in 2004 it was totally unrecognizable and barren after many years of war. She and her family have made it their life's work to bring the trees and other vegetation back to Afghanistan, starting with seeds and small nurseries. The Samsortya Program is designed to restore agricultural self-sufficiency and empower the Afghan people, especially the women. Dr. Raqib's talk was captivating and you can experience her passion and enthusiasm on the website <http://www.afghanistansamsortya.org/>.

Pictured: Dr. Mairiam Raqib



MEMBERSHIP NEWS: We are pleased to report that we have 4 new & renewing members - **WELCOME!**

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IWCNE BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, May 31st at 6:00

Book: Gilead

Author: Marilynne Robinson

Hostess: Barb Poulin, 207-337-2623

Please call if you are coming. At this mtg. we will choose books & hostesses for June 28 and July 26. Hoping for good book suggestions.

World Cinema Discussion

Thurs., June 9th, 3 PM

York Senior Ctr. Rt. 1A, York, ME.

2015 US Film: **Bridge of Spies**. At the height of the Cold War in 1960, the downing of an American spy plane and the pilot's subsequent capture by the Soviets draws attorney James Donovan into the middle of an intense effort to secure the aviator's release. Features Tom Hanks, Amy Ryan, Mark Rylance, directed by Stephen Spielberg. 142 minutes long. Please call Barb at 207-337-2623 if you plan to attend.

New!!! A Special Holiday Project for IWCNE Members!!!

The Ogunquit Spirit of Giving, a local non-profit, collects gifts for underprivileged children within Maine in order to help them have a happier holiday. This year, the group will be supporting children served by Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine and the Francis Peabody Center. Their goal is to provide holiday gifts for over 600 children.

In the spirit of the holiday season, let's all join together to help support this group and the underprivileged children who otherwise may not receive any gift this holiday season. Can we count on you? More details to follow.

Les Chanteuse

Les Chanteuse is actively recruiting members to sing. Prerequisite is having a good & giving time. No expertise in note reading or high C's are necessary. The recipient audiences are grateful and involved. **BE JOYFUL - JOIN US.....call Ellen Farber @ 207-251-1746.**

Francophone

The next luncheon for Francophone will be at noon on June 20th.

We welcome new members who are able to converse in French.

For further information, please contact :

Shona Taplin, downpat26@comcast.net

Museum and Gallery-Goers

June 16th - We will go to the Barn Gallery in Ogunquit for the first exhibit of the season, "Elements". We will go to a local coffee shop afterwards. For the event, please contact Lucille: lucillegen@gmail.com or 207-318-7304.

MAY CALENDAR

May 31 Book Club
June 5 Pot Luck
June 9 World Cinema
June 16 Barn Gallery
June 20 Francophone
June 20 Holiday Fair Meeting
June 28 Book Club

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5 Irma Phillips
12 Georgiana Gallagher

Treasurer's Report

May 9, 2016

Administrative Account:

\$3,000.25

Charity Account:

\$1,898.35

TOTAL: \$4,898.60

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM, Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Roost Café and Bistro, 262 Shore Road, Ogunquit, ME, 207-646-9898

You can email 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: 11:00 AM, Meeting:11:30 AM Lunch at Noon followed by program

NAME: _____ PHONE _____
Reservations Due No Later Than Thursday, June 16, 2016

CHOICE OF:

NY Strip 6 oz with Garlic Mashed Potato, Wilted Spinach, Oven Roasted Tomato, & Merlot Demi

OR

Roasted Salmon 5 oz. Basmati Rice, Melange of Sauteed Vegetables & Caper-Dijon Vinaigrette

Dessert will be: Carrot Cake or Lemon Curd Mousse Squares

IF YOU NEED A RIDE, PLEASE CALL Marge. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PICK YOU UP.

Today's Program


Cory W. Smith, VP, Policy, Advocacy & Communication for Kids in Need of Defense (**KIND**) will speak to us on **Human Trafficking**. The United States has experienced, in recent years, an unprecedented migration of children from Central America that is rooted in the pervasive and horrific gang and narco-trafficking violence in the region. More Than 100,000 children have come in the last two years, far outpacing previous years and seriously straining the U.S. system designed to provide care and custody for these particularly vulnerable children that are preyed on by gangs, human traffickers and human smugglers. This will be a fascinating program.

June Luncheon Speaker: Jackie Dewey, Dress a Girl Around the World, Southern Maine

"Every girl deserves the dignity of owning at least one new dress"



Our June Speaker will be Jackie Dewey, Executive Director of Dress a Girl Around the World, Southern Maine, one of our four finalist charities. Dress A Girl, an international non-profit organization, provides dresses to girls in third world countries. A girl that appears cared for is less likely to be a victim of sex trafficking or would-be predators. Likewise, a properly dressed girl exhibits self-esteem and dignity, qualities that may empower her to change her life's destiny. Dress a Girl encourages local church groups to support Sew-A-Thons of the pillow style dresses, and to locate groups leaving on missions to deliver them. In 2015, dresses were delivered to girls in an orphanage in Kenya and Haitian children in the sugar cane fields of the Dominican Republic.

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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.

Snapshots from Around the World - April

Pam Lynch gave us an interesting report on impressions gained from an extended visit to Brazil and Argentina in February. She was impressed by the beauty of Brazil and the culture, including the celebration of Carnivale and visiting the favelas (slums) in Rio. She is concerned about Brazil's ability to host the summer Olympics. The President of Brazil is in the process of being impeached, the ocean is polluted, the Zika virus is present, the country is broke, the infrastructure for the Olympics is still under construction, and most Brazilian's don't speak English. Buenos Aires was once called the "Paris of South America" and is now in a declining state due to 50 years of corrupt governments. Although the city has beautiful architecture, parks, museums, & interesting neighborhoods, she was disappointed to see crumbling streets and sidewalks, graffiti everywhere, and numerous homeless people sleeping on the sidewalks. Pam was surprised how interested and informed all of the people she met in South America are in the upcoming Presidential election. It will be interesting to watch the Olympics in August to see if Brazil can pull it off!

JEANS & JEWELS FUNDRAISER - September 11th at the Stage Neck Inn, York, ME. Make plans to attend! 6 PM to 8 PM. Tickets are \$60.00 and will be available for purchase in August. Raffle Tickets will be \$5.00 each for a chance to win items and gift certificates. You don't want to miss out on a delicious meal, cash bar & dance music. Contact Marsha for more information. mmiller9908@gmail.com. (Jeans & Jewels 2013 picture compliments of Anna Kristina Sawtelle)



HOLIDAY FAIR

Planning for the Holiday Fair is well underway. The next meeting will be at Ellen Farber's house on June 20th at 10:00 AM. Applications for booths have been mailed and responses are coming in.