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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

My last message to IWCNE members as President is a heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed their time, effort, and support over the last 2 years. These were difficult years because of restrictions created because of Covid.

When I accepted the position as your President two years ago, I did so because of the membership. I observed a dedicated, energetic group of women who were committed to the mission of the Club.

Then the unforeseen happened—a pandemic. Because of Covid, we could not have our usual activities. Restrictions were placed on all areas of our lives. We could not get together with family and friends, we had to wear masks and practice socially distancing. Zoom, Skype, WhatsApp, and other apps as well as texts, emails, and phone calls were our means of communication. I was concerned that, once these restrictions were lifted, our membership would suffer. Members would be too busy to participate in Club activities because of reconnecting with family and friends and would be taking the postponed trips.

Membership did not suffer, and we welcomed new, very active members. There are still restrictions, but the vaccines have given us more freedom. We have been able to have luncheons, potlucks, and some [activities](#). Attendance at our luncheons/business meetings is higher than in recent years. The Fashion show was a very special event. The collective energy is contagious.

My special thanks to Anna Kristina and the founding members who are still very much dedicated to the Club. They have a history of the Club from day one and have shared so many stories with me. They set the tone which prevails today.

Some of our members are no longer in the area and others cannot attend functions, but they are an integral part of the Club. They renew their memberships, follow the activities, contribute financially, and many have contacted me to share memories from the time they were active in IWCNE. I am so grateful that I learned so much about those years. In fact, often I feel sad that I missed all that creativity and fun.

Whenever Committees are formed, we are never at a loss for volunteers. They pitch right in and work endlessly to make the goals of the committee a success,

Members who are not currently on Committees or on the Board still contribute significantly to our mission. They support our fundraising events and attend activities. They embody the spirit of "understanding and friendship." I feel their energy and commitment at our functions

Finally, I extend heartfelt thanks to the Executive Board members. Each member is dedicated to her special role and works with other board members to make certain that the Club is successful in its commitment to the mission of IWCNE. Their work is deeply appreciated. You have made these two years a success beyond expectations.

My tenor as President has giving me wonderful exposure to the membership. Of one thing I am certain-IWCNE is a better, more accomplished Club because of its members. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve. I say goodbye only to the office of president and look forward to many years of association with IWCNE.

In friendship

Mariene Dargan Benoit

Board of Directors 2021

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Founder	Anna Kristina Sawtelle

The next board meeting is Dec. 8 - joint meeting of outgoing and incoming boards

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before Jan. 15 for the January newsletter.

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

Thursday, January
27th 4:00 pm



Book: Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray
Hostess: Charline Ludgate 207-439-8884
or ccludgate@comcast.net
All are welcome. Please contact the hostess if you plan to attend.

Please note: We expect all members and guests attending IWCNE luncheons, "Potlucks", or activities to be fully vaccinated!



World Cinema

There are a couple of In Theatre films of interest:

Director Wes Anderson's **French Dispatch**, whimsical and a particular delight for long-time readers of The New Yorker magazine, 1 hour, 43 minutes

And **Belfast**, a romanticized look at Director and Actor Kenneth Branagh's childhood in Northern Ireland, circa 1968, 1 hour, 37 minutes

Newly available on Netflix: **Passing**, deals with racial ambiguity in Harlem in the 1920's, beautifully acted and shot in black and white, 1 hour, 38 minutes



FRANCOPHONE

Si vous voulez pratiquer votre français, venez déjeuner avec nous. Contact Joyce for more information joyce.marchand@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report as of September

Administrative Account	\$ 6,058
Charity Account	\$ 11,861
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 5 Meeting / Holiday Party

Jan 22 Awards Luncheon

Jan 27 Book Club

ATTENTION MEMBERS -



ANNUAL MEETING AND AN INVITATION

During these unusual times of pandemic, we have learned to pivot and make adjustments. And one thing we at IWCNE have proven is that we are flexible! In normal years, we have our Annual Meeting in November when we vote on the next year's Executive Board of Directors. This year the Board has decided to move that meeting to December AND combine it with the annual holiday gathering.

You are invited to light lunch on **December 5, 2021 from 1 – 3 PM at The Lookout in Ogunquit**. The IWCNE Board of Directors would like to thank the membership for all your hard work and participation! There is no cost and no donation expected at this event. We will hold a meeting, vote and then relax and have lunch and, perhaps, do some singing!

Please contact contact Mariene Benoit at mdarganb@gmail.com or call 207-646 5839 if you would like to attend.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Dear IWCNE members,

I want to thank everyone for a splendid fundraising year. Thanks to our wonderful member who assisted during the craft show and the fashion show and all the small fundraisers this year. This year we raised in excess of \$12,000. The final figures will be forthcoming.

Thanks again,
Ellen Farber

POTLUCKS - Potlucks are social gathering where we all bring food to share AND donate \$15 to the charity fund.



Thank you again for all who were hostesses and all who attended our pot lucks. We managed to get together in spite of still troubling times. I am looking forward to 2022 - hopefully we can have small indoor gatherings in January and February. If you would like to hostess, please contact Lynne Gass - 207-607-1305, lynnegass123@gmail.com. Thank you.



A donation has been made to our charity account in memory of Michele Hovde. Michele was a charming and valued member of our club, served on the Executive Board, and was very active in the Francophone group.

Thrift Shops

An easy way to raise money for our charities is to consign clothing and household items. The shops are now taking fall and winter clothing as well as household items. So far, we have earned over \$1,050. And the same amount went to local charities supported by the shops. If you have items to donate, you should contact Mariene Benoit (mdarganb@gmail.com or 207-646 5839).

THE GIVING TREE OF RANGELEY MAINE

At our July luncheon we learned about The Giving Tree of Rangeley, a charitable organization that collects gas and food cards for the elderly and warm clothing and books for children in Rangeley Maine. Your participation is voluntary, but if you would like to contribute to this organization, you can bring your donation to the fall luncheons and/or our November fashion show and drop it in the "Rangeley Donation Bag".

Posted near the bag will be a list of items needed and published in an upcoming weekly message. (Always needed: gas cards - prefer Citgo because we have one in Rangeley but Irving or Shell will also work, new pajamas, and new children's books). Cash donations can be made by check payable to The Giving Tree of Rangeley.



Reservation Deadline: January 15, 2022

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON Saturday, January 22, 2022

York Harbor Inn, 480 York Street, York Harbor, ME

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS PRICES HAVE CHANGED

YOU MUST HAVE A PAID RESERVATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

You can call and make a reservation and menu choice at either 310-749-8356 (Deborah Forster)

Or 516-819-1987 (Jane Bagnell) and send your \$40 check either to Deborah Forster at 13 Marden Way, Durham, NH 03824 or Jane Bagnell at 15 Marden Way, Durham, NH 03824

Or go to our website, www.iwcne.net, click on "events" and pay with Pay Pal or Credit Card \$41 (Pay Pal charges

Important: You must call or e-mail your menu choice to either deborah.forster13@comcast.net

or mooney.jane7@gmail.com

Once your payment is received you will get a confirmation email or call.

Cancellations need to be 7 days before luncheon, or you will be asked to pay.

Social Time: 11:00 AM, Meeting: 11:30 AM, Lunch at Noon followed by program

First Course: Warm Rolls & Butter York Harbor Inn Green Salad

Entrée Course (Choose One): Haddock and Shrimp Au Gratin or Sherry Chicken Marsala
Served with Seasonal Vegetable and Starch

Dessert: Chef's Choice Coffee and Tea, Decaf available

PROGRAM: Installation OF 2022 Executive Board of Directors and AWARDS TO THIS YEAR'S CHARITIES

Finding Our Voices - Aims to educate everyone about the complexity, insidiousness, and persuasiveness of domestic abuse and to help girls and women recognize, avoid, safely heal from dangerous relationships.

Grahamtastic Connection - Provides free technology to children with cancer and other serious illnesses to support their education, as well as their social and emotional well-being.

Oyster River Womenade - Provides short-term assistance to community members in times of hardship.

Youth Journalism International - Connects student writers, artists, and photographers with peers around the globe, teaches journalism, fosters cross-cultural understanding, and promotes and defends a free youth press.

December Birthdays

05 Deborah McConnell	21 Rob Walker
06 Katherine Eraklis	22 Jane Page, Isabel Cutler
07 Barbhb Poulin, Pam Patton	26 Maria Twomey-Thompson
09 Mary Kinnear	27 Frances oy
10 Anne Tillotson	30 Lynne Gass
14 Charline Ludgate	31 Nancy Davis
16 Pat Archambeault	



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MEMBERSHIP

MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS

Calendar– 2022

JANUARY 22
FEBRUARY 25
APRIL 23
MAY 18

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.

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2022 DUES—\$40

The IWCNE By-laws state Membership dues shall be determined and approved annually by the Executive Board. Dues shall be payable on or before January 1st.

At the September 8th meeting of the Executive Board, it was voted on and approved to return the dues to \$40.00, the pre-Covid level for 2022.

If you are paying via check, please make your check out to IWCNE for \$40 and indicate it is for dues. Mail your check to Yvonne Chainey, Membership Co-Chair, 58 Harding Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801. If you are paying via Pay Pal go to www.IWCNE.net, click on Events and then select Membership.