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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

I enjoy October for two reasons: from early to mid-October, we enjoy a spectacular gift when Nature displays a beautiful array of colors, and the month ends with celebration of Halloween.

Halloween as we celebrate it has a long history and it has gone through many changes. Celebrations date back over two thousand years to the Celtic celebration of Samhain (sowin)--the festival that marked the end of the harvest and the start of a new year. Samhain was the Lord of the Dead and on the day of Samhain he brought together souls of the wicked who died during the year. Their sins were expiated and they were released to Druid Heaven, but only after human and small animal victims had been burned alive as sacrifices.

Gradually goblins, fairies, and witches were added to the ghosts assembled by the Lord of Death. Village people dressed up in frightening costumes to fool the spirits into thinking they were ghosts and witches. They would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off these spirits thinking they could escape harm.

Christian popes wanted to replace pagan holidays like Samhain with Christian celebrations. By 1000 A.D. November 2 became All Souls Day and designated a time for the living to pray for the souls of the dead. November 1 was designated as All Saints' Day. It was also called All Hallows Day. That made October 31 All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Despite the new religious focus, people in Old England and Ireland continued to associate the time with the wandering dead. They set out gifts of foods to please the spirits, and later people would dress in scary costumes in exchange for treats themselves--a practice similar to today's trick-or-treating.

Celebrations arose in southern colonies in America. People celebrated the harvest, swapped ghost stories, and told fortunes. These festivals were called "play parties" not Halloween.

Halloween really took off in the middle of the 19th century when a wave of Irish immigrants left their country during the potato famine. They popularized the celebration nationally with new superstitions and customs, like the jack-o'-lantern. Children didn't trick-or-treat; they played pranks in the tradition of mischief-making.

Trick-or-treating gained popularity by the 1950s when Halloween became a true national event. Today over 179 million Americans celebrate the holiday and spend about \$9.2 billion in candy per year.

The Nominating Committee has worked hard recruiting people for positions on the 2022 Executive Board. The slot for Treasurer is still open, and it is critical that this position be filled.

The responsibilities of the Treasurer involve keeping track of income and expenses each month, paying bills, depositing checks, and submitting end-of-the-month reports to the Executive Board. You do not need a background in accounting or even bookkeeping

If you are a new member, this is an opportunity to become a very active member of the Club and to work with a very supportive group of women. Former Club Treasurers Anne Supenia and Barb Poulin, are willing to assist in any way they can. I will also be available to help. If you would like to pursue this position and want more details, you may phone me at 207-646-5839.

Mariene Dargan Benoit.

Board of Directors 2021

President	Mariene Benoit
Vice President	Cindy Sayers
Secretary	Charline Ludgate
Treasurer	Anne Supenia
Membership	Marion McAuliffe Yvonne Chainey
Fundraising	Ellen Farber- Libowitz
Newsletter	Lucille Gentsch
Publicity	Margaret Weeks
Programs & Luncheons	Deb Forster Jane Bagnell
Activities	Cindy Sayers
Historian	Regina Godfrey
Pot Luck	
Coordinator	Lynne Gass,
Webmaster	Lucille Gentsch
WCI Liaison	Margarete Claesson
Founder	Anna Kristina Sawtelle

The next board meeting is Nov 10. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Mariene Benoit.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before Nov 15 for the November 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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Fundraising Activities

IWCNE BOOK CLUB

November date to be determined.

For more information contact Charline Ludgate
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Please note: We expect all members and guests attending IWCNE luncheons, "Potlucks", or activities to be fully vaccinated!

World Cinema

Recommended viewing until we can meet in person again

On Netflix:

La Cochineria de Castamar. (Spain), 12 episode series—a costume drama set in 1720 Madrid. A talented cook catches the eye of a widowed Duke...

Official Secrets - set in the UK, it revolves around the woman who leaked the news that there were no WMD's. Colin Powell was shown addressing the UN in the film.



FRANCOPHONE

Monday, November 15 – 12:00
Stage Neck Inn

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	\$ 6,144
Charity Account	\$ 9,650
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 30	Potluck Fundraiser
Nov 07	Fashion Show
Dec 05	Combined Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

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



Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 PM Halloween Potluck at Ellen Farber's, 20 Tern St., Ogunquit. Wear your scariest (and warmest) costume but sweetest face! Please bring your food to share and \$15.00 for the charity account. We will have the fire pit going and toast marshmallows for s'mores. RSVP to Lynne Gass, 207-607-1305, lynnegass123@gmail.com.



Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021
Place: Wentworth By the Sea Country Club
Time: 11:30 -arrival time
12:15 -luncheon
1:30– 3:00 fashion show
Fashions by: Daisy Jane of York

Putting on the Glitz of Portsmouth, NH

Models: from the club

Menu: choice of Onion soup or Pumpkin Bisque

Choice of Maine dish is Beef Bourgenione or pumpkin ravioli

Choice of dessert is pumpkin pie or pecan pie with ice cream

Tea & or coffee

Wonderful raffle prizes

Committee: Ellen O'Toole, chairperson, Lynn Pahland, assistant chair, Mariene Benoit, President, Yvonne Chainey, Ellen Farber- Libowitz, Donna Freni, Linda Kahn, Marion McCauliffe, Marsha Miller, Mickey Robinson, Anne Supenia

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. In the 4 months that the shops were taking items, we earned \$438. Another \$438 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).

AMAZON SMILE: One way you can still generate money for the charity account is to do some E-shopping! Our club is one of the charities which benefit from Amazon's charitable giving program - Amazon Smile. If you haven't listed us yet, go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select from the list of charities International Women's Club of New England. Then do all your shopping through smile.amazon.com rather than amazon.com. Save it to your favorites list.



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.



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!

Nominees for Executive Board of Directors 2022

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Ellen Farber, Jane Bagnell, Pam Lynch, Barb Poulin & Ellen O'Toole

Voting will take place on December 5, 2021 and the new Executive Board of Directors will be installed at the January 2022 meeting.

President	Cindy Sayers
Vice President	Marion McAuliffe
Secretary	Marian Stanton
Treasurer	
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TODAY'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER: Ellen Farber-Libowitz The SHOFAR Ellen will tell us about and demonstrate "Shofar" blowing, -- the battle cry, call to meeting, or prayer. Discover the mystical & secretive chants that accompany the blowing of the ram's horn to "tekiah, shevarim, teruah, tekiah godolah" used by all biblical religions. Blowing lessons are available for those with musical ears and a good set of lungs.

November Birthday

27 Inga Schwertzel



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MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS
Calendar- 2021-2
DECEMBER 5
JANUARY 22
FEBRUARY 25

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.

MEMBERSHIP

Returning Member

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2022 DUES—\$40

The IWCNE By-laws, under Article IV-Dues states as follows: Sec. 1: Membership dues shall be determined and approved annually by the Executive Board. Sec. 2: 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.