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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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Message from the President

My sun dance must have worked! After such a dismal, wet summer the week end of our family reunion was absolutely glorious, and it's continued past Labor Day. We had a wonderful time, enjoying Maine at its best. My Southern relatives are braver than I am-almost all of them swam in our cold water-and there was nonstop laughter for 4 days.

Labor Day week end was great. My son's family and I had a "baseball week end"-Friday night at a Red Sox game, Saturday touring Old Ironsides and Bunker Hill, and Sunday at a Sea Dogs game. I had never gone to a Sea Dogs game, and it's just great family fun. It was fan appreciation day, which was very special. The players entered through corn stalks in early 1900's uniforms (thankfully for them, not the authentic wool) as the announcer proclaimed, "If we build it, they will come." Then all of the players went into the stands to greet every attendee. The day ended with an invitation to all children under 16 to run the bases, a real thrill for my grandson. The only downside of the day was that the Sea Dogs pitchers couldn't throw the ball over the plate! The New Hampshire team won with walks and pitches that hit them.

Most educators agree that our system of 9 months of school, based on our agrarian history, probably needs to change. I think very few of our children today need to be free to work on the family farm! What's interesting to me is that it's not just the schools that gear up in September. Almost all activities "get serious" in September and many are on hiatus in the summer. I hope all of you had a wonderful summer and are "geared up" to enjoy IWCNE activities and to work on the events that earn money for our charities.

Next Speaker on October 25th

Arian Giantris, Director of Refugee & Immigration Services (RIS) for Catholic Charities Maine, and Asmo Dol, Cultural Skills Coordinator for the RIS program, will be speaking to us about RIS: how refugees come to the US, how they are resettled and helped here in Maine.

Today's Speaker



Albert Sciaky has had...and continues to have, a fascinating career in international business. He's served in the military as well as CEO, partner, negotiator, consultant to many multinational organizations. He will

share his humorous views on business practices here and overseas.

Originally scheduled to speak to us on June 28, 2008, a more detailed biography was included in Volume 17, Number 6 of the IWCNE Newsletter of that date. Travel delays precluded his appearance that day so we are especially pleased to be able to reschedule Albert's talk for today.

IWCNE Dues

I hope all of you will take time to read Priscilla Schwartz's report on the club's financial picture (see back page). Our Charity Income is very healthy. Thanks to the hard work of all of you, we will be able to make generous donations to our chosen charities. However, for several years we have had trouble meeting our Administrative budget. Historically, the only source of revenue for our costs has been dues. When we first had a shortfall we began to use proceeds from the luncheon raffle to augment that fund. However, costs keep rising, primarily in the printing and mailing of the monthly newsletter, and we have no choice but to raise the annual dues to \$35. I hope you understand that this is unavoidable and that it will not present a hardship for any of you. In order to collect dues in a timely fashion, we will set up a table at the Holiday Fair for that purpose if you'd like to "get ahead of the game" and pay your 2009 dues. Feel free to call me if you'd like to discuss this change.

Thank you, Charline Ludgate, President IWCNE

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The date of the next board meeting to be held at the Conference Room at Sentry Hill is October 13 at 9:30am.

Deadline for the October 2008 Newsletter is Monday, October 13, 2008.

The Newsletter will be mailed the week following the Saturday luncheon. If you cannot attend and do not receive your newsletter in the mail, please leave a message for Dorothy Healy at 207-363-4167. Items submitted are subject to editing, due to space.

Edward Jones

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WCI Corner

The WCI Executive Board meeting on October 1st will be in Boston this year.

On October 2nd, the WCI Executive board will be having a workshop and discussion with the Boston Board members and our Board has been invited to join them. Our President, Charline and some of our Board members will be attending.

After the conference on October 3rd several members of the WCI Executive Board and possibly some members from the Boston Board will arrive here at the Seacoast as guests of our Board. Most of them will be staying in private homes as our guests.

Their entertainment will include sight seeing, a cocktail party at the home of Ellen O'Toole and dinner at the Wentworth Country Club.

This will be a shorter visit (our guests will be leaving on October 4th) than their visit a couple of years ago I am sure we will be able to pack in plenty of fun and interesting things.

In Friendship,
Kristine Slater, WCI Liaison



Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Our Members:

October 4	Jean Willcox
October 5	Betty D'Agostino Rose Safran Hannelore Simonds
October 9	Barbara Carmer
October 12	Sylvia Rubin
October 15	Jean Dolan
October 16	Michele Hovde
October 20	Isabel Sanz
October 25	Regina Godfrey Betsy Wilde
October 26	Betty Williams
October 29	Joanne Stone



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IWCNE Activities

Please note: We are asking that members give a call to the hostess or facilitator when an event is in someone's home, by no later than the day before for **all** scheduled activities, including **Book Club and Foreign Film Discussion** evenings, so that appropriate arrangements may be made. Also in case of poor driving conditions, we are then able to telephone those expected if it seems best to cancel an event.

Foreign Film Discussion Evening

(1st Monday of the month)

Barb Poulin (Acting coordinator)

Place: The Foreign Film Discussion Group will meet at the Yorkshire Commons Community Room in York. (just off Route 1A).

Date: Monday, October 6, 2008

Time: 6pm

Film: *Rabbit-Proof Fence*

Starting at our next film evening, Monday, October 6, we shall return to our winter starting time: 6 pm Light refreshments will be served. Please call/leave message for Barb Poulin for at 207-363-8731 or cell 207-337-2623 or email: barbpoulin@aol.com for film choices and/or if you plan to attend. All are welcome to bring friends, family, etc.

If you have not already seen this Australian film from 2002, I think that you might enjoy it: Australia's aboriginal integration program of the 1930s broke countless hearts — among them, those of young Molly (Evelyn Sampi), Gracie (Laura Monaghan) and Daisy (Tianna Sansbury), who were torn from their families and placed in an abusive orphanage. Without food or water, the girls resolve to make the 1,500-mile trek home. Meanwhile, a well-intentioned tracker is trying to return the girls to the authorities. 93 minutes in length.

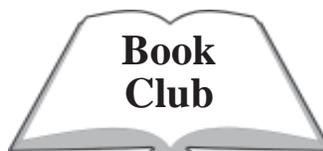
Critic Roger Ebert said of it: "This journey, which evokes some of the same mystery of the outback evoked in many other Australian films (notably *Walkabout*), is beautiful, harrowing and sometimes heartbreaking. ..."

Travel Club

We have always been a club of travelers. Ellen Farber has suggested that we might form a Travel Club to meet monthly to plan a trip together. She has spoken with a travel agent who is enthused about this. If you think you might be interested in this new activity, please call Ellen at 207-646-8666 or e-mail at musicalellen@aol.com.

Les Chanteuses

The chorus will meet Thursday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Ellen Farber followed by dinner (optional) Please RSVP to Ellen Farber at 207-646-8666.



Book Club

(1st Tuesday after club luncheon)
Around the World with Women

Coordinators: Julie Stathoplos and Anna McGann

Place: Home of Julie Stathoplos (207) 646-3874

Date: Wednesday October 1, 2008 (Please note change of day.)

Time: PLEASE NOTE 6 pm

Book: Bring any short reading of your choice-poetry, quotation, whatever

Please call Julie if you plan to attend.

Place: Home of Barb Poulin

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Time: 7 pm

Book: Please come prepared to share your thoughts on any book of your choice.

Please call Barb if you plan to attend.

Francophone Gourmet Circle

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Place: Johanna Mangion's house.

19 Goose Point, Kittery Point, ME

Time: Noon

Tel #: 207-439-8782

Note: "comme d'habitude" téléphonez à Johanna 3 ou 4 jours avant la date du déjeuner. Le déjeuner du mois d'Octobre chez Zoi fut bien agréable avec un repas exquis "comme d'habitude". Et hier c'était le déjeuner chez moi, petit groupe, mais très sympathique et si gai que j'en ai oublié de servir le café.

A la prochaine... Janine.



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Books Donated to Women's Studies at University of Southern Maine

On September 11, Anna McGann and Julie Stathoplos brought 61 books to add to the Women's Studies collection at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. The books were donated by Anne Gately, Charline Ludgate, Anna McGann, Julie Stathoplos, Karen Stathoplos, Meryl Wein, and Betty Williams. To date, 486 books have been donated by IWCNE toward Women's Studies wherever they can be of use by the University.



Left to Right: Julie Stathoplos; Lauren Webster, Assistant to the Director/ Women's Studies Program; Anna McGann]

We Want to Know

Please call us if you know of one of our members who is going through a difficult time - illness, loss of a loved one, or any crisis, so we can offer our support.

Carrie Groppe (207-363-1406)

Charline Ludgate (207-439-8884)

Muriel Poulin (207-490-1808)

Betty Williams (207-646-5772)

Holiday Party

December 13, 2008

Saturday at 4 p.m.

22 Bluestone Lane • York, ME

RSVP Alan and Regina Godfrey
207-363-7547

\$15.00 per person

August Luncheon

"Sew Don't Grow" in Afghanistan



Our speaker at the August luncheon, Rachael Lehr, Executive Director of Rubia is trying to help the women Afghanistan by selling their embroidered work. If it were only that

simple! Helping women and children is one of the prime goals of the IWCNE so the questions came quickly as Rachael showed us slides of the conditions under which these women live and the difficulties involved in trying to help them. After ten trips to Afghanistan, Rachael knows her subject well. She told of the centuries old traditions among the people that prevent their progress. Women are still considered property and their movements are restricted by the conventions imposed upon them.

One of the major problems is getting the farmers to stop growing poppies for opium and if the women can make enough to allow their husbands to stop growing poppies it would be an enormous help. The women have adopted the motto, "SEW DON'T GROW." But along with dealing with strict social conventions, poor education, and meager living conditions, they are now dealing with life and death issues because of the danger of attacks from insurgent groups. This is not an environment conducive to the creation of fine embroideries, but Rubia is not giving up. They have a staff of ten local Afghans trying to teach these women to preserve the traditional patterns, learn new patterns and execute the work to a standard that will allow the items to be sold in the U.S. They make elegant scarves, pillow covers and small purses which were on display after the luncheon.

Anne Gately

Pot Luck Dinners

In Retrospect...

Sorry that our deadline precludes news of the September 17th Pot Luck at Lee Regan-Jacks' Stay tuned next month...

For Future...

Be sure to call Betty Williams 207-646-5772 for details and to RSVP as soon as possible while there's still room.

- October 2nd, Wednesday at Muriel Poulin's Back to Nature Pot Luck picnic lunch.
- October 15th, Wednesday at 6 p.m. Judy Totman's in Kittery Point.
- November 13th, Thursday at 6 p.m. Tinker Newick's in York Harbor.

Québec's 400th Anniversary



The city of Québec, founded in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain of Brouage on France's Atlantic coast, celebrated its 400th birthday this past July. To mark the occasion, a group of French-speaking New Englanders decided to offer the city a monument in their name.

Claire Quintal was chosen to be the group's spokesperson for the dedication ceremony. She is seen here with the Prime Minister of Québec, Jean Charest, in a photograph taken immediately after the monument's unveiling.

The bilingual plaque on the face of the monument reads in part as follows:

"We extend our hand in friendship to our Québec neighbors by associating ourselves with them in commemorating the 400th anniversary of the founding of the city of Québec, the starting point of a permanent French presence in North America."

Yet another ceremony in honor of Champlain took place on Cape Cod where the same Samuel de Champlain landed in 1605 at Nauset, named Mallebarre by him, and at Chatham which he called Port Fortuné in 1606.

On July 21st, some fifty persons, led by François Gauthier, France's Consul General in Boston, accompanied by representatives of Canada, Québec, and New England gathered

at the Champlain Monument in Chatham where Claire Quintal was asked to deliver an address regarding Champlain's important contributions to the New World as both explorer and cartographer:



"This commemoration of Champlain's great achievements during his lifetime reminds us all of what great debts we owe to those who braved the seas in order, not only to discover our New World, but to establish on the shores of the majestic St. Lawrence — after founding the Acadian settlement of Port Royal — a whole new Francophone world on this continent.

He, who sailed along our shores in 1605 and again in 1606, giving French names to harbors, rivers, and capes, stopping only long enough, unfortunately, to prepare detailed maps of the region, deserves to be honored in this manner, in this place, on this day."

In 2009, Vermont will be holding year-long festivities to honor the discoverer of their beautiful Lake Champlain, named after the intrepid explorer. Both Vermont's Governor Douglas and its Senator Patrick Leahy were present in Québec for the unveiling ceremonies this past July.

Claire Quintal,
Ordre des Francophones d'Amérique

Holiday Fair on November 8 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m

In addition to being a great deal of fun, the holiday fair is one of our major fund raisers of the year. About 44 vendors, members and non members, assemble in the York Middle School selling everything from exotic African jewelry to treats for your dog. There will be knitted scarves and hats, jewelry of all kinds, pocketbooks and tote bags, antiques, sweet smelling lotions and more. Lunch will be available – soup and sandwiches. For your sweet tooth – there will be a bake table well stocked by our dedicated members. So mark your calendar and start your holiday shopping at this special event.

We need your participation and there are jobs for all talents. As a member of the International Women's Club of New England, here is how you can help:

- Arrange holiday baskets for sale to benefit IWCNE at Priscilla Schwartz's house. Date to be announced. Call Rachael Gowen 603 431-2568 if this is your forte.

- Staff a IWCNE holiday table during the show for part or all of the day. This table sells items for the benefit of the Club, you do not have to supply anything.
- Bake or cook something delicious for our bake sale. Call Regina Godfrey 207 363-7547 to donate a pie, desert, pickles, bread or your specialty.
- And most of all support our crafters and antique dealers with your presence.

If you attended last year you know what a great show this is and if you didn't attend last year you are in for a pleasant surprise. September is whizzing by and the holiday season will be here in a flash!

Rachel Gowen (603 431-2568) is in charge of this event and will welcome your calls. She will have a sign up sheet at the next luncheon, but if are not going to the luncheon - give her a call and offer your help, we need you.

Karen Hull's Swedish Kusuntraff Reunion

This summer my cousin Gusty and I traveled to Sweden for a "kusuntraff" (cousins) reunion. At the beginning of our trip we spent several days in Stockholm. A very beautiful city, it was built in the 12th and 13th centuries on fourteen islands between the Baltic Sea and Lake Malaren.

On our first full day a short ferry ride took us to the island of Djurgarden where the following attractions are located.

The Vasamuseet. The warship *Vasa*, pride of the Swedish fleet, was built on the orders of King Guatav II Adolf. Due to overly ambitious design, she capsized in Stockholm harbor on her maiden voyage in 1628: a victim of insufficient ballast and an extra cannon deck. Preserved in Baltic mud (free of wood boring worms) for 333 years, she was rediscovered and raised in 1961, along with 12,000 objects. Carefully restored she now resides in a specially built museum.

The Biological Museum was especially interesting to me. It was built in 1893 by an architect who was inspired by the medieval Norwegian stave churches and houses collections of Scandinavian birds and mammals in their natural habitat. These are presented in a vast two level diorama format showing the inland and coastal landscapes of Sweden. .

Skansen, (Sweden in a nutshell) founded in 1891, is the world's oldest open air museum. The old farms and homesteads brought here from every part of Sweden are surrounded by gardens and cultivated patches that are typical of the time and place. We especially enjoyed seeing the traditional Swedish craft demonstrations of weaving, glass blowing and pottery.

The Nordiska Museet (Nordic Museum) which opened in 1907 houses many different artifacts illustrating 500 years of Swedish life and customs.

On the boat cruise to Drottningholm we went by several interesting islands. We saw the public beaches on Langholmen (yes, one can swim in downtown Stockholm, the original home of Absolute Vodka on Reimersholme, and the founding home of Electrolux vacuum cleaners on Lilla Essingen. On Kungshatt there is a tall pole with a large hat on it. Legend has it that in the late 9th century, the King of the Svea was being hunted by his enemies and to avoid capture, he made a death-defying leap from the cliff. His enemies were forced to make do with his hat as the king and his horse swam safely away.

After the boat cruises we walked through **Gamla Stan** (Old Town). This is the oldest part of Stockholm, exquisitely preserved with its medieval beauty, narrow cobbled streets, gorgeous architecture and small café-lined squares. Spread across four islands, the "City between the Bridges" includes Stockholm's 700 year old Storkyrka (Cathedral), Riksdagshuset (Parliament) and Kungliga Slottet (Royal Palace).

Cousin reunion time! From Stockholm we took a very fast train to Arvika and were met by our cousin, Carin. We were taken to her home for a traditional lunch of pickled herring,

hardtack, cheese, kottbuller (meatballs) and beets. After lunch we toured Gammelvala's old time crafts festival and saw paper making, weaving, etc. The day was rounded out with a swim at the public beach (it was 85 degrees!), a concert at Brunskog Church, a very late dinner, and talking until dark....ha ha! (Big joke = in July it never really gets dark)

The next day, forty- five cousins were in attendance at our family reunion. We had a fabulous time, swimming, chatting, taking photographs and eating! My cousin Carin had cleverly made posters describing our various families and then gave a quiz on them! One question was: "Helen, Thelma, Ruth and Margaret were a) cousins, b) four generations, c) sisters." The answer (if you read the posters) was sisters. Easy for Gusty and me as Helen and Thelma were our mothers.

On Sunday we toured the *Rackstad Museum* in Arvika with its exhibit of early 20th century art by the Rackstad Colony members and *Finnebacks*, our cousins company which manufactures modular cold and freezer doors and rooms for the food processing industry. On Monday we were treated to a personalized tour of Klassbols Linnevaveri by Andreas Johansson, great-grandson of the founder and boyfriend of our Swedish cousin's daughter. Since 1991, Klassbols has woven the exquisite silver-grey tablecloth and napkins used yearly at the December Nobel banquet in Stockholm's Stadhuset (town hall). Klassbols also provides linens for all the Swedish and Norwegian embassies. I purchased a pink runner to compliment my mother's Princess pattern Haviland china and a beautiful blue hand towel.

On Tuesday we took the train to Koping (western end of Lake Malaren) to visit friends of Gusty's. One day was spent in the Dalarna province driving through the charming towns of Leksand, Tallberg, Rattvik, Nusnas and Mora around Lake Siljan.

In every Swedish and Swedish-American home there is at least one Dala Horse which, if authentic, is handmade at the Grannas A. Olsson Workshop in Nusnas. The process is thus: after the wooden horse has been cut out by band-saw and given its final shape, it is given a primer coat and then dipped in bright glossy paint (red, blue, black or white). The traditional patterns are then hand painted showing the individuality of each artist. As a result, each horse is unique. When dry, the horses are given a protective coat of clear gloss varnish. Gusty and I were thrilled to see this factory....and gift shop...and yes, I purchased a real Dala Horse for me and each of my children.

From Dalarna we went to Skultuna, the worlds oldest design company, founded by by King Karl IX on the 11th of February 1607. Our Kumla hosts very kindly gave us each a beautiful brass candle holder.

Our last day in Stockholm was spent shopping at Ahlens City department store and having dinner in Gamla Stan with one of our newly discovered cousins! All in all a fabulous trip!

Karen Hull

IWCNE Luncheon Registration Form

International Women's Club of New England
October 25, 2008

NAME (S): _____

The Beach House Grill
355 Main Street • Ogunquit, Maine • 207-646-1213

Deadline: October 17, 2008

RSVP: Please send your check for \$20.00 per person to Regina Godfrey, 22 Bluestone Lane, York, ME 03909 or call 207-363-7547. Pre-registration only. No refunds. Send someone else in your place.

Luncheon Menu
New England Seafood Chowder
Or Beach House Salad

- _____
- Citrus Shrimp Skewer served with rice and vegetable
 - Caesar Hearts of Romaine Salad available plain or with grilled chicken or shrimp.
 - Rigatoni Pomodoro

Carrot Cake
Coffee or Tea



International Women's Club of New England Program for October 25th, 2008

The Beach House Grill
355 Main Street • Ogunquit, Maine • 207-646-1213

11:00 a.m. Registration (Coffee available)

11:30 a.m. Business Meeting

12:00 noon Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Speaker

Directions:

U.S. 1 N thru Ogunquit Center. Restaurant is on the left at 355 Main Street.
U.S. 1 S before Ogunquit Center. Restaurant is on right.



IWCNE - October 2008 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Save the Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 8th Holiday Fair • November 13th Pot Luck at Tinker Newick's • December 13th Holiday Party at the Godfrey's 			<p>1</p> <p>Book Club 6:00 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Les Chanteuses 5:30 pm Picnic Pot Luck at Muriel Poulin's Mid-morning</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>International Film Discussion Yorkshire Commons 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Board Meeting Sentry Hill, York 9:30 am Deadline for newsletter</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pot Luck at Judy Totman's 6:00 pm Kittery Point</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Deadline for Luncheon Signup/Payment</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Francophone Gourmet Circle Noon</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Luncheon The Beach House Grill Ogunquit, ME 11 am</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Book Club 6:00 pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



IWCNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2008

(Priscilla Schwartz, Treasurer)

CHARITABLE INCOME	
Fashion Show	\$4,438
Fashion Show Raffle	1,741
Flea Market	384
Holiday Fair (November, 2008)	990
Memorial Donations	220
Potluck Dinners	2,160
Misc Events/Donations	135
50/50	545
TOTALS	10,613
CHARITABLE FUNDS EXPENDITURES	
Childrens International	528
Charity Award #1 December 31, 2008	
Charity Award #2 December 31, 2008	
Charity Award #3 December 31, 2008	
TOTALS	528
NET CHARITABLE FUNDS	10,085
ADMINISTRATIVE INCOME	
Dues	2,230
Donations/interest	37
Newsletter Ads	150
Monthly Luncheon raffle	466
TOTALS	2,883
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES	
Brochure printing	160
Monthly Luncheon Speakers	108
Newsletter Printing	2,204
Newsletter Postage	262
Miscellaneous Expenses (Postage & Supplies)	340
Web Site	460
WCI dues	50
TOTALS	3,584
NET ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	(701)