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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

How can you tell it is spring in Maine? Well, some go by the official date and others watch for the first crocus or snow drops to appear in their garden. For me it is when the small mountain of snow finally melts in my backyard. But at IWCNE, spring is the anticipation of our fashion show! This year the show is on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the Wentworth By the Sea Country Club. I am already thinking of non-club members to invite to make up a table, or what I can donate to the raffle this year. Don't forget, Mother's Day is the week before, why not keep the celebration going with Mom the following Sunday?

Continuing to usher in spring, we had a fun time at a Pot Luck luncheon on April 1 learning about Poisson D'Avril (the way the French celebrate April 1st). Jokes were shared and the fish theme dominated the day with Jean Luc, the beautiful Beta fish "swimming home" with Audrey Belle-Isle who reported that Jean Luc will join her daughter's therapy dog, visiting school kids. You go Jean Luc!

Today, at our April luncheon at Jonathan's, we are honored to have a Holocaust survivor as our speaker. This is a rare opportunity and we thank the Programs and Luncheons Committee! We round out the very last day of the month with a mystery Pot Luck dinner at the home of Ellen Farber-Libowitz. My money is on Colonel Mustard in the Library with the candlestick! Sign up to find out.

Hot on the heels of the solved murder comes the excitement of the Kentucky Derby "Race for the Roses" pot luck party at Lucille's! Get out your hats and think mint juleps! See page 2 for potluck details.

Happy spring,
Cindy Sayers

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The next executive board meeting is May 10. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before May 12..

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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RAISING MONEY FOR THESE CHARITIES THIS YEAR

The Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus based in Portland, Maine, welcomes immigrant children from around the globe, promotes the learning of language and customs. Pihcintu, pronounced 'B-chin-too,' is a Passamaquoddy word meaning, "When she sings, her voice carries far." <https://pihcintu.org>

Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center, Biddeford, partners with our local communities and neighbors to find solutions to poverty and to promote personal growth. They serve the community with a drop in center and a support center providing assistance in finding employment and housing. seedsofhope4me.org

Kids Free to Grow's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by empowering children and families in York and Cumberland Counties. They have school programs for both educators and students and also conduct parenting classes which promote healthy discipline. <https://kidsfreetogrow.org>

Youth Journalism International: connects student writers, artists and photographers with peers around the globe, teaches journalism, fosters cross-cultural understanding, and defends a free youth press. They teach students about reporting, writing, storytelling and ethics using real world experience. Students primarily learn by doing the work. <https://youthjournalism.org>

ACTIVITIES and INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Thursday April 27th, 3:00 pm

Book: Lucy by the Sea

Author: Elizabeth Strout

Hostess: Jackie Connerty

207-641-8635, bythesea.ogunquit@gmail.com



Thursday May 25th, 3:00 pm

Book: In Extremis: The Life and Death of War Correspondent Marie Colvin

Author: Marie Colvin

Hostess: Mariene Benoit

207-646-5839, mdarganb@gmail.com

Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.

We welcome new members.

 Kaffee---Kuchen---Konversation

Tuesday, May 16 - 2 PM German Group

If you speak some German, please join our German Group! We will meet on the third Monday of each month (except May which is the third Tuesday) from 2:00 to 3:30 at the home of Anna Kristina Sawtelle on Clay Hill Road, past Clay Hill Farm Restaurant in Cape Neddick. We will chat in German and enjoy Kaffee und Kuchen. Please call or email Anna Kristina if you would like to attend (207) 361-1508 or aksawtelle@aol.com.

FRANCOPHONE

WED May 17- Noon French Group



Location to be announced

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

Calling all DIVAS. **Sunday, June 11 at 5 pm,**

Les Chantueses will meet again to sing & maybe perform again at my home at 20 Tern Street. Please RSVP 207-251-1746

Activities

Friday, May 26 at 11am we will have a guided tour at OGUNQUIT Museum of American Art and lunch at the Cape Neddick Golf Club. FMI please call Ellen at (207-251-1746).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 27 Book Club
Apr 30 Murder Mystery Potluck
May 6 Derby Day Potluck
May 10 Exec Board Meeting
May 12 Deadline for Fashion Show Reservations
May 16 German Group
May 17 French Group
May 21 Fashion Show
May 24 Book Club
May 26 Museum Activity

FUNDRAISING

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Fashion Show, 21 May

Hopefully, by this time, you have all received your invitations - if not, please get in touch with Micky, kennethmoirarobinson@gmail.com. We're planning a delicious luncheon for you - choice of Salmon with an Asian honey soy glaze, or Pan seared Statler chicken breast au jus, or Chefs vegetarian plate - served with Arugula and radicchio greens with poached pear, crumbled blue cheese, with citrus dressing; Haricots verts with toasted almonds along with classic roasted butternut squash; and for dessert, a tasty blueberry lemon cheesecake with fresh whipped cream...WOW

Please remember to put your name and contact information on the back of each raffle ticket...and perhaps your family or friends would like to purchase some raffle tickets for our charities...we'd sure appreciate their kind gesture...

Many of us will be wearing hats or fascinators, so join in the fun and add something special, or international, to your outfits...

Hope to see you all on 21 May, 11 AM, at the Wentworth Country Club...we'll be having live music by our favorite pianist, Kent...welcoming tunes to greet our family and friends to a super afternoon of fashion and fun, all to support our annual fundraiser for our charities.

*Let me know if I can make this day more special for you: Lynn.pahland@gmail.com.



Potlucks have always been a part of our fundraising efforts. They are social gatherings where we all bring food to share AND

donate \$15 to the charity fund. It's an opportunity to enjoy each others' company in an informal atmosphere in small groups. On April 1st we celebrated "Poison d'Avril" - French April Fool's at Cindy's house. (pictured here)



The next fundraising pot lucks include:

Sunday, April 30 at 5 PM at Ellen Farber's home at 20 Tern St Ogunquit: A Mystery Evening: Death by Chef's Knife. Maximum of 12 plus Ellen as facilitator.

Saturday, May 6: A Kentucky Derby Day event at Lucille Gentsch's home in Kennebunkport, with drinks including Lucille's Mint Juleps (plus soft drinks) and Southern style finger food (Barb has suggestions) from 5-7 PM. Maximum attendees will be 20, one per entered horse to root for. There will be 2 TVs for watching the race at 6:45. Wearing extravagant hats is encouraged!

Mid-May Small elegant dinner for 10 at Susie Finnell's home in Ogunquit. Exact early evening in mid-May date to be confirmed with Susie soon.

Tuesday, June 6 Pot Luck at 5:30 (not long after full Strawberry Moon) at Tinker Newick's home at 2 Rivermouth Rd in York. A maximum of 18 attendees plus a wait list.

More outdoor/deck pot lucks this summer at member homes for as long as weather allows.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Barb Poulin with a text or call to 207-337-2623 or email at barbpoulin@aol.com



A generous donation was made by one of our members to the Charity Account in memory of President Cindy Sayers' mother, who passed away recently.

PLANNING AHEAD:

LUNCHEON: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 11 AM
Brick Store Museum
117 Main St, Kennebunk, ME

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, June 21, 2023
NOTE NEW RESERVATION INFORMATION!

YOU MUST HAVE A PAID RESERVATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE

Reservations and Payment: You can contact Yvonne Chainey to make a reservation at:
(Cell) 603-502-2615 (call or text), email Ychainey@aol.com, then send your **\$20** check made out to IWCNE
to: Yvonne Chainey, 58 Harding Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Or go to our website www.iwcne.net, click on Events, pay \$21 via Pay Pal (includes PayPal fee)

Note that the luncheon fee for June is reduced to \$20

Summery Buffet Luncheon

Assorted Sandwich Sliders: Caprese, Chicken Salad, Ham and Swiss

Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken
Thai Noodle Salad
Fruit Platter

Desserts: Cookie Platter, Lemon Squares, Mini Whoopie Pies
Bottled Water / Flavored Seltzers / Fresh Lemonade

June 28 Program:

“Partners for World Health: Local Effort, Global Impact”

We’re excited to offer a very special program at the Brick Store Museum for our June luncheon this year. First, we’ll view the “Wrapped in Blue: Fashions to Promote Global Health” exhibition developed by Partners for World Health in Portland, Maine. The exhibition will be on view at the museum through August 20 and features gorgeous outfits created by designers out of blue wrap, a polypropylene material used in all US hospitals. Next we’ll enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon with a menu created just for us, followed by a presentation by Partners for World Health founder Elizabeth McClelland.

May Birthdays

1. Mary Lucas
3. Yuan Wang
8. Linda Anderson
10. Babro Bolh, Yvonne Bryan
28. Kerry Ellen Enright
30. Jaye Anderton



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**MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS
 Calendar- 2023**

- Apr 22 Jonathan's
- May 21 Fashion Show
- Jun 28 Brick Store Museum
- Jul 26 Atlantic Grill
- Aug 23 Wentworth
- Sep 23 Atlantic Grill
- Oct 28 Jonathan's
- Nov 29 Nonantum

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.

Treasurer's Report

Charity \$ 3,550.28
 Admin \$ 2,782.88
 CD \$ 5,024.46
 Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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 (Karl)
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 York, ME 03909

New Welcome Clubs International President



We acknowledged and endorsed the next president of WCI who ran unopposed, Vivienne Shen. She is a lawyer who has travelled the world with her diplomat husband. In 2003, she joined the Welcome to Taipei Club (WTIC) and quickly took on the roles of Liaison to WCI, General Secretary, and then president from 2018-2020. Vivienne has been involved in a variety of leadership roles with WCI.

WCI at the United Nations: A few members of the WCI Board were fortunate enough to attend the Commission on the Status of Women 67 meetings at the UN this March. They were thrilled to get to know a few colleagues from some WCI sister clubs and to share ideas of how to tackle challenges and use opportunities within their individual clubs. It was stated that the most powerful outcome the UN meeting produced was the ability to grow and have meaningful impact at the grassroots level, with sister clubs and with other grassroots Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

So much information was shared that another forum will be scheduled. Some key takeaways in terms of the global themes from the events were: challenges in the Cyber world including inherent biases in Artificial Intelligence (AI); Pushing the "Feminist Foreign Policy" agenda is key to global equality and all the socio-economic benefits it brings; and making urban spaces and the natural environment safe for women and children automatically magnifies benefits to communities and nations.