



# 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 know summer is winding down, but I for one have not had enough of our perfect "eat them with a spoon" days that Maine is known for. Have you? Our rainy July has caused me to feel this way, but, if I look for the "silver lining", I keep thinking, thank goodness that the huge amount of precipitation we received in July wasn't in January! Right?

Speaking of "silver linings", there have been quite a few for the Club this month, beginning with the new member "meet and greet" (photos below) in Ellen Farber's backyard garden last week. Thank you to the 25 members who attended and to Ellen, Yvonne and the Board members who brought food to the event. While it was a cloudy day and threatened rain, the "silver lining" was that the rain held off until the end of the event allowing us all to have a great time chatting, eating, and meeting some new members.

Another "silver lining" this month; our Charity Account grew in an unusual way. We received a \$500.00 bequest from the estate of former member Rose Safran. Initially based in New York, Rose was a journalist who moved to Maine and became an active member of our Club. Rose was very kind to remember IWCNE in her will.

Speaking of our Charities, . **You still have time to enter the drawing for House 3 in our Fall House Stay raffle** -see page 2.

Finally, let's prolong the end of summer for as long as we can with a recital by one of the Charities we are supporting this year; the Pihcintu Girls Multicultural Chorus. Your donation of \$30.00 will allow you to excite your ears as well as your taste buds as we enjoy ice cream, cookies and root beer floats in my backyard garden. I'm hoping for a "silver lining" of great weather on Saturday September 9th from 2-4 p.m. in Kennebunk. See you there!

Cindy Sayers

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The next executive board meeting is Sep 13. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy. The newsletter will be sent to those members who request it. As always it can be downloaded on our website: [www.iwcne.net](http://www.iwcne.net)

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## NEW MEMBER GATHERING



## INTEREST GROUPS

### BOOK CLUB

Thursday September 28th, 3:00 pm  
Book: West with the Night  
Author: Beryl Markham  
Hostess: T B A  
FMI; Barb Poulin  
at [barbpoulin@aol.com](mailto:barbpoulin@aol.com), or call/text: 207.337.2623  
We welcome new members



## FUNDRAISING

Ice Cream Social with  
Songs by the Pihcintu Multicultural Girls  
Chorus  
Saturday, September 9, 2023  
2 – 4 pm \$30 per person

Cindy Sayers' House 34 Fletcher St, Kennebunk  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**BRING FAMILY, BRING GUESTS**

Come and spend a lovely summer afternoon in a beautiful garden listening to these girls from all over the world sing. Enjoy tasty ice cream and homemade cookies. Shelter is available if the weather does not cooperate.

**ICE CREAM generously provided by Scoop Deck in Wells**

To sign up contact Lucille at [lucillegen@gmail.com](mailto:lucillegen@gmail.com) or (207) 318-7304

### GERMAN GROUP

Monday Sep 18- 2-3:30 pm

If you speak some German, please join our German Group! We will meet on the third Monday of each month 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 one week in advance if you would like to attend (207) 361-1508 or [aksawtelle@aol.com](mailto:aksawtelle@aol.com).



### FRANCOPHONE

WED Sep French Group Date and Location to be announced



Si vous voulez pratiquer votre français, venez déjeuner avec nous.  
Contact Zoi [zoidiamond6@gmail.com](mailto:zoidiamond6@gmail.com) for more information

### HOUSE RAFFLE UPDATE



Congratulations to Denise Gaffney who is the big winner of the IWCNE raffle for House number one! She will be spending 3 nights in Jay, Vermont in September. And further congratulations go to Susan Heckaman who is the big winner of the IWCNE raffle for House number two! She will be spending 3 "spooky nights" in Kennebunk at the end of October, enjoying the All Souls Walk with her friends.

So far, the House Raffles have raised \$1200.00 for our Charities. However, there is still time to fill the coffers and get in on the bidding for House number three in Rangeley Maine! Only 7 tickets sold for house number three as of this writing, so your chances of winning are statistically EXCELLENT! Please send your checks for house 3 chances to Cindy Sayers, 34 Fletcher St. Kennebunk, ME 04043. You have until August 31. The clock is ticking!!!



Calling all DIVAS! **Les Chanteuse** our singing group will meet again on Wednesday, Sep 6 at 10 am at Ellen Farber's House. Please come and have a good time! Newcomers welcome! Please RSVP 207-251-1746

### Mahjong

Rosalie Foley has volunteered to chair a new interest group: MAHJONG! The next meeting is September 6. If you would like to be part of the fun, contact her at [roefol1354@gmail.com](mailto:roefol1354@gmail.com) or 207-646-2341



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.

### NEW "Popup" Potlucks

These are last minute gatherings outdoors, scheduled according to the weather. Announced in the weekly email, possibly just 3-4 days prior. \$15 BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) Watch weekly message for date, time and whose backyard. If you would like to host, contact Barb Poulin at [barbpoulin@aol.com](mailto:barbpoulin@aol.com), or call/text: 207.337.2623



## Activities

Friday, September 29, 2023 2-4 pm  
You are cordially invited to High Tea at [Haley Art Gallery](#) in Kittery, Maine. Armenian propriétaire, Jacqueline Abramian will welcome us to her converted turn-of-the-century barn.gallery of original art by local, national, and international artists and global, hand-made-by-women art gifts. A small introduction will highlight the collection which is for Sale. There will be a \$5 discount if sufficient attendance.  
**COST:** \$35 (Not an IWCNE Fundraising event)  
Haley Art Gallery, 178 Haley Road, Kittery, ME.  
**RSVP:** By Thursday, September 21 via check payable to Anna Kristina Sawtelle (207 361 1508 ) and mail to 86 Clay Hill Road, Cape Neddick, Me 03902.  
**Parking instructions will be sent to participants.**

Tuesday, October 10- 10 am  
**Strawberry Bank Museum Portsmouth Possessions: Objects that Shaped the City Exhibit**  
In celebration of the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire's 400th anniversary, Strawberry Bank presents "Portsmouth Possessions: Objects that Shaped the City." Collections on view include objects featured in the book "A History of Portsmouth NH in 101 Objects," as well as textiles, furniture, portraits, samplers, and objects relating to local industries.  
**Lunch at Puddle Dock Restaurant**  
Please RSVP Ellen Farber at 207-251-1746 or [musicalellen@yahoo.com](mailto:musicalellen@yahoo.com)

**LUNCHEON: Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

The Atlantic Grill  
5 Pioneer Road, Rye, NH

**Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, September 13**

**YOU MUST HAVE A PAID RESERVATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE**

**Reservations and Payment:** Call Yvonne Chainey to make a reservation at:

(Cell) 603-502-2615, then send your \$40 check payable to IWCNE to:

Yvonne Chainey, 58 Harding Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Or go to our website [www.iwcne.net](http://www.iwcne.net), click on **Events**, pay \$42 via Pay Pal (\$2 PayPal fee)

**Cancellations must be received by Wednesday, September 13 to receive a refund**

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

**3-Course Luncheon Buffet**

Baskets of Warm Rolls and Butter

Wine Country Salad: mixed greens, leeks, dates, prosciutto, sherry vinaigrette

Chicken Marsala: shallots, mushrooms, sage, garlic

Glazed Salmon: scallions, ginger-chili sauce

Chef's Choice: Two Seasonal Vegetable Sides

Chef's Choice: Petite Dessert Display

Coffee/Tea Station

**Program: Out of the Shadows: Making Black History Visible**

We are so pleased to welcome **JerriAnne Boggis**, Executive Director of the Black Heritage Trail of NH and former Director of Diversity Programs & Community Outreach at UNH. She is a writer, educator, and community activist who works to correct the historical record on the racial complexity and richness of New Hampshire's diverse past. She is the recipient of numerous leadership awards, including the 2022 Social Innovation Leader Award by the Entrepreneurs Fund of NH and the 2021 Ona Judge Award by the Human Rights Society, and was named as one of the ten most influential women of the century in NH by the Seacoast Press in 2020. Most recently, *Yankee* magazine featured an interview with her in the November 2022 issue. Her message is closely connected to our club's founding values. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear this dynamic leader speak about her life's work.

**September Birthdays**

Sep 4 Joyce Marchand

Sep 11 Marsha Miller

Sep 13 Yvonne Chainey

Sep 15 Devora Kaiser

Sep 20 Lucille Gentsch

Sep 21 Jean Hurley

Sep 25 Margaret Weeks, Birgit Christiansen

Sep 27 Ellen Jenette

Sep 28 Francoise Meissner

Sep 29 Bonnie Keast



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**MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS  
Calendar– 2023**

Aug 23 Wentworth  
Sep 20 Atlantic Grill  
Oct 25 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 \$ 9,815.78  
Admin \$ 2,240.20  
CD \$ 5,073.39  
Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

**MEMBERSHIP**

Former member Lucille "Snookie" Holroyd died August 9. She was a special person and all who used to participate in IWCNE "harmony and friendship" event at her home know how very special and dedicated she was to our Club and its members and how much joy and peace she gave to so many.

Please note: If there is any change in your contact information, or an error in the directory, please let me know. Yvonne Chainey, Membership Chair, 603-502-2615 (call or text), email Ychainey@aol.com

The French Group participants had a lively time celebrating Bastille Day! They meet monthly—See page 2 for more information



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Aug 31 House Drawing	Sep 9 Ice Cream Social	Sep 18 German Group	Sep 29 High Tea
Sep 6 Les Chanteuses	Sep 13 Executive Board Mtg	Sep 20 Luncheon	Oct 10 Strawberry Banke Exhibit
Sep 6 Mahjong	Sep 13 Deadline Mtg / Lunch	Sep 28 Book Club	