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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

It's February and I'm reflecting on Jill Biden's wish for the country on Valentine's Day, "Reach out with open hearts and helping hands". Words that the IWCNE lives by. Our members look for ways to open their hearts and to reach out with helping hands to people from around the world.

Our hearts were open on Saturday January 28 th when we heard from our four charities: A Place to Start, Girls on the Run, 240 Strings and Camp Kita and our helping hands delivered checks totaling over \$17,000.00 to these charities. Not long after the checks were distributed to our 2022 charities, our Charity Selection Committee was working hard to pick our charities for 2023. They are: Youth Journalism International, Pihcintu, Kids Free to Grow and Seeds of Hope. See page 3 for more information on these worthy causes.

Fundraising for our 2023 charities has already begun with a successful Potluck at Barb Poulin's home and eating soup and playing football Bingo on Friday, February 10th in York, ME. Member and Board Secretary, Marian Stanton won the Yum-Bardi Trophy and announced that she will defend it next year!

Looking forward, I'm hoping for an even larger turn out at our next fundraiser, the beloved St. Patty's Day party on March 18th from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Lookout. We will try something different this year, moving the party to lunchtime and combining our business meeting with the party. This will save members from having to pay for a luncheon and a fundraiser in the same month. There will be delicious Irish Fare and our treasured musicians will be playing Irish tunes for the sing-a-long!

This year we will be celebrating Women's Day in two ways: first, on March 7th with a WCI Webinar, (see page 2 for all of the details). Second, on March 8th you can attend a free event sponsored by Partners for World Health and the University of Southern Maine School of Nursing. Please see below for more information.

Finally, I have a favor to ask of all of our members; please take a moment to complete the very short questionnaire you will find in the insert to this newsletter. After CoVid, the Board agreed that we needed to poll the membership to ascertain whether we are meeting your needs while staying true to our mission.

That's it for this short month, looking forward to spring,
Cindy Sayers

Board of Directors 2023

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The next board meeting is Mar 1. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before March 10.

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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Please join us on **International Women's Day, March 8**, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at USM Hannaford Hall for a panel discussion on **Women and Conflict: From Situations to Solutions**.

Thank you to the USM School of Nursing for Sponsoring this event! The event is free, live, and in person and refreshments

will be served. Hope to see you all there!

There will be short presentations from our panelists, Libby Hoffman, Founder and President of Catalyst for Peace, Parivash Rohani, RN, Humanitarian, Environmentalist and advocate for religious freedom and Zoe Sahloul, Founder of the New England Arab American Organization. Julie Nelson Forsyth, Chief Operating Officer at Partners for World Health will serve as moderator. Please join us!

ACTIVITIES and INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Thursday March 23rd. 3:00 pm
 Book: The Warmth of Other Suns
 Author: Isabel Wilkerson
 Hostess to be named in weekly news, after February meeting



We welcome new members.

Kaffee---Kuchen---Konversation

Monday, Mar 20, - 2 PM German Group

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 if you would like to attend (207) 361-1508 or aksawtelle@aol.com.



FRANCOPHONE

WED Mar 15 - Noon French Group

Robert's in Kittery Si vous voulez pratiquer votre français, venez déjeuner avec nous.

Contact Joyce Marchand at Joyce.marchand@gmail.com for more information



March 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome Clubs International hosts its first virtual Parallel Event to be presented at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 67 (CSW67). The theme is, *Empowering Women and Girls through Friendship, Understanding,*

and Education Beyond Borders in the Digital Age Meet six inspiring women to learn about their organization's accomplishments and challenges in empowering women and girls to build bridges of friendship, understanding, and education in the digital age. Join WCI in a world stage virtual program.

To register see our website iwcn.net under Membership/WCI Affiliation

Activities

Bowling Sunday, March 26, 5 pm at the Garden Street Bowl in Kennebunk
Murder Mystery potluck dinner, Sunday, April 30 at 5 pm at Ellen Farber's home
Museum trip TBA



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 1 Exec Board Meeting
 Mar 7 WCI / UN Zoom Event
 Mar 8 International Women's Day Event
 Mar 13 Deadline for St. Patty's Luncheon
 Mar 15 Francophone
 Mar 18 St Patty's Fundraiser
 Mar 20 Kaffee, Kuchen, Konversation
 Mar 22 Holiday Fair committee
 Mar 23 Book Club
 Mar 26 Bowling Activity

FUNDRAISING

Reservation Deadline March 13

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon Fundraiser



Come, enjoy an authentic Irish meal and listen to lively music!

Saturday, March 18 at 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Lunch and Entertainment with the York River Ramblers at The Lookout, 55 Israel Head Road, Ogunquit

Appetizer: Irish Cheddar and Crackers

Main Course: Irish Beef Stew / Vegetarian Stew

Irish Soda Bread with Irish Butter

Dessert and Irish Coffee



\$30 per person **Pay at the door, but reservations required!**

Please contact Lucille if you would like to attend.

lucillegen@gmail.com (207) 318-7304

Significant Others, Guests Welcome!

The Souper Bowl Fundraiser was a lot of fun. Marian Stanton won the Yum-Bardi Trophy!! \$900 was raised for our charities.



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. The first Potluck of the year was at Barb Poulin's home, pictured here.



If you would like to host a Potluck at your home, indoors or outdoors, small area or large, please contact Barb Poulin 207-337-2623 (cell) to discuss possibilities.

barbpoulin@aol.com



Save the Date: Holiday Fair November 11

March 22, 10 am is the Holiday Fair kickoff meeting at the home of Ellen Farber in OGUNQUIT, ME. If you'd like to be a part of this great group of workers & can make the meeting, please call Ellen at (207-251-1746).



THIS YEAR'S CHARITIES

The Charity Selection Committee has worked its magic once again and selected four very worthy causes to support this year. Thanks go to Debbi Forster for chairing this committee. The final group included Linda Anderson, Yvonne Chainey, Lynne Gass, Lucille Gentsch, Jean Hurley, Eileen Lessard, Charline Ludgate, Anna Kristina Sawtelle, Cindy Sayers and Anne Supenia. Any member can serve on this committee—watch the newsletter for a call for the next set of volunteers for this important job.

PIHCINTU

The Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus welcomes immigrant children from around the globe, helps restart young lives. The choir, which is based in Portland, Maine, is composed of young women of refugee families, some as young as 10 up to those in their 20s. 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 providing nourishment, fellowship and health education; 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. They provide professional help for children who need it. <https://kidsfreetogrow.org>

YOUTH JOURNALISM

INTERNATIONAL

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>

FASHION SHOW MAY 21ST!!

"The beautiful Spring came; and when Nature renews her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also."

Harriet Ann Jacobs

Good day to you all. Spring is on its way. I guarantee it. Out with the tweeds, puffy jackets, and curl smushing woolen caps. In with flowers, blue skies, and gentle breezes. And right on schedule, the IWCNE fashion show, one of our major fundraisers for our charities, is gearing up for 21 May, 11am to 2 pm, at the elegant Wentworth by the Sea Country Club, Rye, NH.



Please save the date and plan to join us. We're planning a delicious luncheon, cash bar, and fashions from Daisy Jane's - beautiful casual and evening wear; and Puttin on the Glitz—superb selection of casual and dressy hats and accessories. A special treat, Members of our club will model the fashions. Also, we're on the lookout for fabulous prizes for our raffles—examples, basket of "cheer"; jewelry, art, gift certificates for services and restaurants. We'd love to have you volunteer to help out. Just send me a note: Lynn.pahland@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you on 21 May.



March Birthdays

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Margareta Claesson, Cindy Sayers | 15. Mariene Benoit |
| 2. Shona Taplin, | 17. Sara Samaniego |
| 3. Barbara O'Leary | 21. Elaine Rohloff |
| 4. Elsa Connolly | 28. Esther Kraai |
| 6. Nancy Worthley, Anne Mailhot | 29. Laure Navarre |
| 9. Anna Kristina Sawtelle | 30. Maddi Franchi |
| 10. Gwen Knowlton | |
| 14. Jane Bagnell | |



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The Farber Family



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MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS Calendar— 2023

Mar 18 Lookout, St Pat's Fundr.
Apr 22 Jonathan's
May 21 Fashion Show
Jun 28 Brick Store Museum
Jul 26 Atlantic Grill
Aug 23 TBD
Sep 23 TBD
Oct 28 TBD

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 Feb 15

Charity \$ 2,346.45
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Gerald Wykes 1927—2023

IWCNE is very saddened to lose a cherished friend in Gerry Wykes. He and our dear Gwyneth have been familiar figures at club events from the earliest days of the Club. He not only graced us with his tall, handsome elegance, but also regaled and informed us with his wonderful stories and brilliant mind. He was a wonderful addition to a Potluck, Brunch, Tea, Luncheon, or any other occasion. We mourn with Gwyneth. We will miss you, Gerry.

If you view this newsletter on line or on our website, click here for the obituary [Gerald Wykes Obituary \(1927 -](#)

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