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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.

# NEWSLETTE

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2023! It is going to be difficult to top 2022. Looking back, here are some of the HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022:

We had a chance for fellowship and learning at our monthly luncheons where we heard fascinating speakers on international topics such as, experiencing an earthquake in Nepal, living the expat life in China, surviving the bombing of Coventry or listening to stories of young people reporting from across the globe for Youth Journalism International.

Welcome Clubs International gave us opportunities to hear international speakers via webinars throughout the year, and we had a lot of fun with all kinds of activities from strawberry picking, bowling, a trip to the museum in York, visiting a member's store to sip tea and purchase some unique holiday gifts or see a member's award winning lace work, to name just a few of the year's events.

In the fall we celebrated our thirtieth Anniversary. Hard work at many committee meetings paid off in a memorable and magical night for all of us as we honored our founder, Anna Kristina Sawtelle and all of our members. I am glad that so many of you attended and enjoyed yourselves.

Finally, what a year it was for Fundraising for our charities! From well attended events like our Fashion Show or the Holiday Fair, to pot lucks at members homes, themed Raffle Baskets, a St. Patty's party, or an Ice Cream Social, we managed to fund handsomely our charities: Girls on the Run, A Place to Start, Camp Kita and 240 Strings. A big Thank You to the hardworking IWCNE Board and to all of you, who attended these events, worked, gave of your time and many talents and wrote checks!

And now it is 2023 and I have the pleasure of serving as your President again this year. The new Board and I will try to continue the momentum and the FUN, as we start 2023. Looking to February, in addition to our usual monthly meetings, we will be selecting this year's charities AND, hosting our first fundraising event of the year, a Souper Bowl Soup Tasting with Football Bingo. There will be up to TEN soups to try and the YUM-BARDI TROPHY will be awarded to the soup that gets the most votes. "Kick-Off" is on Friday evening, February 10 th from 5-7pm at the First Parish Church 180 York Street, York, ME \$25.00 per person donation. As this is an "inaugural event", we are hoping for a good turn out. Please help us by attending and bringing a spouse, friend, neighbor or family member. As always, I look forward to seeing you there!

Cindy Sayers

#### **Board of Directors 2023**

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The next board meeting is Feb 1. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy. NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before Feb. 17.

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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#### **ACTIVITIES and INTEREST GROUPS**

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Thursday February 23rd - 3:00pm Book: Two Breaths, One Step: Hiking the Himalayas

Step: Hiking the Himalay Author: Sylvia Verange

Hostess: Denise Gaffney 617-733-9973 or

necigaffney@gmail.com

Note new time.

Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.

#### We welcome new members.

Kaffee---Kuchen---Konversation



#### Monday, Feb 20, - 2 PM German Group

If you speak German, please join our newly revived 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, just Past Clay Hill Farm Restaurant in Cape Neddick.

We will chat in German and enjoy eine schoene Tasse Kaffee und ein Stueck Kuchen.

Please call or email Anna Kristina if you would like to attend (207) 361-1508 or aksawtelle@aol.com.

# **FRANCOPHONE**

WED Feb 15 - Noon French Group

Si vous voulez pratiquer votre francais, venez dejeuner avec nous. Contact Joyce Marchand at

joyce.marchand@gmail.com for more information



February 7—9 AM on Zoom

WCI CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES: ASIA

Featuring Mrs. Eva Sabdono

- Internationally renowned for her work and advocacy in improving the quality of life for the elderly
- Advisor to the Indonesian government, the ASEAN, the U.N., World Health Organization, and other international agencies
- Past President of WIC Jakarta

Enjoy a conversation with Eva from her homeland, Indonesia, and learn valuable tips about aging gracefully.

To register go to our website and click on Membership, scroll to WCI Affiliation.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Feb 1 Exec Board Meeting
- Feb 7 WCI Lecture on Zoom
- Feb 10 Souper Bowl Fundraiser
- Feb 15 Francophone
- Feb 17 Deadline for Luncheon Reservation
- Feb 20 Kaffee, Kuchen, Konversation
- Feb 23 Book Club

#### **FUNDRAISING**



# February 10 5 pm

# **NEW FUNDRAISING EVENT**

"Souper Bowl"



#### **Bowl of Soup**

# And a Superbowl Bingo Game

# **PLUS Competition for the Yum-Bardi Tropy**

Pilgrim Hall, First Parish Church 180 York St., York, ME

SAMPLE AS MANY SOUPS AS YOU LIKE VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SOUP

#### WIN A PRIZE AT BINGO!

\$25 pp Includes Soup, Bread, Dessert, Iced Tea or Hot Cider

ALL ARE WELCOME—BRING HUSBANDS, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS

Any questions? Lucille (207) 318-7304 lucillegen@gmail.com

#### MARCH IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

# St Patrick's Day Luncheon Fundraiser

# Saturday, March 18 at 11 AM

Lunch and Live 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 Coffee

\$30 per person / Please contact Lucille if you would like to attend lucillegen@gmail.com (207) 318-7304

Significant others, guests welcome.



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. If you would like to host a

potluck at your home, please contact Barb Poulin 207-337-2623 (cell) barbpoulin@aol.com

# SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2 MAJOR FUNDRAISERS:

I FASHION SHOW— MAY 21ST

**HOLIDAY FAIR—NOVEMBER 11th** 

# .LUNCHEON: Saturday, February 25, 2023

Wentworth by the Sea Country Club 60 Wentworth Road, Rye, NH Reservation Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2023 NOTE NEW RESERVATION INFORMATION!

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

Reservations and Payment: You can call Yvonne Chainey to make a reservation at (Cell): 603-502-2615, then send your \$40 check to: Yvonne Chainey, 58 Harding Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Or go to our website www.iwcne.net, click on Events, then pay \$42 via Pay Pal (\$2 PayPal fee) Cancellations must be made 7 days before luncheon to receive a refund Social Time: 11:00 AM, Meeting: 11:30 AM, Lunch at Noon followed by program

#### **Build Your Own Lunch Buffet**

Baskets of Warm Rolls and House Butter

Baby Greens, Julienned Vegetables, House Balsamic Vinaigrette Baked Cod with Buttery Crumb Topping; Lemon Cream Sauce Seared Prosciutto-wrapped Chicken Breast with Bruschetta Topping Steamed Broccolini; Honey-glazed Carrots with Lemon Butter Haricot Verts; Brown Sugar-roasted Butternut Squash with Toasted Almonds

Chef's Choice Dessert

# Program: "Madagascar: The Eighth Continent"

Escape the winter doldrums and join us for a program highlighting the majestic beauty of Madagascar, located 250 miles off the coast of East Africa. Professional photographers Shelley Lance-Fulk and Jacklyn Amtower recently returned from a two-month journey to this magical island and will share their experiences: from rice fields, bustling cities, and engaging people to unusual and diverse wildlife and terrain.

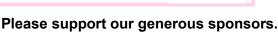
MADAGASCAR

Known as the Traveling Sisters, Shelley and Jacklyn live in Newport, Maine, and have been traveling and photographing people and wildlife around the world since their teens. They've visited 138 countries covering all seven continents. When they're not traveling, they share their stories and photographs with groups far and wide and have published five books about their travels.

# February Birthdays

- 10 Susan Martin
- 12 Jackie Connerty
- 13 Astrid Powell, Ellen Brown
- 16 Johanna Mangion
- 18 Maureen Clayton
- 25 Marlene Cohen







#### Maureen Clayton

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#### MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS Calendar – 2023

Feb 25 Wentworth Country Club 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 Clay Hill Farm Sep 23 Clay Hill Farm 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 Jan 1

Charity \$ 1,082.82 Admin \$ 1,770.69 CD \$ 5,024.46 Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

# **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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# **ABSOLUTE LAST DEADLINE FOR DUES JANUARY31**

Please mail your \$40 check immediately or pay with a credit card on the website iwone.net

Yvonne Chainey, Membership Chair, 58 Harding Rd, Portsmouth, NH 03801