

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

NON-PROFIT

NON-POLITICAL

NON-SECTARIAN

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

Founded in 1992 by Anna Kristina Sawtelle, Volume 33, Number 1, Jan.20, 2024

iwcn.net

Member of Welcome Clubs International wciclubs.org



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has...

Margaret Meade

Welcome to the International Women's Club of New England, **2024**. "So happy to see you again" to our old friends, and warm greetings to our new members. The past month, we've had interesting 2024 Board and 2023 Board members meetings about how we can best serve our club members and the charities whom we support. As with the rest of the world, we're facing increased pricing for efforts such as luncheons and club activities, and are searching for a good balance between cost and experience. This year we are planning to have about 5 luncheons, 10 potlucks, 2 major and a few smaller fundraisers, and some very interesting, fun activities.

We hope that everyone will participate in all events that are of interest to them. We ask that you make special effort in keeping up with the newsletters and weekly "LucilleG weekly updates", so that you may learn about all of the interesting and fun activities and events that we are planning. It is especially important to keep up to date because we are deploying our scheduled events differently from the last few years.

We used to be able to get activity sign up sheets going at monthly luncheons and meetings, but now signing up might take a little more active effort to keep track of upcoming events and suspenses to pay and be included.

Volunteering is a core value of our club, and we really hope that you will join in the planning and implementation of all of our activities and events. It's a joy to make the effort knowing that while we're doing club activities that we are forming and finding new supportive friendships and we're making a difference in the world by securing funds for our very worthy charities. Of course, you may share your time as much as you prefer, just know how appreciated the gift of your time and efforts are to your fellow club members and our charities. Feel free to contact any member of the Board to volunteer to get involved in any committee or activity.

So, we're hoping we all have a fantastic, fun year of friendship and service to our communities. We hope our efforts strengthen our fellowship bonds and bring happiness and contentment to others.

Warmest regards,
Lynn

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024

President	Lynn Pahland
Vice President	Anne Supenia
Secretary	Susan Martin
Treasurer	Birgit Christiansen
Membership	Yvonne Chainey
Fundraising	Ellen Farber-Libowitz
Newsletter	Martha Fava
Publicity	Margaret Weeks
Luncheons	Linda Anderson
Programs & Activities	Cindy Sayers and Linda Anderson
Historian	Lynne Gass
Potluck	
Coordinators	Mariene Benoit and Maureen Clayton
Webmaster	Lucille Gentsch
WCI Liaison	Denise Gaffney
Founder	Anna Kristin Sawtelle

The next executive board meeting is Feb 14th. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Lynn.
The deadline for newsletter input is

The newsletter will be sent to those members who request it. As always it can be downloaded on our website:

www.iwcn.net

Calendar

- Jan 25 Book Club
- Feb 9 Souper Bowl Fundraiser
- Feb 19 German Group
- Feb 22 Book Club
- Feb 29 Potluck and Monthly Meeting

BOOK CLUB

Thursday January 25th at 3:00 pm

Book: **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver

Hostess: Barb Poulin 207-337-2623

barbpoulin@aol.com

Thursday February 22nd at 3:00 pm

Book: **Horse** by Geraldine Brooks

Hostess: TBD



Thursday March 28th at 3:00 pm

Book: **Inside the Kingdom: My Life in Saudi Arabia**

By Carmen bin Laden

Hostess: TBD

Please RSVP the hostess

GERMAN GROUP

Kaffee und Kuchen

Monday Feb 19th - 2:00 pm

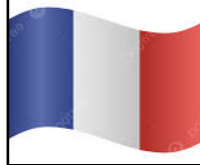
If you speak some German, please join our German Group! We will meet on the third Monday of each month from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the home of Anna Kristina Sawtelle on

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 by Feb 12th if you would like to attend (207) 361-1508 or aksawtelle@aol.com.

FRANCOPHONE

Wednesday February 21st 12:00

Weathervane restaurant, Kittery



Si vous voulez pratiquer votre français, venez déjeuner avec nous.

Contact Kiki Tidwell [650-388-2108](tel:650-388-2108)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

10 Susan Martin

12 Jackie Connerty

13 Astrid Powell, Ellen Brown

16 Johanna Mangion

18 Maureen Clayton

25 Marlene Cohen



Potlucks are social gatherings where we all bring food to share AND donate \$15 to the charity fund. Maureen Clayton and Mariene Benoit are coordinating the potlucks for 2024. Because we will not be having a luncheon every month, some of the potlucks will include a short business meeting. We will not have a potluck in January, the February potluck will be hosted by Denise Gaffney. It will be on February 29—a Bonus Day Potluck (leap year). Please call or email Mariene Benoit at 207-251-8430 or email her at mdarganb@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

The March potluck will be the St. Paddy's party which has become a yearly affair. We will post more details in the February newsletter.

Fundraising by Ellen Farber

The year has just begun, and I have exciting information about our 2024 fundraisers. First, the Souperbowl will be held Friday, February 9, from 1-4 pm at the First Parish Church Hall in York, Maine. The kickoff meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23, at 11:30 Am at Ellen Farber's home. Please join us if you wish to be on the planning committee. The second fundraiser of the new year is our Fashion Show, which will be on Sunday, May 5, from 11-2 PM at the Wentworth CC Pavilion in Rye, New Hampshire. The planning meeting will be on Monday, January 29, at 10 am at Ellen's home. The third larger fundraiser will be our Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 9, 9-2, at the first Parish Church Hall. The planning meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, at 12 noon, following the board meeting at the York Library. Mark your calendars and do not miss these exciting events to socialize, make new friends, and support our charities. Let us heal the world one charity at a time.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN IN 2024? IF SO, PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

TV STATION AND LUNCH, IN NH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 **TOUR THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC BROADCASTING TELEVISION STATION (NHPBS)** (268 MAST RD. DURHAM) TOUR STARTS AT 10A.M. WITH LUNCH AFTERWARDS AT CLARK'S AMERICAN BISTRO. Have you ever wondered what it is like behind the scenes of a TV station? Join us in Durham (just fifteen minutes from Portsmouth) to find out. We will take a guided tour of the station (\$15.00 tax deductible donation) and then have lunch at Clark's where we can discuss all that we learned about NHPBS.

LIBRARY AND LUNCH, IN ME.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024 **VISIT THE OSHER MAP LIBRARY USM CAMPUS** (214 FOREST AVE. PORTLAND, ME.) TOUR STARTS AT 10A.M. FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE MCGOLDRICK CENTER. Libby Bishof, USM Professor of History and Executive Director of the Osher Map Library addressed our group at our November 2023 luncheon. Her talk on Maine's historic postcards was so well received that she invited our group to a free, specially guided tour of the library. Lunch after the tour will be on campus at the MCGOLDRICK Center. Here's your chance to feel like a co-ed!

MUSEUM AND LUNCH, IN NH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024 **TOUR OF THE CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART AND ITS TWO FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT DESIGNED HOMES.** (150 ASH STREET, MANCHESTER, NH). LUNCH IN THE WINTER GARDEN MUSEUM CAFE. If you are interested in art and architecture, don't miss a visit to the only two Frank Lloyd Wright designed homes in New England open to the public. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include admission to the museum. Come and decide if a Wright designed home is right for you!

HISTORIC MANSION AND LUNCH, IN ME

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024 **TOUR THE VICTORIAN MANSION CHRISTMAS "SHOW OF FLOWERS AND TREES"** (109 DANFORTH STREET, PORTLAND, ME) AT 10:30 A.M. Decked out in beautifully decorated Christmas trees and flower arrangements, in every room, we will enjoy a self guided tour where docents in each room will answer your questions. Tickets are \$14.00 per person. At noon, we will dine at DiMillo's, the "floating restaurant" on Portland's waterfront. Come and draw inspiration for your Holiday decorating at our last activity of 2024!

LOOK FOR SPECIFIC SIGN UP INFORMATION IN OUR WEEKLY EMAILS AND NEWSLETTERS. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT AN EVENT,

CINDY SAYERS AND LIINDA ANDERSON

Please support our generous sponsors



Maureen Clayton

(207) 450-3372 Direct Cell
maureen@yorkerealty.com
(207) 363-4300 Business Ext. 112

Where dreams come home!



YORKE REALTY

529 US Route One. Suite 101 York. Maine 03909



New England's Largest Photography Retailer

Melrose, MA	781.662.8822	Hanover, MA	781.312.1166
Cambridge, MA	617.662.0969	Manchester, NH	603.606.3322
Boston, MA	617.778.2222	Providence, RI	401.7512.5190
Holyoke, MA	413.585.9430	S. Portland, ME	207.773.9555

The Farber Family



Susan Heckaman, AAMS®
Financial Advisor

469 U S Route One
York, ME 03909
207-363-1640

susan.heckaman@edwardjones.com

Edward Jones®
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

DUES

As stated in our By-Laws, dues shall be payable on or before January 1st. To date 39 members have not submitted payment to renew. If you wish to remain a member notify Yvonne Chainey and follow up with a check for \$40.00 made out to IWCNE, or use Pay Pal. If check not received by January 31st you will be dropped from the rolls. Check should be mailed to Yvonne Chainey, 58 Harding Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801

DIRECTORY

Since this is the year we print a new directory, I would urge everyone take a look at their listing, and if anything at all needs to be edited, please let me know NLT January 31st. You can send changes either via text at 603-502-2615, email at ychainey@aol.com or conventional mail at 58 Harding Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WOMEN'S CLUB INTERNATIONAL

WCI is eager to have more of their sister clubs attend the conference in Taiwan. Currently, almost 70 members and guests, including those from the host club of WTIC, have registered. To accommodate members of the sister clubs who may have been unable to register by the original January 15 deadline for early bird registration, the organizing committee has decided to postpone the deadline to February 15. There is a WCI Board of Directors zoom meeting on Jan. 22nd which Lynn and Denise plan to attend. Denise has joined the World Affairs Council of Maine on behalf of IWCNE.

KAHWARTY, Ann.
15 Piper Rd, Apt, K318
Scarborough, ME 04074
H 207-219-8914
C 917-693-6458
AKahwaty@gmail.com

DiRUZZA, Deanne
178 Clark's Mills Rd.
Dayton, ME 04005
C 1-617-512-4306
ddpriest@comcast.net
Birthday August 28th

Treasurer's Report by Birgit Christiansen

Charity	\$ 16,000
Admin	\$ 4,122
CD	\$ 5,154