



International Women's Club of New England  
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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 \$ 8,541.78  
Admin \$ 2,916.20  
CD \$ 5,059.39  
Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

**MEMBERSHIP**

**New Member:**

OBERMAN, Geraldine  
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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

**WCI News**



After a 2 year hiatus due to COVID, Welcome Clubs International is pleased to announce that the WCI biannual event will take place from April 14-18, 2024. It will be hosted by the Welcome to Taipei International Club in Taipei, Taiwan. A post-conference trip will be arranged as an option for those participating including members' families and friends.

Welcome Clubs International is a group of womens' clubs from around the world of which we, as a club, are a member. We have just received the May 2023 Sister Club News (SCN) in which all the sister clubs from around the globe highlight their very interesting activities. To read the SCN news please visit the IWCNE website at: [www.iwcne.net](http://www.iwcne.net) Click on Membership and scroll to International Connections.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Jul 27 Book Club	Aug 16 Luncheon Deadline	Aug 24 Luncheon	Sep 29 Activity
Aug 2 Mahjong	Aug 16 French Group	Sep 2 Les Chanteuses	Haley Gallery
Aug 5 Potluck	Aug 17 New Members Tea	Sep 18 German Group	High Tea



# 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

Founded in 1992 by Anna Kristina Sawtelle, Volume 32, Number 7, July 26, 2023  
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Member of Welcome Clubs International [wciclubs.org](http://wciclubs.org)

### Other Clubs Established

- Dallas, Texas
- Douala, Cameroon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ice cream, hot dogs, apple pie, it's JULY and I hope it has been a great month for you so far! As we move to August, I'm looking forward to August 5, 2023 and our Pot Luck at Seeds of Hope in Biddeford ME. I am so excited because this Pot Luck is sponsored by one of the charities we are supporting this year. Here is our chance to tour the facility, work together to raise funds as well as to meet the folks who provide comfort at Seeds of Hope. It's a triple win! Vassie Fowler, their Executive Director and our host, will bring a Greek main course and has invited all of us to bring a side or a dessert representing our heritage. Please make a special effort to join me from noon to 2 on Saturday, August 5th for a great event!

Now to some news from our Board meetings: unfortunately, post CoVid, booking our lunch venues has become more difficult as all but one of our restaurants now require guaranteed "minimums" on lunches ordered, this means, if we don't reach their minimum by a set date before our luncheon they will charge us hundreds of dollars. That's why I am asking you to make another special effort to sign up and pay for your seat at our luncheons before the deadline.

New members, please mark your calendars for the new members tea on Thursday, August 17th at Ellen Farber's home at 4pm. Board members look forward to meeting you and answering your questions!

This club doesn't stop for summer vacation. Keep reading this newsletter for dates for our French and German groups, book group, and the newest group, Mah Jong!

Finally, please think about purchasing a house raffle ticket. This raffle replaces our themed raffle baskets. Just think of all of the fun you can have with friends and family for three days in VT, or one of two houses in ME. It will be your ultimate fall get away!

Cindy Sayers

## Board of Directors 2023

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Founder	Anna Kristina Sawtelle

The next executive board meeting is Aug 9. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before Aug 15.

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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## 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](http://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 July 27 - 3 pm

Book: *The River of Doubt: Theodore*

*Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*

Author: Candice Mallard

Hostess: Susan Martin

207-985-6155 or 207-837-4192

[susmartn2006@hotmail.com](mailto:susmartn2006@hotmail.com)



Thursday August 24th, 3:00 pm

Book: *Pride and Prejudice*

Author: Jane Austin

Hostess: T B A

Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.

**We welcome new members**

### German Group

Monday Sep 18-(no Aug meeting) 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 one week in advance if you would like to attend (207) 361-1508 or [aksawtelle@aol.com](mailto:aksawtelle@aol.com).

### FRANCOPHONE

WED Aug 16 Noon French Group

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



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

### Activities

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 transformed into an art 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.

**WHEN:** Friday, September 29, 2023

**TIME:** 2-4 PM

**COST:** \$35 (Not an IWCNE Fundraising event)

**WHERE:** 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.**



## FUNDRAISING

### NEW FUNDRAISING IDEA!!

### A SUMMER OF RAFFLE EXPERIENCES FOR AN EXCITING FALL!!!

This year, we are trying something new...we've gone from raffling baskets to raffling home stays. Yes, the IWCNE has its own version of Air B&B's! While Air B&B's are pay by the night with fees and charges, with just the price of a **\$50.00 raffle ticket**, you could win a fantastic 3-night experience in Maine or Vermont! Each home accommodates a passel of guests, so round up your friends and family and start buying your tickets for the best chances to win. Plan your fall fun by bidding this summer. For each of the months June, July and August, there will be a different home offered:

**HOUSE NUMBER 1: JUNE'S RAFFLE:** Three nights at Lucille Gentsch's Chalet in Jay, Vermont, September 8, 9, 10, 2023. Just in time for leaf peeping in New England, enjoy the crisp air, fresh apples and Vermont cheddar. Don't forget your passports to slip into Canada (minutes away) for a day of fun! No pets. Sleeps 6-8. **DRAWING EXTENDED TO JULY 31**

**HOUSE NUMBER 2: JULY'S RAFFLE:** Three nights at Cindy Sayers' rental home in downtown Kennebunk, Maine, October 28, 29 AND 30th, 2023. Tickets to the All Souls Cemetery Walk at the Brick Store Museum are included for each guest. Walk around the corner to Summer Street to see all of the "scarily decorated homes" or stroll to town to eat or shop with the locals! No pets. Sleeps 11

**HOUSE NUMBER 3: AUGUST'S RAFFLE:** Three nights in Angela LeBlanc's cabin on Rangely Lake, Maine on a mutually agreed date in the first two weeks of November, 2023. Just imagine starry nights, cozy fires, and eating that fish you caught on the lake for dinner! No pets, Sleeps 8.

**Tickets are \$50.00 each.** There is no limit on the number of raffle tickets you may purchase each month. Please send a note with your check saying which home each ticket should be entered for. Please send both your note and check payable to IWCNE to Cindy Sayers, 34 Fletcher Street, Kennebunk, Maine, 04043. You may also pay by PayPal on our website [iwcne.net](http://iwcne.net) under "Events".

**Two separate drawings will be held on July 31, 2023, and August 31, 2023. Winners will be notified Immediately.**



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.

### August 5 noon Potluck

An exciting afternoon at Biddeford's Seeds of Hope. Join us for a Greek entree luncheon from noon to 2 PM. Bring your \$15 per person donation for our charities and your favorite finger food size appetizer or dessert best representing your country of origin or affinity. Car pooling encouraged. To sign up and for more information, directions, parking instructions, please contact coordinator: Barb Poulin at [barbpoulin@aol.com](mailto:barbpoulin@aol.com), or call/text: 207.337.2623

### A NEW INTEREST GROUP

Rosalie Foley has volunteered to chair a new interest group: MAHJONG! The next meeting is August 2. If you would like to be part of the fun, contact her at [roefol1354@gmail.com](mailto:roefol1354@gmail.com) or 207-646-2341



LUNCHEON: Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
Wentworth by the Sea Country Club  
60 Wentworth Rd, Rye, NH

**Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, August 16**

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

**Cancellations must be received by Wednesday, August 16 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 Fresh Butter

Arugula & Radicchio Salad with Pears, Apples, Crumbled Goat Cheese, Citrus Dressing

#### CHOICE OF:

Herb Crusted Cod w. White Wine-Lemon Cream Sauce

Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken Breast w. Bruschetta Topping

Wild Mushroom Ravioli w. Sauteed Spinach & Parmesan Cream Sauce (veg.)

Grilled Asparagus

Honey Glazed Baby Carrots

Flourless Chocolate Cake w. Berries and Whipped Cream, Coffee & Tea

### Program: Getting to Know IWCNE 2023 Charities

Every February the IWCNE Charity Selection Committee meets to select nonprofit organizations to donate our fundraising efforts to. Our club is passionate about fundraising and contributes funds from a wide variety of club events, including pot lucks, raffles, the holiday fair, and the fashion show. This month we'll hear from two of the four organizations selected in 2023: Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center in Biddeford and Kids Free to Grow in Kennebunk. Come hear about the important work these organizations are doing and how our funds support their plans for future growth.

### August Birthdays

Aug 4 Annie Beauchemin  
Aug 11 Kiki Leslie Tidwell  
Aug 16 Gwyneth Wykes  
Aug 20 Tracy Aldrich  
Aug 21 Micky Robinson  
Aug 22 Marian Stanton  
Aug 24 Diedre O'Flaherty  
Aug 25 Ellen O,Toole



Please



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