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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



As the IWCNE train hurtles on through 2023, the end of this month means we've arrived at the halfway point! We've had a lot of fun and fellowship this year and as I look to the next half of the year, the train is not slowing down.

After an action packed May which included a Pot-Luck to start the month, a marquis event; our Fashion Show, and ended with an outing to the Ogunquit Museum and a lunch, June has already included TWO Pot-Lucks (thanks to Tinker Newick and Suzi Finnel who opened their homes) and a special monthly luncheon/activity at the Brick Store Museum.

So, while there will be more Pot-Lucks and monthly meetings in July, August and September, here are some specific events you won't want to miss this summer. Before the train leaves you behind, please note these "save the dates" on your calendar: Saturday August 5, 2023 our very first Pot-Luck "mixer" with Seeds of Hope at their facility in Biddeford, ME. A great way to see one of our charities "up close", meet their Board and celebrate with an internationally- themed meal. On Saturday, September 9, 2023 we will celebrate with an ice cream social and a performance by Pihcintu, one of our other 2023 charities.

And speaking of charities, please consider purchasing raffle tickets to our three house raffles happening right now. A \$50.00 ticket could win you a three night stay in Jay VT, Kennebunk ME, or Rangely ME. this fall. I have it on good authority that your chances are excellent as ticket sales have been slow. Remember, this replaces our basket raffles and the prizes are worth more than all of the baskets combined. So please send in your entries! Thanks.

Cindy Sayers

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The next executive board meeting is July 12. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before July 17.

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

www.iwcn.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

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
susnmartn2006@hotmail.com

Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.

We welcome new members.

Rosalie Foley has volunteered to chair a new interest group: MAHJONG!

If you would like to be part of the fun, contact her at roefol1354@gmail.com or 207-646-2341.



Kaffee---Kuchen---Konversation



Monday, July 17- 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.

FRANCOPHONE

WED July 19 - Noon French Group

Location to be announced

Si vous voulez pratiquer votre français, venez déjeuner avec nous. Contact Zoi at zoidiamond6@gmail.com for more information



Calling all DIVAS! **Les Chanteuse** our singing group will begin again on Friday, July 7 at 1 pm at Ellen Farber's house. Please come and have a good time! New-comers welcome! Please RSVP 207-251-1746

Activities

PLANNING AHEAD

Friday, September 28 from 2-4 we will meet at the Haley Gallery on Haley Rd in Kittery for High Tea, enjoying the art. It will cost \$30 a person.

RSVP Ellen 207-251-1746

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 29 Les Chanteuses
Jun 30 Drawing for House Stay!
Jul 07 Les Chanteuses
Jul 17 German Group
Jul 19 French Group
Jul 19 Deadline for Monthly Meeting/ Luncheon
Jul 26 Monthly Meeting at Atlantic Grill
Jul 27 Book Club
Jul 31 Drawing for House Stay!
Aug 5 Potluck!

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.

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 under "Events".

Three separate drawings will be held on June 30, 2023, 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.

Summer Pot Lucks

Save the date Saturday **August 5th** for 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, or call/text: 207.337.2623

Still looking for several more members to host small, backyard or deck, neighborhood fun/fundraisers that will NOT be food-sharing pot lucks. They will be BYL (bring your own sandwich or salad lunch). Beverages provided. Several are already scheduled for August.

LUNCHEON: Wednesday, July 26, 2023

The Atlantic Grill

5 Pioneer Road, Rye, NH

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, July 19

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, made out to IWCNE, to:

Yvonne Chainey, 58 Harding Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Or go to our website www.iwcne.net, click on Events, pay \$42 via Pay Pal (\$2 PayPal fee), then send notice of your reservation to Yvonne via text, phone, or email

Cancellations must be received by Wednesday, July 19 to receive a refund

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

3-Course Summer Luncheon Buffet

Baskets of Warm Rolls and Butter

Strawberry Fields Salad, with arugula, goat cheese, balsamic vinaigrette

Choice of:

Herb Crusted Haddock, with capers and brown butter

Pecan Chicken Breast, with toasted pecans and maple cranberry glaze

Chef's Choice Seasonal Vegetables

Chef's Choice Petite Dessert Display / Coffee/Tea Station

Program: Ambassador (ret.) Robert F. Cekuta and Mrs. Anne Cekuta

We are so honored to welcome back Ambassador Robert F. and Mrs. Anne Cekuta, who visited our club several years ago. They said they recently watched the Netflix series The Diplomat and are excited to talk to us about the realities of diplomatic work and family life in the US Foreign Service. Bring your questions for a lively discussion.

Amb. Cekuta served as US Ambassador to Azerbaijan, 2015-2018. His overseas postings included senior positions in the U.S. Embassies in Germany and Japan. He also served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Albania, and held posts in Kabul, Vienna, Baghdad, Johannesburg, and Sana'a, Yemen. Since leaving the Foreign Service in 2018, Amb. Cekuta has been serving as President of Hudson Partners, speaking on international issues, and teaching at American University in Washington, DC. He and his wife Anne now split their time between Maine and Washington, DC. They are close family friends of our club founder Anna Kristina Sawtelle.

July Birthdays

09 Patricia Tagliamonti	19 Audrey Bel-Isle
13 Roseanne Withycombe	25 Susan Heckaman
14 Pamela Sawyer	27 Denise Gafney
15 Rebecca Linney	28 Carol Brennan
18 Lynn Pahland	31 Barbara Kahn



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MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS Calendar– 2023

Jul 26 Atlantic Grill
Aug 23 Wentworth
Sep 23 Atlantic Grill
Oct 28 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 Jun 25

Charity	\$ 8,466.78
Admin	\$ 2,885.43
CD	\$ 5,057.39

Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

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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

Potluck Fun

(Photos by AK Sawtelle)

At Tinker's



At Suzie's

