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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

This Club constantly amazes me! We've been participating in monthly luncheons, having fun together and coming up with fundraisers for 31 years. This month, we get to repeat a 20-year tradition, our St. Patty's day party. Started by Lucille Gentsch in her home, the party has grown to be one of our most popular fundraisers. With live Irish music, and delicious Irish fare, I understand why this event has endured for 20 years. In the words of Wilford Brimley, "something works, you stick with it!"

Another fundraising avenue we've stuck with even longer than the St. Patty's party is our Potlucks. Such a simple concept: a member opens her home; you bring food, put your fundraising donation in a bowl and have fun connecting with Club members for a few hours. Potlucks have been an integral part of our club for years as well. Whether you are a new member, or an established member, please give Potlucks a try this year. They are a more intimate, personal way to meet and interact with Club members. The next Potluck will be April 1 and will celebrate Poisson d'Avril. We will learn about a French tradition that dates back to 1564! Please come and find out how another part of the world celebrates April 1st.

At the end of April a Mystery Dinner Potluck is planned and in early May, there will a Derby Day Potluck. So much to look forward to!

Back to March, rounding out this month, there are two non-fundraising opportunities for fun! The first, on Sunday, March 26th is bowling at the Garden Street Bowl in Kennebunk. See page 2 for more information. The second is a very special opportunity to hear one of our 2023 charities, the girl's choir, Phicintu. They will be singing at the York VFW on March 29th. Watch the weekly messages for the particulars on this concert.

Cindy Sayers

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

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before Apr 14.

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

www.iwcn.net

RAISING MONEY FOR THESE CHARITIES THIS YEAR

The Phicintu Multicultural Chorus based in Portland, Maine, welcomes immigrant children from around the globe, promotes the learning of language and customs. Phicintu, pronounced 'B-chin-too,' is a Passamaquoddy word meaning, "When she sings, her voice carries far." <https://phicintu.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>

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ACTIVITIES and INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Thursday March 23rd. 3:00 pm
Book: The Warmth of Other Suns
Author: Isabel Wilkerson
Hostess: Barb Poulin
207.337.2623 barbpoulin@aol.com



Thursday, April 27th. 3:00 pm
Book: Lucy by the Sea
Author: Elizabeth Strout
Hostess: Jackie Connerty
207.641.8635. bythesea.ogunquit@gmail.com
Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.

Kaffee---Kuchen---Konversation

Monday, Mar 20 and Apr 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 if you would like to attend



FRANCOPHONE

WED Apr 19- Noon French Group

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



World Cinema Tips



ON NETFLIX: From South Korea: *Crash Landing on You*, a 2019-2020 tv series of 16 hour long episodes. Even those of you with no time for binge watching might enjoy sampling the first couple of episodes.

Activities

Spring is coming and activities are starting again. On **Sunday, March 26 at 5 pm** we will meet at The Garden Street Bowl in Kennebunk for bowling.



On **Friday, May 26**, we will visit the OGUNQUIT Museum of Art at 10 am with lunch at Cape Neddick Golf club.

I will also restart our singing group Les Chanteuses, in June. Stay tuned and rsvp to me Ellen at (207-251-1746).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 20 Kaffee, Kuchen, Konversation
Mar 22 Holiday Fair committee
Mar 23 Book Club
Mar 26 Bowling Activity
Apr 1 Potluck in Kennebunk
Apr 12 Executive Board Mtg
Apr 14 Deadline for Luncheon Reservations
Apr 17 German Group
Apr 22 Monthly Meeting / Luncheon
Apr 30 Mystery Evening Potluck

FUNDRAISING

FASHION SHOW MAY 21ST!!



Puttin' on the Glitz

"...let fashion frame the beauty of your being"
I.M. Lynn

The Fashion Show fundraiser is coming together nicely...we would love to have you volunteer - it's a lot of fun...also, we're developing the menu and offer you the opportunity to let us know if you have any opinions on a menu or specific luncheon items...would be great to hear your recommendations: Lynn.pahland@gmail.com



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.

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

We'll welcome Spring with an **April 1** (Saturday) Poisson D' Avril (April Fish) potluck at the Sayers home in Kennebunk from noon to three. \$15 per person for our charities and please bring either a fish or French appetizer or a French dessert.

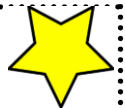


On Sunday, **April 30**, there will be a Mystery Evening Pot Luck at 5 PM at Ellen Farber's home in Ogunquit.

Then, ladies get out your most outrageous hats. On Saturday, **May 6** at 4 PM we will celebrate Kentucky Derby Day. Later in May, planning is underway for an elegant dinner for ten at the home of one of our newest members, Susie Finnell.

Contact Barb at 207.-337-2623 (cell) or barbpoulin@aol.com for more details.

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).

HABLA ESPANOL? PARLA ITALIANO?



Greetins from our language discussion groups! There is a French group and a German group. We meet monthly for fellowship and keeping up our language skills.

If you would like to join one of these groups, see contact information on this page. If you would like to start a new group in another language, contact any Board Member with your suggestion



LUNCHEON: Saturday, April 22, 2023
Jonathan's Ogunquit
92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, ME
Reservation Deadline: Friday, April 14, 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 made out to IWCNE to:
Yvonne Chainey, 58 Harding Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801
Please be sure to give your meal choice: chicken or fish

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

Cancellations must be received by Friday, April 14 to receive a refund
Social Time: 11:00 AM, Meeting: 11:30 AM, Lunch at Noon followed by program

3-Course Luncheon

Baskets of Warm Rolls and House Butter
House Salad with House Vinaigrette
CHOICE OF:

Chicken Piccata: Chicken breast sauteed in lemon, capers, butter and white wine
Seafarer's Cache: shrimp, salmon, white fish baked in white wine and lemon

Chef's choice seasonal vegetable and starch of the day
Chef's Choice Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Program: "From Holocaust to Healing: Closing the Circle"

Kati Preston is a holocaust survivor. Born in 1939, she led a comfortable life with her family in Hungary until the start of WWII. Over the course of those years, she lost her entire Jewish family of 28 members to Auschwitz. Her life was saved by a peasant girl who hid her in the attic of her hay barn. Kati survived and went on to careers as a journalist, EMT, and co-founder of the Hampstead Stage Company in Barnstead, NH, where she lives. She spends most of her time speaking to school and other groups and published a book in 2016.

Her message is straightforward: "I feel it is important for me to speak about my life because I'm one of the last few survivors from that horrendous period of history. I feel it is vitally important not to forget history. I not only speak for the dead, but through my life story, I teach tolerance and acceptance. We are living in exceptional times."

April Birthdays

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|---------------------|---|--------------------|
| 3. Tinker Newick |  | 13. Marilyn Smith |
| 6. Donna Freni | | 20. Greta Martin |
| 7. Debbi Forster | | 26. Hilda Emerson |
| 10. Brenda Sullivan | | 28. Barbara Bridge |

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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 Mar 1

Administrative: \$ 2,549.06
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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On March 7th, the WCI held a zoom presentation entitled "Empowering Women and Girls through Friendship, Understanding and Education Beyond Borders in the Digital Age."

The six panelists representing 5 continents shared details about their programs that seek to improve the lives, the communities, economics, the literacy, knowledge and inequities impacting mostly underserved women and girls in rural areas. Programs included scholarships, service projects, marketing handmade items, providing digital tools and training, whose importance became critical during COVID. Only 51% of the world has digital access and percentage is even less for women. Only 22% of AI (artificial intelligence) professionals are women. A valuable quote from the presentation was "We are changing the world one woman at a time".