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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put together" John Burroughs

Thank you, Punxsutawney Phil, for your majestic permission to welcome Spring this year "six weeks early!"...thank you, Sir!

Those grey, foggy, rainy, bone chilling days of winter are finally behind us and we can forge into sunshine and warmth... many of us will head for the garden, full of faith that this year will surely be the one that my flowers will thrive and bloom...forget about years past when every deer and porcupine in the county would munch away countless perfect blossoms...this year I will win... all my flowers will fill my home daily, with lovely scents and and colorful petals...oh, what could be...

Back to reality, the coming new found promise of another Spring, is quite the opportunity for us to grow within ourselves...of course to find comfort in our own little garden spot, but with the encouragement of a whole new season, now might be the time to seek out other "spots" to explore...we're so blessed by nature here in New England....so many beautiful places to walk, by the ocean, in stalwart forests, challenging mountains (hills, in my case), estuaries busy creating new life, quaint coastal villages, interesting museums...

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring season and I wish you the enjoyment of exploring our amazing New England gifts of nature and culture...

Warmest wishes, Lynn

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The next executive board meeting is April 10th. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Lynn.

The deadline for newsletter input is April 6th.

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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Attention! This year's charities will be announced by the Charity Selection Committee this month. Stay Tuned!

INTEREST GROUPS

FUNDRAISING

BOOK CLUB

Thursday March 28th at 3:00 pm

Book: Inside the Kingdom: My Life in Saudi Arabia

By Carmen bin Laden
Hostess: TBD



Please call 207.337.2623 or email barbpoulin@aol.com for more information and to RSVP

Thursday, April 25th at 3:00 pm

Book: The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

Hostess: TBD

Please RSVP the hostess

We welcome New Members

Our next big fundraiser is at the **Wentworth Country Club Pavilion in Rye, NH on May 5, 11-2PM**. Fashions are by Chicos and Putting On the Glitz and modeled by our own members, including the hopeful winner of the "Mrs. Maine" Pageant in April. **The charge is \$65 a person, the menu and venue will be elegant.** The raffle prizes are exquisite. Looking forward to seeing you all at this event to help our new charities soon to be announced.

Fashion Show invitations have been sent out. The date is: **Sunday, May 5, 11-2 pm** at the Wentworth CC in Rye, NH. Please rsvp to Lynne Gass by April 22th & send 2 checks for reservation & raffles.

Holiday Fair plans will ramp up in May when our committee starts to send out invitations to vendors, obtain food & prize donations & member volunteer kitchen staff.

Mah Jong & game night plans are in the works. Stay tuned for more info.

Fundraising by Ellen Farber:

GERMAN GROUP Kaffee und Kuchen



Monday April 15th - 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 and Kuchen. Please call or email Anna Kristina by April 8th if you would like to attend (207) 361-1508 or aksawtelle@aol.com.

FRENCH GROUP



Wednesday April 17th - 12:00 pm

Location TBD

Si vous voulez pratiquer votre Francis, venez déjeuner avec nous. The French group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Please call or email Denise Martel if you would like to attend. Denise Martel dfmartel@comcast.net

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

CALENDAR

April 15 Brunch Potluck at Lynn Pahland's home in Kittery. International foods and drinks 10:30-12:30 pm
April 15 German Group
April 17 French Group
April 20 Fashion Show RSVP

MONTHLY MEETINGS

April 15 Potluck Brunch
May 18 Derby Day Potluck
June 26 Luncheon
July 24 Luncheon
August 28 Luncheon



April 15 INTERNATIONAL FOODS AND DRINK

Our April potluck meeting will be a brunch at the home of Lynn Pahland in Kittery from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm on April 15. The theme will be International Foods and Drinks. If you wish to attend, you should text or call Mariene Benoit at 207-251-8430, or email her at mdarganb@gmail.com.

CHARITY SELECTIONS 2024

The IWCNE Charity Selection Committee met on March 6, 2024, at the York Public Library to interview a representative for each of the three charities selected this year.

Heart to Heart, Services for People With Age, based in York, ME is devoted to supporting the needs of older adults with transportation services, shopping needs, tech support and providing socialization contacts. <https://hearttoheartagelesslove.org>

Common Threads of Maine's mission is to promote careers in the textile industry by teaching young people and immigrants to become skilled stitchers and includes math and English as a Second Language classes. Students conclude 12 weeks of classes by creating a resume of their work and preparing for a job fair. <https://www.commonthreadsofmaine.org>

Finding Our Voices has made tremendous strides in just a few years in their survivor-powered domestic abuse educational campaigns to destigmatize domestic abuse. Such programs as Get Out and Stay Out, Children's funds, Medical and Dental assistance, retreats as well as advertisement campaigns have further promoted their efforts throughout the state of Maine. <https://findingourvoices.net>

IWCNE members who served on the Charity Selection Committee include: Anna Kristina Sawtelle, Lucille Gentsch, Lynne Gass, Pauline Boyce, Diane Sanford, Jean Hurley, Yvonne Chainey, Anne Supenia, Birgit Christiansen, Ellen Farber-Libowitz, and Mariene Benoit. Deborah Forster chaired the committee this year.



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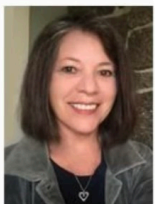
The Farber Family

Members spent International Women's Day enjoying each other's company and exchanging ideas and experiences. Thank you, Lynn for opening your home to our group!



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MEMBERSHIP

Our sincerest condolences to Shona Taplin on the loss of her mother-in-law, IWCNE member Earlene Rothague after a courageous battle with ALS. She was so excited to be part of the IWCNE but sadly her diagnosis shortly after moving here, limited her participation. However, she loved the events that she was able to attend, including the recent charity awards luncheon.

Congratulations poured in for our founder, Anna Kristina's 88th Birthday!! And, donations to IWCNE poured in as well! The Charity account received \$540 in her honor.

A Message from Anna Kristina Sawtelle (Founder IWCNE 1992)

A birthday is special and so individual.

The older you get the more precious each year becomes.

I have just been informed about the very generous donations in my name, by many members, to our Clubs Charity fund. This as I last week entered my 88 years of living.

I feel very humble and on behalf of all the people who will benefit from your kind donation and myself ,I say.

Thank You, Vielen Dank, Merci and Tack sa mycket.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

DIRECTORY The new directory is coming in April.

FUTURE POTLUCKS

May 18 Derby Potluck at Lucille Gentsch's home in Kennebunkport, with drinks including Lucille's Mint Juleps (plus soft drinks) and Southern style finger food from 5-7 PM. Maximum attendees will be 20, one per entered horse to root for. Wearing extravagant hats is encouraged!

June 12 Outdoor Potluck at Sara Samaniego's home in Wells from 1-3 pm. (backup date June 13) text or call Mariene Benoit at 207-251-8430, or email her at mdarganb@gmail.com.

