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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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### Other Clubs Established

- Dallas, Texas
- Douala, Cameroon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has finally arrived in Maine and so has our Fashion Show! Just like the Mayflowers we count on after the showers of April, we count on our biggest annual get together to celebrate spring fashions and to generate funds for our charities. Thanks to Lynn Pahland, and all of the members who worked on the Fashion Show committee to make this beloved event, a reality for another year!



Welcome back to all of our members who spent the winter elsewhere, we look forward to reconnecting in person with you at our luncheons, activities and pot lucks this summer. Please try to attend our next activity on May 26, 2023 when we see the new summer exhibit at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art and have lunch after the tour. Please let Ellen Farber know if you will be joining the group.

We had two successful Pot Lucks at the end of April and early May thanks to Ellen Farber and Lucille Gentsch. The crowd around Ellen's table solved a murder mystery while the attendees at Lucille's home wore splendid hats to cheer on the horses in the Kentucky Derby. Next up, an elegant meal at Suzy Finnell's home and a party on the water at Tinker Newick's home. While Pot Luck's do support our charities with "small donations at the door", they really are a chance for new members and established members to meet each other or renew acquaintances and have FUN!

Finally, looking ahead, I'm looking forward to our June 28, 2023 luncheon. Let's call it a luncheon and activity rolled into one. Our June meeting will take place at the Brick Store Museum with a buffet lunch, a presentation from Elizabeth McLelland, President and founder of Partners for World Health (PWH), AND, a private, personal tour of the PWH exhibit of Blue Wrap Fashions currently on exhibit at the Museum. The tour will be given by two of our members, Angela LeBlanc and Nancy Worthley who have been responsible for all of the logistics for the Blue Wrap fundraising events. Trust me when I tell you this is a *not to be missed event*. Please plan to join me for lunch in June!

Cindy Sayers

## Board of Directors 2023

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Pot Luck	
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The next executive board meeting is June 14. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before June 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 May 25th, 3:00 pm**  
Book: In Extremis: The Life and Death of War Correspondent Marie Colvin



Author: Marie Colvin  
Hostess: Mariene Benoit  
207-646-5839. [mdarganb@gmail.com](mailto:mdarganb@gmail.com)

**Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.**

**Thursday June 22, 3:00 pm**

Book: Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World  
Author: Tracy Kidder  
Hostess T B A

**We welcome new members.**

Kaffee---Kuchen---Konversation



**Monday, June 19- 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

### FRANCOPHONE



**WED June 21 - Noon French Group**

**Location to be announced**

Si vous voulez pratiquer votre francais, venez dejeuner avec nous. Contact Joyce Marchand at [Joyce.marchand@gmail.com](mailto:Joyce.marchand@gmail.com) for more information



Calling all DIVAS! **Les Chanteuse** our singing group will begin again on Thursday, June 29 at 11 am at Ellen Farber's House.

Please come and have a good time! Newcomers welcome! Please RSVP 207-251-1746

### **Activities**

**Friday, May 26 at 11am** we will have a guided tour at OGUNQUIT Museum of American Art and lunch at the Cape Neddick Golf Club.



FMI please call Ellen at (207-251-1746).

### **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.

## 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! See the insert for details.



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.



On May 6th we gathered for Derby Day (pictured here) and had lots of good food and fun!

**The next fundraising pot luck** will be at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 6 at Tinker Newick's home at 2 Rivermouth Rd, York Harbor., just a couple of days past a Strawberry full moon. Tinker will tell us a bit about the environmental organization Earthwatch. Maximum of 18 attendees; still room for several more. To sign up and/or for more information and directions for parking please contact Barb Poulin with a text or call to (207).337-2623 or email at [barbpoulin@aol.com](mailto:barbpoulin@aol.com).

**On Friday, June 16 Suzie Finnell will host a small elegant luncheon** for 10 from 12-2 at her home in Wells. Contact Barb to learn more.

**More outdoor/deck pot lucks this summer at member homes for as long as weather allows.**

To sign up or for more information, please contact Barb Poulin with a text or call or email at [barbpoulin@aol.com](mailto:barbpoulin@aol.com)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 24 Book Club  
May 26 Museum Activity  
June 6 Potluck York Harbor  
June 16 Potluck Wells  
June 19 German Group  
June 21 French Group



June 21 Deadline for luncheon reservationsJ  
June 22 Book Club  
June 28 Monthly Luncheon / Meeting at Brick Store Museum  
June 29 Les Chanteuses  
June 30 Raffle Drawing

LUNCHEON: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 11 AM  
**Brick Store Museum**  
117 Main St, Kennebunk, ME

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, June 21, 2023  
**NOTE NEW RESERVATION INFORMATION!**  
**YOU MUST HAVE A PAID RESERVATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE**

Reservations and Payment: You can contact Yvonne Chainey to make a reservation at:  
(Cell) 603-502-2615 (call or text), email Ychainey@aol.com, then send your \$20 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 \$21 via Pay Pal (includes PayPal fee)  
**\*Note that the luncheon fee for June is reduced to \$20 which includes Museum admission\***

***Summery Buffet Luncheon***

Assorted Sandwich Sliders: Caprese, Chicken Salad, Ham and Swiss

Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken  
Thai Noodle Salad  
Fruit Platter

Desserts: Cookie Platter, Lemon Squares, Mini Whoopie Pies  
Bottled Water / Flavored Seltzers / Fresh Lemonade

**June 28 Program:**

“Partners for World Health: Local Effort, Global Impact”

We’re excited to offer a very special program at the Brick Store Museum for our June luncheon this year. First, we’ll view the “Wrapped in Blue: Fashions to Promote Global Health” exhibition developed by Partners for World Health in Portland, Maine. The exhibition will be on view at the museum through August 20 and features gorgeous outfits created by designers out of blue wrap, a polypropylene material used in all US hospitals. Next we’ll enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon with a menu created just for us, followed by a presentation by Partners for World Health founder Elizabeth McClelland.

June Birthdays

- June 6 Rosalie Foley
- June 12 Georgiana Gallagher
- June 15 Mary Strohm
- June 17 Daria Tansy
- June 21 Lisa Emerson-Stocklet
- June 23 Denise Martel



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**The Farber Family**



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Cape Neddick, Maine 03902

### MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS Calendar– 2023

Jun 28 Brick Store Museum  
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

Charity \$ 4,108.48  
Admin \$ 2,987.55  
CD \$ 5,024.46  
Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP

### Change of address:

ROHLOFF, Elaine Joanne  
25 Frontier St.  
Rye, NH 03870

### New Member:

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10 Overlook Ridge Dr., #644  
Malden, MA 02148  
Alternate: POB 1996, Ogunquit,  
ME 03907 mid April-mid October  
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[justicebarbara@aol.com](mailto:justicebarbara@aol.com)

### Returning Member:

MILAD, Marie  
4 Victory Lane  
Rye, NH 03870  
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[mariemilad@gmail.com](mailto:mariemilad@gmail.com)

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](mailto:Ychainey@aol.com)



On May 15th, WCI had a zoom BOD meeting with all the Sister Clubs. WCI president Vivienne Chen, gave a greeting, and then each Club spent a few minutes giving some highlights of their activities. The Welcome to Florida club has invited anyone to join their "let's go on a trip together" where a member presents a country, park, or site in the world on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2pm. Please let me know if any are interested & I will get the zoom link. Thanks,  
Denise

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