



International Women's Club of New England  
P.O. Box 351  
Cape Neddick, Maine 03902

### MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS Calendar- 2024

Jan 20 Atlantic Grill

The Board strongly encourages members to attend the monthly meetings, which are integral to IWCNE. Lunches promote friendship, introduce new members, provide information about club activities as well as furthering our mission of understanding the diversity of cultures throughout the world. It is also your opportunity to invite friends who can learn about the club and its various programs and projects.

#### Calendar

Nov 30 Book Club  
Dec 6 Francophone  
Dec 10 Holiday Party  
Dec 17 Activity: Winter Wonderland  
Jan 12 Deadline for Luncheon  
Jan 15 German Kaffee und Kuchen  
Jan 20 Awards Luncheon  
Jan 25 Book Club

#### Treasurer's Report

Charity \$ 15,750  
Admin \$ 2,045  
CD \$ 5,138  
Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

### MEMBERSHIP NOTICES

1. Per By Law Article IV-Dues, Sec. 2.....**DUES SHALL BE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1ST.**

So while it is fresh in your mind, reach for that checkbook and make your check payable to IWCNE for \$40.00 to cover your 2024 dues and state in memo section that it is for 2024 dues. Mail that check to Yvonne Chainey, 58 Harding Rd., Portsmouth, NH 03801

2. The Membership Directory is scheduled to be reprinted in 2024 so please take a look at your personal listing, as well as information under Countries Represented and Foreign Languages. If you would like to have anything changed, please send to Yvonne Chainey either via email at [ychainey@aol.com](mailto:ychainey@aol.com) or text to 603-502-2615. Make sure your information reaches me NLT 12/31/23

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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# 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 10, Nov. 29, 2023  
iwcne.net

Member of Welcome Clubs International [wciclubs.org](http://wciclubs.org)

### Other Clubs Established

- Dallas, Texas
- Douala, Cameroon



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is my last message to you as President of IWCNE. I've enjoyed serving as your President in 2022 and 2023.

Thank you to all of our members who ran another outstanding Holiday Fair on November 11th. It takes a village and this event was no exception. Our last fundraiser of the year was a rousing success! I am happy to announce that we have a healthy balance in our charity account and that we will be able to give each of our four charities very nice checks at our January luncheon!

We have one last opportunity to gather as a Club this year on December 10th at The Lookout in Ogunquit. I hope to celebrate with many of you at our annual holiday party when we will eat, drink and sing our way into the holiday season!

I would like to thank the members who served on the 2022 and 2023 Executive Boards. Without you, we would not have had such a well run, organized and FUN, Club. It was a pleasure working with each of you!

Likewise, when I look back on all of the members who served on the Charity Selection Committee, who baked or cooked for the Holiday Fair and the Souper Bowl, who organized the Fashion Show, who wrote Board job descriptions, who participated in a Pot Luck, who spoke German or French while breaking bread, who lifted our hearts with song, or who discussed a book together, my sincere thanks to you. Your participation has kept this Club going for 31 years and counting!

To all of our members old and new, thank you for your trust and friendship, I wish Lynn Pahland and her new Executive Board the best of luck.

Cindy Sayers

### Executive Board of Directors 2023

President	Cindy Sayers
Vice President	Margaret Weeks
Secretary	Marian Stanton
Treasurer	Birgit Christiansen
Membership	Yvonne Chainey
Fundraising	Lucille Gentsch
Newsletter	Lucille Gentsch
Publicity	Margaret Weeks
Programs & Luncheons	Linda Anderson (with committee)
Activities	Ellen Farber-Libowitz
Historian	Lynne Gass
Pot Luck	
Coordinator	Barb Poulin
Webmaster	Lucille Gentsch
WCI Liaison	Denise Gaffney
Founder	Anna Kristina Sawtelle

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

The deadline for newsletter input is Jan 12

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)

### PROPOSED SLATE OF IWCNE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024

President	Lynn Pahland
Vice President	Anne Supenia
Secretary	Susan Martin
Treasurer	Birgit Christiansen
Membership	Yvonne Chainey
Fundraising	Ellen Farber-Libowitz
Newsletter	Martha Fava
Publicity	Margaret Weeks
Luncheons	Deborah Forster
Programs	Angela LeBlanc
Activities	Cindy Sayers
Historian	Lynne Gass
Potluck Coordinators	Mariene Benoit and Maureen Clayton
Webmaster	Lucille Gentsch
WCI Liaison	Denise Gaffney

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## INTEREST GROUPS

**Thursday November 30th at 3:00 pm**

Book: Dust Child  
 Author: Nguyen Phan Que Mai  
 Hostess: tbd



**Thursday January 25th at 3:00 pm**

Book: Inside the Kingdom: My Life in Saudi Arabia  
 Author: Carmen bin Laden  
 Hostess: tbd

**We welcome new members**

**GERMAN GROUP** Kaffee und Kuchen  
**Monday Jan 15 - 2-3:30 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 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. December 6 Noon French Group**

Wentworth by Sea COUNTRY CLUB  
 Si vous voulez pratiquer votre francais, venez dejeuner avec nous.

Contact Laure Navarre at mnavarre7@gmail.com to reserve a spot



Les Chanteuse will meet again in January at Ellen Farber's home. All ladies who love to sing are invited. You don't need any previous experience just a love of music.

## ACTIVITY

**Sunday, December 17, 4:30 pm**

**Winter Wonderland show** Back by popular demand the Sandy Hill Light show at Sandy Hill Farm, 34 Sandy Hill Lane, Eliot, Maine. Please send check for \$20 payable to Ellen Farber, per person to: Ellen Farber, 20 Tern Street. Ogunquit, Maine 03907. She will get the tickets online as a group.



## Mahjong

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



## FUNDRAISING



### IWCNE ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

Thank you one and all for a great volunteer turn out. We couldn't have done it without you. Ellen and Lynne



**Our First Fundraising event of the new year will be a Mah Jong & Game Afternoon at For the Love of Food & Drink in January. Stay tuned for further 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 other's company in an informal atmosphere in small groups.

Final Pot Luck Fun(d)raiser of 2023:

Halloween Costume Party at Ellen Farber's house in Ogunquit.



## ALL MEMBERS INVITED!

**Dec.10th 1-3 PM at The Lookout in Ogunquit.**



Annual IWCNE Board of Directors Holiday Party thanking the membership for all your hard work and participation! There is no cost and no donation expected at this event, but reservations are required. Please call or email Lucille 207 318-7304, [Lucillegen@gmail.com](mailto:Lucillegen@gmail.com). We will have a light lunch, visit, and do some singing with Les Chanteuses! The Lookout is at 55 Israel Head Rd in Ogunquit.



LUNCHEON: Saturday, January 20, 2024

The Atlantic Grill  
5 Pioneer Road, Rye, NH  
Reservation Deadline: Friday, January 12

YOU MUST HAVE A PAID RESERVATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE

Reservations and Payment:

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.iwene.net](http://www.iwene.net), click on Events, pay \$42 via Pay Pal (\$2 PayPal fee)  
Cancellations must be received by Friday, January 12 to receive a refund  
Social Time: 11:00 AM, Meeting: 11:30 AM, Lunch at Noon followed by program

3-Course Winter Luncheon Buffet  
Baskets of Warm Rolls and Butter  
Wine Country Salad, with mixed greens, leeks, Romano, balsamic vinaigrette  
Glazed Salmon, with scallions, ginger-chili sauce  
Chicken Marsala, with shallots, mushrooms, sage, garlic  
Chef's Choice Seasonal Vegetables  
Chef's Choice Petite Dessert Display  
Coffee/Tea Station

Program:

Installation of Executive Board of Directors

Presentation of 2023 Charity Awards:

- Pihcintu Multicultural Chorus, Portland
- Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center, Biddeford
- Kids Free to Grow, York and Cumberland Counties
- Youth Journalism International



December—January Birthdays

Dec 1 Janet Trombley	Dec 30 Lynne Gass
Dec 3 Earlene Rothague	Simona Lewanuk
Dec 5 Deborah McConnell	Dec 31 Nancy Davis
Dec 7 Barb Poulin	Jan 1 Nancy Ramsdell
Dec 10 Ann Tillotson	Jan 13 Pauline Boyce
Dec 14 Charline Ludgate	Jan 14 Ellen Farber- Libowitz
Dec 18 Muriel Rogers	Jan 22 Marion McAuliffe
Dec 21 Rob Walker	Jan 23 Angela LeBlanc
Dec 22 Jane Page	Jan 30 Frances Perry,
Dec 27 Frances Roy	.....Marion Clarke

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