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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

It's time for pumpkin spice everything! It is Fall, one of my favorite seasons in Maine.

At the beginning of this month a dozen or so of our members attended a Pot Luck at Seeds of Hope in Biddeford. As you know, this is one of the Charities we are supporting this year. Their Executive Director, Vassie Fowler, made us a most delicious Greek themed lunch. While we heard Vassie address our Club at our August luncheon, having the Pot Luck at the Seeds of Hope facility brought home the truth of the wonderful work the organization does every day. Thank you to all who collected underwear and socks for Seeds of Hope! Also, please consider attending their annual fundraising Brunch at the Nonantum (see p. 2) As we reach the end of this month, don your costumes for another Pot Luck, this one at the home of Ellen Farber. Pumpkin spice, witchy brews and sweet treats will be on offer on Sunday October 29th at 4pm.

As we round the bases to the end of the year, I must thank Lucille for stepping up to form this year's nominating committee. The committee did an outstanding job to fill all of the Board positions. Please plan to attend the November luncheon as we will need a quorum to elect the 2024 Board. For a list of all of the Board positions, and who will fill them starting in January, please see page 4.

Looking ahead to November, there are two things you can do to ensure that our Holiday Fair is a well attended success. First, please take a moment to invite your friends and family to the Fair on Saturday, November 11th. Second, please print out the Holiday Fair poster on our website and post it on your favorite community bulletin board or your favorite social media. Finally, thank you in advance to all of you who will bake or cook and who will volunteer to work this event. Finally, save the date for our annual "Thank You" party hosted by the Executive Board of Directors on December 10!

Enjoy your fall!
Cindy Sayers



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 Oct 11. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy. The newsletter will be sent to those members who request it. As always it can be downloaded on our website:

www.iwcne.net

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>

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INTEREST GROUPS

Thursday October 26th at 3:00 pm Book Club

Book: Lessons in Chemistry
Author: Bonnie Garmus
Hostess: Jackie Connerty
FMI: Barb Poulin at
barbpoulin@aol.com or call/
text:207.337.2623



Thursday November 30th at 3:00 pm

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

We welcome new members

GERMAN GROUP

Monday Nov. 20 - 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 or aksawtelle@aol.com.



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 on Monday, November 27 at 10 am 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.

We will prepare for our club holiday party & singing at Seeds of Hope at Holiday time.

Please call Ellen Farber 207-251-1746.

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

Saturday, November 11, 9—2 at the community room of First Congregational Church, 180 York St. in York

At our final major fundraiser of the year, we host vendors who sell a variety of goods and we serve homemade soup for lunch and sell our own homemade goods at our bake sale table. Please join us for a wonderful day!!! And invite family, friends and neighbors. The Funds we raise will support this year's charities. Still time to volunteer! There are many ways you can help besides coming and bringing lots of customers. Please rsvp to Ellen Farber 207-251-1746.

Calling All Bakers

I hope all of you have the November 11th Holiday Fair on your calendars, and that you have your favorite recipes ready to prepare your most delicious goodies for the bake table. The Fair contributes a lot to our charities, and being part of it is fun. Goodies for the bake table should be there before the Fair opens at 9:00 if possible and wrapped ready to sell. Thank you!

Charline Ludgate

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.



Final Pot Luck Fun (d)raiser of 2023:

Halloween Costume Party at 4 PM on Sunday, October 29th at Ellen Farber's house in Ogunquit. Prizes for funniest, spookiest and most original getups. Bring \$15 per person check or cash for our charities and a finger food, sweet or savory. Beverages provided. Spouses, significant others, neighbors and friends most welcome.

Reserve by contacting coordinator Barb Poulin at 207.337.2723 text/call or email Barbpoulin@aol.com

A wonderful way to support one of our charities: Brunch at the Nonantum



Seeds of Hope
Neighborhood Center

Seeds of Hope 9th Annual Brunch /
15th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for a heartwarming Seeds of Hope

Brunch as we celebrate 15 incredible years of spreading positivity and growth in our community. Sunday, November 12 · 12 - 3pm Nonantum Resort, 95 Ocean Avenue Kennebunkport, ME 04046. Tickets are \$40 Contact Vassie Fowler at Vassie.fowler@seedssofhope4me.org Or (207) 571-9601

RAFFLE PRIZES AND SILENT AUCTION!



SAVE THE DATE

The annual IWCNE Board of Directors Holiday Party thanking the membership for all your hard work and participation will be December 10th 1 – 3 PM at The Lookout in Ogunquit. More details to follow.

LUNCHEON: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Jonathan's Ogunquit
92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, ME
Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, November 22

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 payable 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 Wednesday, November 22 to receive a refund

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

3-Course Fall 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: Picturing Maine: A Postcard History

Please join us for a program with Libby Bischof, Phd., Professor of History and Executive Director of the Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education at University of Southern Maine. In her richly illustrated discussion, Professor Bischof will look at how the idea of "Maine" was created visually, focusing on postcard imagery of the York County region from the late-19th to mid-20th centuries.

Libby Bischof is a public historian. Professor Bischof explores American and Maine history through the lens of a camera. She frequently lectures to public audiences throughout New England, and serves on the board of several regional historical organizations. She lives in Gorham with her family and enjoys reading, swimming, and sending postcards.

November Birthdays

4 Carolyn Sherman

27 Inge Schwertzl



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 Cape Neddick, Maine 03902

**MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS
 Calendar- 2023**

Nov 29 Jonathan's

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.

Calendar

- Oct 26 Book Club
- Oct 29 Potluck
- Nov 11 Holiday Fair
- Nov 12 Seeds of Hope Brunch
- Nov 20 German Group
- Nov 22 Luncheon Deadline
- Nov 27 Les Chanteuses
- Nov 29 Monthly Luncheon / Meeting
- Nov 30 Book Club
- Dec 6 Francophone

MEMBERSHIP

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
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Treasurer's Report

Charity	\$ 13,866
Admin	\$ 1,866
CD	\$ 5,122

Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

Potluck Fundraiser at Seeds of Hope hosted by Vassie Fowler who cooked us a wonderful Greek lunch!



Activity Group at lunch after a tour at Strawberry Banke Museum