



# 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

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**Other Clubs Established**

- Dallas, Texas
- Douala, Cameroon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We certainly started this month off HOT...at the Ice Cream Social Fundraiser with a moving show from Pihcintu, the Multicultural Girls Chorus from Portland Maine. The weather may have been hot and sticky, but the cookies (thanks to all who made treats), the Ice Cream (donated by Scoop Deck), and the Root Beer Floats (expertly served by our volunteers), cooled everyone off! We raised just shy of \$1500.00 for our charity fund. It is worth noting that half of the guests were Club members, but the other half were neighbors and friends, proving that fundraisers like this are a great way to introduce our mission to the greater community. Personally, I am always heartened when our sponsored charities join us in our fundraising efforts.

To that end, I want to highlight our next opportunity to interact with one of our 2023 charities, Seeds of Hope. Please see the write up on page 2 for all of the sign up details. In addition to bringing your small monetary donation for the "Pot" and your heritage food dish, please join me in bringing a "House Warming Gift" to their Executive Director, Vassie Fowler. When she spoke at our last luncheon, she sent out the appeal for underwear as one of the most needed items for the neighbors they serve. That's right, I said UNDERWEAR! The wish list includes cotton underwear for women, socks for both sexes and men's boxer shorts (size medium). While it is not compulsory to purchase underwear to participate in this event, it is compulsory to invite at least one friend to accompany you, whether it's a club member or, a family member or neighbor, I hope to see a great turn out at what promises to be a fun field trip. See you on Saturday, October 7, 2023 in Biddeford, Maine.

Finally, I want to look ahead to November to encourage you to get involved with our final big fundraiser of the year, the Holiday Fair. For any of our members who are new to this fundraiser, it takes a village to make this event happen, but it is SO much fun! Are you a Maker? Then purchase a table to vend your wares. Do you like to bake or cook soup or chili? We need your talents. Perhaps the best thing all club members can do is to get your friends and family to put Saturday, November 11, 2023 on their calendars and rendezvous at the Fair for a few hours of fun to kick off your holiday shopping season!

Cindy Sayers

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The next executive board meeting is Oct 11. If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy.

Deadline for newsletter content is Oct 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>

## INTEREST GROUPS

Thursday September 28, 3:00 pm  
Book: West with the Night  
Author: Beryl Markham  
Hostess: Maureen Clayton  
RSVP Maureen at 450.3372 (text or call)  
and for directions to 86 Ledge Rd Ext



Thursday October 26th at 3:00 pm  
Book: Lessons in Chemistry  
Author: Bonnie Garmus  
Hostess: tbd  
FMI: Barb Poulin at  
[barbpoulin@aol.com](mailto:barbpoulin@aol.com) or call/  
text:207.337.2623  
**We welcome new members**

### GERMAN GROUP

**Monday Oct 16 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](mailto:aksawtelle@aol.com).



### FRANCOPHONE



**WED Sep 27 French Group Sun & Surf Restaurant, York**

Si vous voulez pratiquer votre francais, venez dejeuner avec nous.  
Contact Zoi [zoidiamond6@gmail.com](mailto:zoidiamond6@gmail.com) for more information

Calling all DIVAS! **Les Chanteuses**, our singing group will meet again on Wednesday, Oct 4 at 10 am at Ellen Farber's House. The only requirement is loving singing and music.

**Newcomers welcome!**

Please RSVP 207-251-1746

### Mahjong

Rosalie Foley has volunteered to chair a new interest group: MAHJONG! The next meeting is in October. If you would like to be part of the fun, contact her at [roefol1354@gmail.com](mailto: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! Next meeting Wed., Oct 11 at noon in York Library. Please rsvp to Ellen Farber 207-251-1746.**



### HOUSE RAFFLE UPDATE

Congratulations to Lucille Gentsch who is the big winner of the IWCNE raffle for House number three. She will be spending 3 nights at Rangely Lake in November.



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's company in an informal atmosphere in small groups.

**Saturday October 7 Noon Potluck Lunch** An exciting afternoon at Biddeford's Seeds of Hope, 35 South St, Biddeford. Join us for a Greek entree luncheon from noon to 2 PM. Bring your \$15 per person donation for our charities and your favorite finger food size appetizer or dessert best representing your country of origin or affinity. Carpooling encouraged. There is on street parking, typically plenty of parking available. There are no handicap parking spaces, however we have been known to put out a cone or two to save the spaces closest to the door! The entrance, community room, and restrooms are all on one level and easily accessible. To sign up and for more information, directions, parking instructions, please contact coordinator: Barb Poulin at [barbpoulin@aol.com](mailto:barbpoulin@aol.com), or call/text: 207 337-2623

**PLEASE NOTE: Underwear is one of the most needed items for the neighbors served at Seeds of Hope. So, if you would like to help out, the wish list includes cotton underwear for women, socks for both sexes and men's boxer shorts (size medium). You can bring items to the Potluck OR to the next luncheon.**

### NEW "Popup" Potlucks

These are last minute gatherings outdoors, scheduled according to the weather. Announced in the weekly email, possibly just 3-4 days prior. \$15 BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). Watch weekly message for date, time and whose backyard. If you would like to host, contact Barb Poulin.

We had a wonderful afternoon listening to the Pihcintu Multicultural Girls Chorus at our Ice Cream Social. Thank you to Scoop Deck for donating the ice cream and thank you, Cindy and Stephen Sayers, for hosting this successful event!



LUNCHEON: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Nonantum Resort

95 Ocean Ave, Kennebunkport, ME

**Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, October 18**

**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.iwcne.net](http://www.iwcne.net), click on **Events**, pay \$42 via Pay Pal (\$2 PayPal fee)

***Cancellations must be received by Wednesday, October 18 to receive a refund***

**Social Time: 11:00 AM; Meeting: 11:30 AM; Lunch at Noon followed by Program**

**The Nonantum's Famous Deli Buffet Is Back!**

Chef's Clam Chowder with Sherry, Thyme, Bacon, Littlenecks

Green Garden Salad with Maple Balsamic Vinaigrette

House Made Ranch Potato Salad

Hand-carved Meats: Mesquite Turkey, Black Forest Ham, Roast Beef

Assorted Sliced Cheeses: Cheddar, Baby Swiss, Provolone

Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, House Made Pickles

Assorted Fresh House Made Breads

Tortellini Pasta Salad with Olives, Cheese Tortellini

House Made Desserts: Lemon Blueberry Bars, Fudgy Cheesecake Brownies, Soft Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies

Coffee/Tea

**Program: Bridging Divides – Why World Affairs Councils Matter More Than Ever**

This month we'll take a close look at the World Affairs Council of Maine with Executive Director Allison Hodgkins. Dr. Hodgkins will give us a brief overview of the World Affairs Councils of America. She'll then delve into how Maine has always benefitted from being open to the world and why those connections are more important than ever. She'll also share ways to continue building a global perspective, whether through connecting with new Maine residents from abroad or finding ways to participate in international exchange. Dr. Hodgkins has a PhD in International Affairs from Tufts University and spent 20 years living and working in the Middle East. She taught at the American University in Cairo, worked as a Director for CIEE in Amman, Jordan, and a Director for the School for International Training's Peace and Conflict Studies Program in Jerusalem. She is a member of the US Global Leadership Coalition's Maine State Advisory Committee and speaks Arabic and Hebrew.

**October Birthdays**

- 4 Jean Wilcox
- 10 Angela Pollino
- 13 Suzie Finnel
- 20 Karen Stathoplos
- 25 Regina Godfrey, Betsy Wilde, Anne Supenia
- 27 Grace Sullivan



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### MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS Calendar– 2023

Sep 20 Atlantic Grill  
Oct 25 Nonantum  
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.

### Treasurer's Report

Charity	\$ 12,522
Admin	\$ 2,059
CD	\$ 5,090

Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

### ACTIVITIES

**Friday, September 29, 2023 2-4 pm**

You are cordially invited to High Tea at [Haley Art Gallery](#) in Kittery, Maine.



Armenian propriétaire, Jacqueline Abramian will welcome us to her converted turn-of-the-century barn.gallery of original art by local, national, and international artists and global, hand-made-by-women art gifts. A small introduction will highlight the collection which is for Sale. There will be a \$5 off purchases.

**COST:** \$35 (Not an IWCNE Fundraising event)  
Haley Art Gallery,178 Haley Road, Kittery, ME.

**RSVP:** By Thursday, September 21 via check payable to Anna Kristina Sawtelle (207 361 1508 ) and mail to 86 Clay Hill Road, Cape Neddick, Me 03902.

**Parking instructions will be sent to participants.**

**Tuesday, October 10- 10 am**

**Strawbery Banke Museum Portsmouth Possessions: Objects that Shaped the City Exhibit**

In celebration of the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire's 400th anniversary, Strawbery Banke presents "Portsmouth Possessions: Objects that Shaped the City." Tour by Jonathan Brown, director & lunch at Rosa's Restaurant in Portsmouth.



Please RSVP Ellen Farber at 207-251-1746 or [musicaellen@yahoo.com](mailto:musicaellen@yahoo.com)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 27 French Group  
Sep 28 Book Club  
Sep 29 Haley Gallery Activity  
Oct 4 Les Chanteuses

Oct 7 Potluck  
Oct 11 Exec. Board / Hol Fair Mtg  
Oct 16 German Group  
Oct 18 Strawbery Banke Activity / Lunch Deadline

Oct 25 Luncheon / Meeting  
Oct 26 Book Club  
Nov 11 Holiday Fair