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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

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## President's Message

### Evolving and Improving

National Library Week was celebrated this month. Some of you may know that my first career was as a librarian and I reflected on the status of libraries today. A few years ago, it seemed that the public library was doomed. People weren't reading books, they were just surfing the internet. Everyone wanted electronic books and reference books were outdated before they were published. But the librarians did not give up; they came up with new ideas. They installed computers for free internet access, bought e-books which you can borrow on your e-reader. They started new programs for various interest groups - from robotics classes, to library reading dogs, to film festivals. All the time, keeping the rooms full of traditional print books and comfortable chairs to read in. By maintaining the tried and true ideas and, at the same time, keeping up with new concepts, the library has become, more than ever, a vital part of community life. I like to think that we here at IWCNE are mirroring that adaptability by keeping old traditions but also coming up with new ideas and new ways to enjoy fellowship and, of course, raise money for our charities.

So, if you haven't already, this month might be the month to try something new. You are in good company!

## Charity Selections

The IWCNE Charity Selection Committee received fourteen applications from organizations that are all doing great work in serving people in need. From those we chose four to receive our 2016 grants, groups where our gifts can make a difference in their service.

**Dress a Girl Around the World** believes that every girl deserves the dignity of owning at least one dress. Volunteers make the dresses, which are personally delivered all over the world. **Time of Wonder Early Learning Center** is a new child care center and a family resource center. They believe that every child deserves an exceptional early childhood experience. **Girls on the Run** New Hampshire inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experienced-based curriculum which creatively integrates running with life skills. **Hospice Help Foundation** provides financial assistance to hospice patients with dire financial need for non-medical services, in order to increase their quality of life by lifting financial and emotional burdens that accompany a terminal diagnosis

Last year IWCNE donated \$9,000 to our recipients, and with our fundraising this year we hope to again be generous to these chosen charities.

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The fifth meeting of 2016 will be on Monday May 9th at 10 AM at Sentry Hill. Note: Next newsletter deadline will be Monday, May 9th. Newsletters will be mailed Monday of the week following the luncheon to all members who did not attend Saturday's luncheon unless they have requested that we not do so. Newsletters will continue to be able to be accessed on our website.

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## MARCH LUNCHEON REPORT

On a blustery Easter Saturday, 26 people attended our luncheon at Wentworth-by-the-Sea Country Club. One of the first orders of business was to congratulate Gwyneth & Gerry Wykes on their 67th anniversary! Gwyneth told the story of how they met - at a dance class where they were paired up because of their height. Obviously, they had more in common than being tall!

The speaker, Marc Boyd, gave a very entertaining and informative talk about the types of fraud that are prevalent in the area and gave many helpful hints as to how to avoid becoming a victim. Audience participation was high and a lot of good advice was exchanged.



### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:** We are pleased to report that we have four new members - **WELCOME!**

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### **IWCNE BOOK CLUB**

**Date: Tuesday, April 26 at 6**

**Book:** Snow Flower and the Secret Fan. Author: Lisa Lee

**Hostess:** Barb Poulin  
(207) 337-2623

**Date: Tuesday, May 31 at 6 PM**

**Book:** Gilead  
Author: Marilynne Robinson

**Hostess:** TBA

**Pls call hostess if you are coming**

### **World Cinema Discussion**

Thursday, May 12, 3:00 PM

York Senior Center, Rt. 1A, York, ME

2015 film from Turkey: **Mustang**, an award winning film directed by Deniz Gamze Erguven: 97 minutes in length, English subtitles. When five orphan girls are seen innocently playing with boys on a beach, their scandalized conservative guardians confine them while forced marriages are arranged.

Please call Barb at 207-337-2623 if you plan to attend.



### **Lunch and Lace with Angela Pollino**

**Wednesday, May 18 at 12:00 at The Lookout, Israel Head Rd., Ogunquit**

The type of lace which Angela makes is called Tombolo Lace in Italian (bobbin lace in English). She learned it when she was only eight years old from women in her village in Italy. She passed these women making lace on her way to school every day and one day a woman gave her a bundle of bobbins and taught her the art. From that day on she has become so talented and creative, the things she makes are almost never-ending. Come watch her demonstrate this beautiful lace making in her native costume.

### **MAY CALENDAR**

April 26	Book Club
May 12	World Cinema
May 14	Breakfast Nonantum
May 18	Lunch and Lace
May 18	Francophone
May 26	Museum Tour
May 28	Monthly Luncheon
May 31	Book Club



Julie and Harry Stathopolos and Gwyneth and Gerry Wykes at the 2015 Nonantum Resort Benefit Breakfast

#### A Tribute to Anna McGann

"All of us strive in our own way for immortality, to leave something of ourselves as an indelible imprint on society. One powerful medium for this endeavor is the written word, thoughts on paper speaking to the heart". This philosophy was shared with us so many years ago by Anna McGann our cherished member who passed away recently. Anna had been a member of our Club almost since its inception, her ideas and willingness to share her abilities to further our goals were immeasurable, born out with the inception of the Book Club which was cofounded by her with her dear friend Julie Stathopolos. The philosophy of books speaking to the heart was embodied by Anna's lively participation in the discussions at the monthly Book Club meetings, we will never forget them, and are forever thankful to have known her.

It is also with sorrow we announce that Anna's husband Val, so well known to us as members, passed away on March 28th. Val was supportive of Anna's membership with us, contributing in so many ways with assistance at Club's functions, and a much appreciated donor of his wonderful art for some of our fundraisers.

We also learn of the passing of Harry, Julie Stathopolos' husband in April. Harry, a much loved teacher, devoted father to her wonderful family, was also a much depended upon volunteer at innumerable Club functions, he won many very grateful hearts among the membership.

Gwyneth Wykes

**New Interest Groups** - **Crafting** - Get together and exchange ideas, work on special projects or just stitch in good company!

**International Current Events** - Share knowledge and discuss world events.

For either group, contact Lucille at Lucillegen@gmail.com or (207) 318-7304.

**Les Chanteuses** is alive and well, performing monthly at: Durgin Pines, Sentry Hill, Kennebunk Nursing Center, Huntington Common and Varneys Crossing. We still are occasionally getting a donation.

**Pot Luck** - Please join us at the home of Lynn Pahland on Sunday, June 5th from 5-7. The theme is the promotion of our friendship through "homeland" or favorite finger foods to share. Classic Crepes Suzette will be served from 6-7. Please contact Lynne Gass at lgass@metrocast.net or 207-490-1391, 207-607-1305. Spouses, etc., are certainly welcome. \$10 per person plus your food/beverage contribution.

**Holiday Fair** - It is time to start thinking about this year's Holiday Fair. The next meeting will be June 20th at 10:00 AM at Ellen Farber's house. Ellen & Lynne will be emailing applications next week. And please keep in mind "When Pigs Fly" is one of our biggest donors. Please support this great business.

#### **FRANCOPHONE GROUTET CIRCLE**

The next Francophone luncheon will be at noon on Monday, May 18th. For further information please contact: Shona Taplin at downpat26@com.com



Spring 2014: Anna Kristina Sawtelle, Anna McGann and her husband, Val. Anna and Val are presenting Anna Kristina with one of Val's paintings.



Les Chanteuses on International Women's Day



Anna Kristina Sawtelle Speaking



Maureen, Anna and hostess Angela at St. Patty's Day Fundraiser

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

10 Barbro Bolh

30 Jaye Anderton

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM, SATURDAY May 28, 2016**

**Stage Neck Inn, 8 Stage Neck Road, York, Maine (207) 363-3850**

You can email marylee\_pons@yahoo.com or call 207-985-6273 and pay at door or send check for \$25.00 to:

Mary Lee Pons, 14 Nottingham Ct., Kennebunk, ME 04043.

**Social Time and Meeting at 11:00 Lunch at Noon followed by program**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_**

**Reservations Due No Later Than Sunday, May 22, 2016**

**CHOICE OF:**

Chicken Marsala OR Pan-seared Salmon with Red Onion Vinaigrette

Both will be served with Maine Clam Chowder and Warm Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream

**IF YOU NEED A RIDE, PLEASE CALL MARY LEE. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PICK YOU UP.**

**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Dr. Mariam Raquib will speak about Afganistan Samsortya, a non-profit organization she founded when she returned to Afghanistan, her homeland, and found agricultural land destroyed by decades of war. Inspired to reforest her homeland and reestablish food autonomy, she started several nurseries, established wells, and shared tens of thousands of food-bearing trees with hungry families. She has an incredible story to share.

**MAY 28, 2016 PROGRAM**

Cory W. Smith, Vice President, Policy, Advocacy & Communication for Kids in Need of Defense (**KIND**) will speak to us on **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**. The U.S. has experienced, in recent years, an unprecedented migration of children from Central America that is rooted in the pervasive and horrific gang and narco-trafficking violence in the region. More than 100,000 children have come in the last two years, far outpacing previous years and seriously straining the U.S. system designed to provide care and custody for these particularly vulnerable children that are preyed on by gangs, human traffickers and human smugglers. This will be a fascinating program.



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## Yearly Luncheon Calendar– 2016

JANUARY 23  
FEBRUARY 27  
MARCH 26  
APRIL 25  
MAY 28  
JUNE 22 (Wed)  
JULY 23  
AUGUST 24 (Wed)  
SEPTEMBER 24  
OCTOBER 22  
NOVEMBER 19

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.

### **BREAKFAST AT THE NONANTUM - Saturday, May 14th**

Please join us for our annual "Breakfast At The Nonantum" in Kennebunkport. Breakfast is served 7:30 AM to 10 AM and it is delicious - well worth rising early on a Saturday morning. The price is \$15.95 per person and the hotel donates a percentage of the morning profits to our club. Invite your friends to come along. Last year some of our ladies made it a special occasion by wearing hats. Feel free to do that again. See you there!

### **JEANS & JEWELS FUNDRAISER - September 11th at the Stage Neck Inn, York**

Join us for an evening of fun, music, delicious buffet, and raffle prizes. Proceeds will support the charities selected for 2016. If you have any questions, please contact: Marsha Miller, but stayed tuned for more details in the coming months.

### **SNAPSHOTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

This month Gwyneth Wykes reported on the current atmosphere in Great Britain. Many people fear an influx of large numbers of refugees because of the expense it might involve. Extensive social services are provided by the government for British subjects and these refugees would be included. There is a growing movement to leave the European Union (so-called Brexit). One spokesperson is the flamboyant Lord Mayor of London. A referendum will be held on June 23rd. Next Month: Brazil and Argentina.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of April 11, 2016

Administrative Account:	\$3,468.05
Charity Account:	\$1,873.35
Total:	\$5,341.40

Barb Poulin, Treasurer