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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

We suddenly find ourselves living in a new world where things we took for granted are no longer within our reach for the time being as we attempt to stop the spread of this deadly virus. I hope you and your loved ones are safe. During this time of isolation, I miss seeing all of you. Hopefully we will make up for lost time once this nightmare is over.

During this time of year we usually have feelings of new beginnings; this year these have been replaced with feelings of uncertainty amid the COVID-19 outbreak. We are changing how we go about our daily routines, how we are communicating with families and friends, and how we are interacting with IWCNE members. How much more isolating and confining this would have been 20 years ago when social media as we now know it was in its infancy.

I have been speaking on the phone, texting, e-mailing members, and Lucille gives us the weekly news feed to keep us connected. The Board had its April meeting via Zoom. It was shorter than usual with a few glitches but successful under the circumstances. It was good to see familiar faces and to connect with one another. We will not be having a business/luncheon meeting in April so information in this newsletter should serve to keep you all informed.

One of the concerns we face is that charities are unable to hold fundraisers and many rely on face-to-face contact with their clients. The charities we are supporting this year will be in greater need of our funding. Thanks to two of our dedicated members, we had two pop-up fundraisers over the past weeks. It was planned that, in lieu of a pot luck, we could get together for a walk keeping 6 ft apart. This was not feasible so it was changed to individuals walking, posting a pic, and making a donation. The second was Cindy Sayers' masks project. Kudos to Lucille Gentsch for her commitment to sewing masks and to Jeff who delivered them to members who purchased them. Their efforts brought over \$325 to our charity account.

I have been letting people not in our club know about the situation, and some have promised to make a donation. Hopefully, they will come through with their promises. I will review the situation in November and will give a donation at that time. The consignment shops are closed, but many of our members are using this time to weed out items they don't need and will contribute them once the shops reopen.

Every day brings about change, and hopefully we are on the final stretch. We can still enjoy our gardens and the spring blossoms. Days will be getting warmer, so we can get outside more. The future is uncertain, but I am impressed at how innovative our members are. We have a very talented group of women, and will come out of this with new energy, outlooks, and ideas.

Stay Healthy

Board of Directors 2020

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The next board meeting is yet to be determined. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Mariene Benoit.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be **on or before May 15**

The newsletter will be sent to those members who request it. As always it can be downloaded on our website:

www.iwcne.net

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NEW FUNDRAISER

GAME OF CHANCE.....WIN CASH.....INCREASE IWCNE'S CHARITY ACCOUNT!!!

Purchase an IWCNE aluminum re-useable water bottle for \$20.00 between May 1 and May 31 and you will be entered to win 50% of the proceeds of all bottles sold. (Note: there are only 50 bottles available so you have a much better chance than the Lottery!) You may purchase as many as you wish—remember friends and relatives... (Bottle pictured is very similar to the actual bottle which is even more attractive.)

THE MORE BOTTLES SOLD, THE HIGHER THE "POT". IF all 50 bottles are sold our charity account will be \$500.00 richer and one lucky winner gets \$500.00!!!

Added Bonus: Bring your water bottle to our next walk and you will receive a free raffle ticket for the Fashion Show Raffle!

Please let Cindy Sayers know how many bottles you would like to order via an email to cindysayersme@gmail.com or a note to Cindy Sayers, 34 Fletcher Street, Kennebunk ME 04043. Then please send your check payable to IWCNE to Anne Supenia, 55 Flintlock Village Unit 2, Wells ME. 04090, to pay for your bottle.

Bottle Holds 25 oz. of your favorite cold beverage...safer than plastic bottles...thank you to the member who generously underwrote the purchase of these handsome bottles!!!

WORLD CINEMA—VIEWING TIPS

York's Center for Active Living is closed due to Corona Virus so no films. I could suggest some international Netflix series I enjoyed this winter.

They have included on HBO:

The Neapolitan,
My Brilliant Friend

and on Netflix:

Germany's **Babylon Berlin,**
the French **Call My Agent,**

Outlander (time traveling in Scottish Highlands),

Giri/Haji set in London & Japan

and next on my list from Norway: **Occupied** and from South Korea: **Kingdom.**

FMI contact Barb Poulin 207.337.2623 or barbpoulin@aol.com.

Our interest groups are on hold at the moment because of social distancing requirements due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

Membership

The completed directory has been picked up from the printer. Marion and Yvonne will get it out to members as soon as the social distancing guidelines are loosened up.

Treasurer's Report as of Apr 9, 2020

Administrative Account \$ 6,815.23
Charity Account \$ 955.82
TOTAL \$ 7,771.05
(Certificate of Deposit \$5,015.89)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 13 Executive Board
May 20 Luncheon deadline?
May 30 Luncheon?

Fundraising Activities

POTLUCKS - suspended due to health safety precautions

(Potlucks are social gatherings where we all bring food to share AND donate \$10 (\$15 if there is entertainment) to the charity fund) .

AMAZON SMILE: One way you can still generate money for the charity account is to do some E-shopping! Our club is one of the charities which benefit from Amazon's charitable giving program - Amazon Smile. If you haven't listed us yet, go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select from the list of charities International Women's Club of New England. Then do all your shopping through smile.amazon.com rather than amazon.com. Save it to your favorites list.

THRIFT SHOPS: Please note that the thrift shops are closed

However, they will open again so please store your items for donation and await further instructions! Mariene's storage space is full.



FASHION SHOW—CHANGE THE DATE!!

In following the CDC guidelines and recommendations to prevent the spread of the Corona virus (COVID 19) and for the health and safety of our members, the board voted to postpone the Spring Fashion Show until the Fall. **So save the date October 11th 2020** We will have the Fashion Show at the beautiful Wentworth by the Sea Country Club.



Our members are thinking of creative ways to keep their spirits up. Can you guess who this is? Answer in the next newsletter.

Next Luncheon May 30—Subject to change

Reservation Deadline: May 20, 2020

Clay Hill farm, 220 Clay Hill Rd., Cape Neddick (York), ME

For more information see February newsletter

YOU MUST HAVE A PAID RESERVATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

You can call and make a reservation at 207-229-8785 then send your check for **\$30** to IWCNE, Box 351, Cape Neddick, ME. 03902 **OR** go to our website, and pay **\$31** (Pay Pal Charges) www.iwcne.net, then go to "events" - then pay with PayPal or Credit Card.

Sewing Masks Leads Me Down Memory Lane



Our recent mask-making fundraiser found me sewing straight lines for hours and my mind wandered. I got the very machine I was using to make masks almost 20 years ago from Betty Williams. Perhaps some of you newer members haven't met Betty because she recently went to live with her daughter in Worcester. Betty was part of the backbone of this club for most of its existence - getting things done, raising money, organizing trips, etc. She is tiny but has a personality larger than life. I met her soon after moving to Maine after living in Germany for 30 years. She was 20 years my senior and I was amazed at how involved and energetic she was at the "ripe old age" of seventy-plus. When I lifted the machine out of her trunk I saw the STOP WAR sign she used to hold standing on rte 1 in Wells, silent, dressed in black, for 2 hours every Sunday morning. That was only one of the many interesting aspects of her life. And she was only one of many active and involved IWCNE women! I was hooked. I was in! And here I am at the ripe old age of seventy plus getting things done. I was taught well. Lucille Gentsch



Food Handling Safety Tips from Anna Kristina

Speaking from many years' experience living in Africa

If you buy your fruits, vegetables - particularly salad, tomatoes etc.. Put ALL in your sink or bath tub (if a large family), fill with water and Clorox out of the bottle - a dash for the sink, a larger amount for the bathtub. Cover with a towel or towels so as not to have the fruits bobbing. Soak for 20 minutes, afterwards do not rinse. Enjoy consuming the items. Oranges, bananas of course peeled after being soaked. You will get used to the Clorox "fragrance" and small "taste". We did and stayed healthy.

May Birthdays

- 08 Linda Anderson
- 14 Susan Meffert
- 28 Daphne Woss
- 30 Jaye Anderton



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MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS

Calendar- 2020

JANUARY 25

FEBRUARY 22

MARCH 7

MAY

JUNE 24 (Wed)

JULY 22 (Wed)

AUGUST 26 (Wed)

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 21

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.



Some of our intrepid walkers who raised at least \$130 for our charity account. Our "Virtual Fun(d)run" took the place of a potluck dinner. However, we will all be happy when we can eat, drink, and be merry together again.