



International Women's Club of New England
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**MEETINGS/
LUNCHEONS
Calendar— 2021***

APRIL 24
MAY 22
JUNE 26
JULY 28
AUGUST 28
SEPTEMBER 25
OCTOBER 23
NOVEMBER 20

*Subject to change.

**Treasurer Report
Feb. 2021**

Charity Acc't	\$3,602
Admin. Acc't	\$6,933
Total	\$10,535
Anne Supenia	



WCI Commemorates Thirty-Five Years as an Organization

Tuesday, May 4, 2021—See insert!

Participate in WCI's grand event to learn about the organization's origins, explore its important milestones, and celebrate women worldwide. All members of WCI associated clubs, including IWCNE are invited to attend the virtual celebration.

To register: go to www.members.wciclubs.org (WCI's member site) and look for "Virtual Meetings" under "Meetings." Members have to fill out the registration form to reserve their spot and receive a link to the event. **The password to access the member site is: WCIMembers2019**

MEMBERSHIP

Condolences to our Founder, Anna Kristina Sawtelle, on the passing of her beloved husband on March 18th.

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WORLD CINEMA—VIEWING TIPS All Streaming on Netflix

From Israel: 3 television seasons: Shtisel, a haredi family in Jerusalem, spoken Yiddish or English, English subtitles available

From Sweden: Season 1 of *Snabba Cash (Easy Money)* based on The Stockholm Noir Trilogy books. spoken Swedish or English, English subtitles available

From the Republic of Georgia, the 2017 film, *My Happy Family*. 1 hour, 59 minutes. spoken Georgian or English, English subtitles available





ESTABLISHED 1992

Other Clubs Established

- Dallas, Texas
- Douala, Cameroon

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 30, Number 3 Apr 24, 2021
WWW.IWCNE.NET and WWW.WCICLUBS.ORG
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this it is spring vacation for schools in Massachusetts and Maine. I am aware of this when I try to make a left turn onto Route 1. Traffic is definitely heavier and the number of cars in restaurant parking lots show that more people are eating inside. Because so many have received at least one shot of the vaccine, families and friends feel comfortable and safe getting together with one another.

We are also enjoying the Spring blossoms, the budding of trees and shrubs, the grass turning green--all promises of the long, warmer days ahead. We are also looking forward to three outdoor fundraisers during May and June and Committees are busy making plans for a Craft Fair and Fashion Show.

We are in a transition period now so we must proceed with some caution. We look forward to our first luncheon in July, and I can hardly wait to resume this special activity.

The worst seems to be behind us. I am reminded of what we have been through when I read something that Gwyneth Wykes wrote to me:

“Now here we are in circumstances that no amount of preparation could have prevented - the loss of precious lives and the suffering of millions of the victims of a dreadful disease. But, once again, the lessons learned in WW11 of caring and sharing have the same invaluable bearing even though in utterly different conditions and circumstances. Now we are denied the benefit of personally being able to care and share because of the danger of transmitting the disease, but how grateful we must be to be able to avail ourselves of the marvels of modern technology, telephones, and computers etc.. learning how to express ourselves with words and technical manipulation through those connecting avenues, new to so many of us. Caring and sharing should always be the lifeline in the lives we share.”

As I read Gwyneth's words, I realize how far we have come and look forward to where we are headed. I also realize that “caring and sharing” are values intrinsic to IWCNE.

Mariene Dargan Benoit

Executive Board of Directors

2021

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Founder	Anna Kristina Sawtelle

The next board meeting will be May 12. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Mariene Benoit.

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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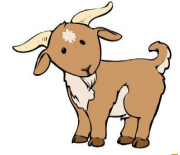


POTTING PARTY

FUNDRAISER Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 5 pm. At Joanne's Garden's 708 N. Berwick Rd (rte 9) in Wells, ME. **Charity donation: \$15.**

Please Rsvp to Lynne Gass on email at lynnegass123@gmail.com or call 207-607-1305. You can send a check to Lynne Gass (31 Malden Ave., Sanford, ME 04073). Bring a snack or light fare. Farmer Jeff Farley will greet us, answer any questions, direct us to 18 greenhouses and supply pots and soil for our "potting" party. This will be after hours, so we will be the only ones there. We only pay for the plants we choose to plant.

MAY 20 FUNDRAISER



You are Invited to a Fundraiser for the International Women's Club of New England at **THREE CHARM FARM**, 12 Olde Farnham Road, Alfred, Maine, on **Thursday, May 20th at 10:30 AM-12Noon.** \$15 donation goes to the charity fund.

Ingrid and Ed, own this small family farm and raise Mini-Nubian, Nubian, and Nigerian Dwarf Dairy goats and a variety of dairy sheep. (They also have pigs, cats, dogs, chickens, and turkeys!) They take pride in providing a peaceful, loving structure and daily affection to their animals while also living in peaceful coexistence with the surrounding wildlife. Their animals are raised with a holistic approach to their health, the micro-environment, and as an integral part of the preservation of the farm. From mid-May through the first of November, they create small-batch artisanal cheeses and farmstead yogurt with the help of our lovingly raised goats and sheep.

You will have the opportunity to taste these products as well as a sampling of appetizers made with some of the cheese while hearing from Ingrid about the farm, it's history, and answering questions about how they farm.

As the world continues to heal from the pandemic, the farm is limiting visitors to 15 people per group and will be employing current CDC Safety Protocols for your safety. Reservations are required. Rsvp to Lynne Gass lynnegass123@gmail.com or 207-607-1305. You can send a check to Lynne (31 Malden Ave., Sanford, ME 04073)

REMEMBER LAST SUMMER'S PICNICS? Hosts for June?



As we are still trying to be safe and healthy, we are still looking at BYO picnics for the summer rather than pot lucks. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Lynne Gass, lynnegass123@gmail.com, 207-607-1305.

CONSIGNMENT SHOP

Consignment shops are now able to take items. If you are donating clothes, the shops want only spring and summer clothing. The shops also accept jewelry, and household items. If you have anything to consign, phone Mariene Benoit at 207-646-5839 or email her at mdarganb@gmail.com. She can also be reached by text or a call at 207-251-8430.

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS:

1. On Tuesday, June 22 at 11 AM, IWCNE ladies will visit the Spiller Farm located at 85 Spiller Farm Lane in Wells, Maine to pick strawberries & have a personal tour of the farm by Anna & Bill Spiller. The Spiller Farm provides food to local foodbanks, including Good Shepherd Food Bank. They also have a U-Pick operation so that many families can enjoy the farm with their children. (Sign up with Lynne—see above)
2. On Saturday, August 7, 2021, 9 am - 2 pm, we will have a Craft Fair at the St. Aspinquid Masonic Lodge parking lot on Long Sands Rd in York, ME. We will have vendors, Bake Table, Food & craft table.
3. Our fashion show under the direction of Ellen O'Toole will be on November 7 inside at the Wentworth country Club. Stay tuned for further exciting news on this event.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 2 Potting Fundraiser
- May 4 WCI Anniversary Event
- May 12 Exec. Board Meeting
- May 20 Goat Farm Fundraiser
- May 22 General meeting on Zoom

ARE YOU AMAZON SMILING?



One way you can 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](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. We receive a donation from Amazon quarterly.



Cinco de mayo - Mexican Holiday or American Fiesta?

Many people mistakenly celebrate Cinco de mayo, May 5, as Mexico's Independence Day. In fact, that day is September 16. Cinco de mayo really commemorates the Mexican Army's victory over the French forces at the Battle of Puebla in 1862, and is not celebrated nationally, but only in Puebla.

The US celebration of the holiday began in California in 1863 as an expression of solidarity with Mexico against the French. By the 1930s, the holiday had spread and was considered an opportunity to celebrate Mexican identity and promote cultural awareness. In the 1960s and 1970s, civil rights Chicanos related the Battle of Puebla to their quest for respect in the United States and publicized it as a popular holiday.

Today, just as Mexican cuisine has become widely popular from California to Maine, Cinco de mayo has developed into a celebration of Mexican heritage and for many, an excuse to party, dance, wear sombreros and drink margaritas!

LUNCHEON NEWS IWCNE: Looking To a Brighter Future Together

As the number of Corona virus cases continues to decrease, the IWCNE Board looks forward to renewing our monthly business luncheons in late July. The first luncheon will be held on the deck at Clay Hill Farm on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Stay tuned for more details!

May Birthdays

01 Mary Lucas
08 Linda Anderson
14 Susan Meffert
28 Kerry Ellen Enright
30 Jaye Anderton



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