



WELCOME CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
NEW PRESIDENT
Linda Anderson of Eliot, ME, a member of IWCNE

It's with great pleasure I am introducing Linda Anderson to you - our new WCI President. I think she has been groomed for this position for most of her life!

Linda was born in Paris, France, grew up in New Hampshire, and now lives in Eliot, ME, with her husband Eric and their beagle-mix Tessa.

She has a BS in Journalism and a MA in International Education. Throughout her career, she has worked as a senior corporate education executive in technology companies, including Microsoft and IBM Europe. She lived and worked in Denmark and Holland for a decade, and is fluent in Danish and French. In her earlier career, she served as a United Nations intern in Geneva, and attended the UN Mid-Decade for Women Conference in Nairobi Kenya. Her career focus has been leadership and organizational development.

As a member of the IWCNE Linda attended her first WCI Biennial Conference in Washington, DC in 2018. It was at this conference that I met Linda. Already the same year she was asked to serve on WCI's Executive Committee, first as former President Maria Fernanda Arduino's Liaison to International Organizations, and then as President Riedel's Organizational Development Director.

Linda also served as the WCI liaison for IWCNE in 2019 and 2020, during which time she delivered WCI orientations to our club as well as several other WCI clubs. She also attended the 2019 Board of Directors meeting in Galway, Ireland, where she delivered a workshop on cultural education with President Kim Riedel and Reem Iversen, Director of Meetings.

She has great goals for Welcome Clubs International:

Goal 1 - Core Values

As WCI up-date their identity, Linda wants to ensure that WCI stays close to their core values of friendship and understanding respecting the autonomy of each WCI club.

Goal 2 - Organizational development

Develop leadership succession planning processes to ensure the long-term sustainability of WCI.

Goal 3 - Integrating UN status

Help facilitate WCI's ability to contribute to the work of the UN so we maintain our status in the years ahead

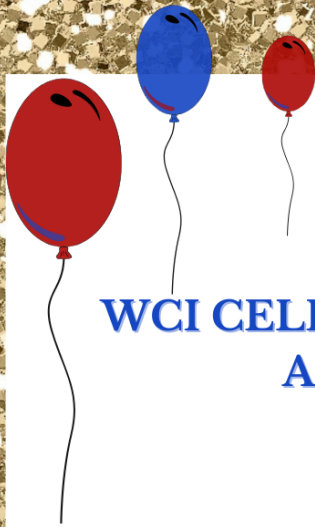
Goal 4 - Education Initiative

Use the Education Initiative as the foundation for strengthening and building our club network.

As you can see from her ambitious goals it might not be as much time left over to pursue all her other interests such as baking bread (she graduated from culinary school in 2019), reading, theatre, music, museums, and ballet plus outdoor walks with Erik and Tessa.

Linda, IWCNE wishes you the very best as the President for Welcome Clubs International!

Margareta Claesson



**WCI CELEBRATES THIRTY-FIVE YEARS
AS AN ORGANIZATION**

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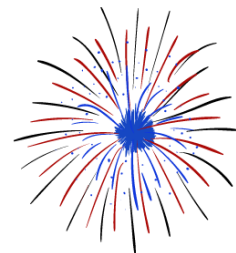
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**WCI cordially invites you to a grand virtual party
to learn about the organization's origins, explore
its important milestones, and celebrate women
worldwide.**

**TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021
9:00 AM EDT U.S. | 2:00 PM LONDON (GMT+1)**

**Come in your festive wear, party hat, or
anything you wish to put on to look your
fabulous best! Let us toast our
organization's anniversary with your
favorite beverage.**



Deadline for registration is May 3, and on a first-come-first-serve basis.