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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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## This Was the Month That Was

At the January Lunch we distributed to our carefully chosen charities the money we raised during the year. It is always a very emotional moment as the representatives receive their checks and thank us, describing how the money (\$18,000 in 2012!!!) will help battered women, pregnant teenagers, homeless children, etc. Shocking to hear how many there are close to us. We all have tears in our eyes when they speak.

Did I tell you what a good time we had a while ago at Brenda Sullivan's potluck? Every time the door opened more delicious food appeared. We talked and talked and ate.... Can't wait to go to Bintliff's for the February lunch. How can Marsha find these great places for \$20? Even more amazing for me who lived in Manhattan for 50 years and could only get a cup of coffee and a doughnut for that price.

Michele Hovde, Membership Chair [michelehovde@aol.com](mailto:michelehovde@aol.com)



Front row: Darleen Chadwick and Catherine Trent  
Behind them are Deb Levine, Marsi Silvestro of A Safe Place, Pati Frew of Seacoast Family Promise, Maureen Clayton, Ellen Farber-Libowitz and Charlie Miller of The Children's Initiative.

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The third board meeting of 2013 will be on March 11th at 9:30 AM at Sentry Hill. Next newsletter deadline will be Monday, March 11. Newsletters will be mailed the week following the Saturday luncheon to members unless they have indicated to us that they are willing to access the newsletter posted on our website:

[WWW.IWCNE.NET](http://WWW.IWCNE.NET).

## LINDT CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

The Feb. 13 Make Your Own Valentine Chocolate Bar Fundraiser at the Lindt Chocolate Store in Kittery was a great success and lots of fun! Twenty-one people attended the event, including several people from the general public who responded to emails, the write-up in the newspaper, and those who saw how much fun we were having. The Club raised over \$150 with this event. Many thanks to the members who attended for supporting this fund-

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## The President's Corner

Taking just a moment to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. I have been living in Kennebunk, Maine since 2005 after having retired in 2002 from my job as a Nursing Home Social Worker. Prior to that I worked for the Veterans Administration since the time I was in Graduate School at Catholic University of America, Washington D. C. (My father had been in the Navy for over 25 years, so I felt that would be a fitting place to work.) I worked for the VA for 29 years and also found time to marry and have two wonderful children, now in their late 30's. We are also blessed with 2 adorable grandsons -4 and 3—who continually pull on my heart strings. (My husband is great and he is very much supportive of my role in IWCNE)

## The President's Corner (continued)

Working as a Social Worker has been good experience to prepare me for some of the workings of our Club. Now, I get a chance to help out with the actual fund raising to help some of the agencies that I used to refer my clients to.

Social Work experience also helps me to be president of this esteemed organization as it is helpful to have a broad knowledge of working with groups and community organizations.

So you are there in New England and I am here in Florida, but technology allows me to stay in constant contact with all of you, as necessary.

(We are Skyping our monthly Board meetings!)

Stay warm and Spring will be here sooner than you think!

Mary Lee Pons, IWCNE President

### Book Club

Facilitator: Julie Stathoplos

#### FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, February 26 at 6 PM

Book *Windswept*

Author: Mary Ellen Chase

Hostess: Pat Dateo 207.251.4402

#### MARCH BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, March 26 at 6 PM

Book: *Flight Behavior*

Author: Barbara Kingsolver

Hostess: Susan Levenson 207.646.7547

Be sure to call hostesses first!

### Francophone Gourmet Circle

The next Francophone luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 20th at noon. Zoi Diamond will email venue details. If you want to attend or join the Francophone group, please contact Zoi at zoidiamond@aol.com

### Potluck Fundraisers

"Have a Heart" pot luck on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 6 PM at Ellen Farber's, 20 Tern St. Ogunquit. Please wear something red (or pink) and have your food have something red in it! \$10 p/p

St. Patrick's Day "Wearin' o' the Green" at Joan Curtis' home, 6 P.M. Friday, March 15 - York Street, York Harbor

Once again Cathy King and her musicians will be providing jaunty Irish tunes! Contact Lynne Gass at 207-490-1391 or [lgass@metrocass.net](mailto:lgass@metrocass.net) to find out exactly what to bring to round out this wonderful traditional corned beef and cabbage meal! \$15 p/p

### World Cinema Discussion

Date: Monday, March 4

Time: 6 pm

Place: Yorkshire Commons York

Film: *Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry*

This inspiring and compelling documentary explores three years in the life of celebrated Chinese artist and activist Ai Weiwei, who uses social media and his art to inspire protests against the state, and suffers government persecution for his actions

Directed in 2012 by Allison Klayman

English subtitles. 91 minutes long. Light refreshments served. Call Barb Poulin at 337.2623 if you plan to attend. \$3 suggested donation.

### Les Chanteuses

Call Ellen Farber at 207.646.8666 for more info on on-going activities.

### Treasurer's Report - BOARD Meeting - February 11, 2013

As of February 11, 2013, the balance in the club's Administrative Account is \$3,668.95, while the balance in the Charity Account is \$804.70, for a total of \$4,473.65. Submitted by Jaye Anderton, Treasurer

## MARCH CALENDAR

February 26 Book Club

February 28 Pot Luck

March 4 World Cinema

March 11 Board Meeting

March 15 St Pat's Day Party

March 20 Francophone

March 23 Club Lunch

March 26 Book Club

June 26 Jeans and Jewels

# LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM SATURDAY, March 23, 2013

**Sheraton Harborside Hotel 250 Market St. Portsmouth, NH 603.431.2300**

(Please fill out-clip-send) Send checks for \$20 by Friday, March 15, 2013 to: Marsha Miller

75 Hampton Meadows Hampton, NH 03842

**Social Time and Meeting at 11:00 Lunch at Noon SPEAKER'S TOPIC:** Lourmarin

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

**Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_ for # \_\_\_\_ Reservations**

Tossed garden salad (not a buffet)

Entree choices -- Herb crusted haddock or Chicken Pommeray -- served with seasonal vegetables and rice

Chocolate mousse martini with fresh whipped cream

Iced tea, water Starbucks coffee, decaf coffee, invigorating teas

**NOTE: ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN 8 DAYS BEFORE THE LUNCHEON**

March Luncheon Speaker Susan Manfull's Topic: Lourmarin: Gateway to Peter Mayle's Provence

Susan Newman Manfull has traveled to Provence many times, enjoying long stretches of time in her favorite village, Lourmarin, where she and her husband owned property until recently. She writes a blog ([www.TheModernTrobadors.com](http://www.TheModernTrobadors.com)) about "all things Provence" and a website ([www.RentOurHomeInProvence.com](http://www.RentOurHomeInProvence.com)) about renting homes in Lourmarin. She has a Ph.D. in Psychology, taught university-level courses in that subject and gave seminars on stress management, a career that had prepared her well by the time she left to be a full-time parent. Her daughter will graduate from college in June!

Susan will focus on the charming Provençal village of Lourmarin. Designated as one of "The Most Beautiful Villages in France," it is located at the base of the Lubéron Mountains, among vineyards, olive groves, almond trees, fields of wild herbs, and, in the summer months, brilliantly colored rows of lavender. The village is steeped in history, culture, arts, and gastronomy. Its narrow winding streets have seen a long line of interesting residents, most notably French author Albert Camus, Provençal writer Henri Bosco, and the ever-popular English author Peter Mayle. Many of the sites discussed in the talk will be familiar to Peter Mayle fans.

## Luncheon Program Today

We hear from **Alice Schleiderer**, Wells Public Library Board of Trustees, **Jacqui Boyko**, Wells Public Library Board of Trustees and Secretary of the Wells Public Library Foundation Board and **Cindy Schilling**, Wells Library Director since November of 2011

## Set Your Calendars for the Jeans & Jewels Event

Join us for the Jeans & Jewels Fundraiser on **Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 6 - 8 pm**, at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth. Enjoy a delicious Italian buffet, cash bar, entertaining music, door prizes, and a raffle of local restaurant gift certificates, etc. Stay tuned for more details.



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## Yearly Luncheon Calendar– 2013

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

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.

## WCI CORNER

This month, the WCI website is full of interesting stories and pictures! Go to [www.welcomeclubs.org](http://www.welcomeclubs.org) and on the **Home Page**, see our sisters in Hamburg, Germany at their festive costume party, in addition to some nice Carnaval pictures. Then click on **Club News**, then **US Sister Clubs**: IWCNE is the second story on that page. There is also a story and photo submitted by Anna Kristina Sawtelle.

Reminder that all IWCNE Members are invited to the WCI Biennial Conference to be held in May, 2014 in Hamburg, Germany. Watch for details on the website's **Events Page**. In friendship, Zoi Diamond, WCI Liaison

## 2013 Charity Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, March 20 and April 3** to select the charities for which IWCNE will award the money raised in the various fundraising events throughout the year. Members wishing to be part of this committee **must attend both meetings in person**. If you are interested, please call or email Rosa Hernandez by **no later than February 23, 2013**.

**Condolences** to long-time/charter member Lee Regan-Jacks on the loss of her husband, Eugene Jacks on February 11, 2013.