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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

February. Some would say the bleak mid-winter, but International Olympic competition sure lifts me right out of the winter blues! How about you? Just as the athletes had to adjust to dealing with COVID to get through their matches, our club will adapt as well. While we are still pivoting to deal with whatever new virus strain COVID morphs into, the Board has decided to move ahead with club activities and dip our toes into the social waters.

For those of you who could attend, our January luncheon was celebratory. We awarded checks for almost \$17,000.00 to four charities. As I listened to their reports I was inspired and energized. Clearly, the funds we raise do so much good for the charities we sponsor each year.

And, each year I enjoy learning about the many fantastic organizations needing our help as they work in our "backyard". Please join me in thanking the Charity Selection Committee. They worked diligently to name our new charities for 2022: A Place to Start, Camp Kita, Girls on the Run and 240 Strings (for more information, see page 3). Once again, the Committee did an outstanding job!

Also this month, fulfilling our fundraising mission, thank you to Anne Supenia, who graciously hosted our first Pot Luck of 2022.

Fulfilling our interests in international matters, we were able to attend virtually a WCI Middle East Perspectives webinar. It was a very busy month!

I'm looking forward to celebrating all things Irish with you in the month of March at our next fundraiser. Till then, stay warm and healthy!

Cindy Sayers

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The next board meeting is Mar 9 If you would like to attend the board meeting please contact Cindy.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before Mar. 15.

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

[www.iwcne.net](http://www.iwcne.net)



## TISKET A TASKET, ANNOUNCING OUR FIRST IWCNE 2022 RAFFLE BASKET

And what a beauty it is! Filled with valuable items—Irish themed table and housewares, a Jade and Marcasite jewelry set custom designed for this basket, craft beers, whiskey (for your Irish Coffee) and craft made Irish gin. **ALSO** the POT o' GOLD: ME and NH Scratch Tickets!!! So, how lucky do you feel?

Basket raffle tickets are \$10.00 open to members and non-members!

Please send a check payable to IWCNE to Cindy Sayers, 34 Fletcher Street, Kennebunk Maine 04043. She will enter your name in the raffle. You can also purchase tickets at our February Luncheon on Saturday, February 26 th and at our St. Patty's party (See p 2) on Saturday, March 19th where the winner will be chosen! You do not have to be present to win!

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## FUNDRAISING

### MARCH 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Women We Admire

IWCNE will celebrate Women's Day a little differently this year because it is not possible to have a public event as we usually do due to the Pandemic. So we will celebrate women with a special insert in the March newsletter: **Women we Admire**. I am calling on you all to participate. Write a paragraph (about 100-150 words) about a woman you look up to and tell us why. It can be a famous person, or someone you know, or a relative. Please email your submissions to me [lucillegen@gmail.com](mailto:lucillegen@gmail.com) **by March 15**. I am looking forward to reading and publishing your interesting stories!

### BOOK CLUB

Thursday March 24th at 4 PM

Book: The Story Teller's Secret

Author: Sejal Badani

Hostess: Barb Poulin

207-337-2623 (cell)

or [barbpoulin@aol.com](mailto:barbpoulin@aol.com)

Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.

**We welcome new members.**



### World Cinema

Streaming on Netflix:



**From Japan:** *The Journalist*, 1 season, 6 episodes Interesting look at Japanese culture.

**From the South Indian state of Kerala:** *Minnal Murali*, a superhero

film that plays more like a charming, provincial comedy, 2 hours, 39 minutes in length.

Watch on Amazon: 2021 US film: *Being the Ricardos*, A biopic with excellent performances by Nicole Kidman and Javier Bardem, Those of us who can recall the I Love Lucy shows may find the recreation of this period quite fascinating. 2 hours, 11 min

### FRANCOPHONE



Tentative Date **Monday, March 22** depending on COVID concerns.

Si vous voulez pratiquer votre français, venez déjeuner avec nous. Contact Joyce Marchand at [joyce.marchand@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.marchand@gmail.com) for more information

### Treasurer's Report as of Feb 1

Charity \$1,136.35

Admin \$9,595.65

CD \$5,021.95

Birgit Christiansen, Treasurer

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 8 International Women's Day  
Mar 15 Deadline for Women's Day articles  
Mar 19 St. Patty's Fundraiser  
Mar 22 Francophone  
Mar 24 Book Club  
Mar 26 Potluck  
Apr 8 Potluck

### St Patrick's Day Fundraiser Saturday, March 19 at 4:30 PM Dinner and Live Entertainment with the York River Ramblers at The Lookout, 55 Israel Head Road, Ogunquit

Appetizer: Irish Cheddar and Crackers      Main Course: Irish Beef  
Stew / Vegetarian Stew      Irish Soda Bread and Irish Butter  
Dessert and Irish Coffee

BYOB (Bring your Own Beverage) \$25 per person Space is limited due to Covid restrictions.

### FABULOUS RAFFLE BASKET Loaded with Valuable Items

Basket Raffle Tickets \$10

Please contact Lucille if you would like to attend: [lucillegen@gmail.com](mailto:lucillegen@gmail.com) (207) 967-5623 Significant others welcome.

**POTLUCKS** - Potlucks are social gatherings where we all bring food to share AND donate \$15 to the charity fund.



There will be a Pot Luck Luncheon held at the home of Marlene

Cohen in Kennebunk on **Saturday, March 26** from 12 to 3.

Another Luncheon Potluck on **Friday, April 8th** from 12 to 3 at the home of

Mariene Benoit in Wells. Please bring a dish to share and \$15 Donation. Call

Anne Supenia 207 646-9524 or text to 207-337-5664 to reserve a spot!

### Planning the Fundraising year ahead!

Mar 19—St Patty's Dinner and live music with Basket Raffle

Mar 26, Apr 8 and monthly—Potlucks

May 1—Fashion Show

Jun 4— Ice Cream Social with live Franco American music

Jul / Aug— Lobster Dinner Basket Raffle

Sep— Autumn Soup in a Bowl Fundraiser

Nov 12— Holiday Fair at York Congregational Church

Dec— Holiday Themed Basket Raffle

**If you would like to help in any way, please contact me at [lucillegen@gmail.com](mailto:lucillegen@gmail.com) or (207) 318-7304 and I will connect you with the appropriate Chairperson.**

Thank you in advance, Lucille Gentsch, Fundraising



Marlene and Laurie Cohen have made a very generous donation to the Charity Fund in memory of their son Herman. We will be remembering him at our St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser which he attended several years ago

**Please note: We expect all members and guests attending IWCNE luncheons, "Potlucks", or activities to be fully vaccinated!**



Save the Date  
for our first  
major Fund-  
raiser!!

## 2022 IWCNE CHARITIES SELECTED!

After reviewing ten applications of very worthy charities, the Charity Selection Committee chose four charities to support this year. It is an exciting mix of admirable organizations and we hope the membership will be inspired to work as hard as ever to raise money for these worthy causes.



**A Place to Start, Kennebunk, ME** Providing hope, help, and guidance for families living with a dementia (Alzheimer's) diagnosis. Alzheimer's is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U.S. BUT it is the only disease with no treatment, no cure, and no SURVIVORS. Imagine getting that diagnosis from a doctor and they tell you to go home and we will see you in 6 months. This is where A Place to Start comes in. We offer support to these families that were just given a diagnosis with no hope or guidance. There is plenty of life to live! We help them find their way.



**Camp Kita, Berwick, ME** We strive to provide a safe, supportive environment for young survivors of suicide to come together— Where our campers can build connections through common interests and shared experiences, find hope through nature, knowledge, and grief management tools, and gain confidence through new experiences, having fun, and finding their place within a large, resilient community of survivors.



**Girls on the Run, Exeter, NH** We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. By participating in GOTR programming, girls learn to raise the bar, to use their voices for positive and effective change, to become empowered leaders over their lives, as well as in their communities and to simply become the best version of their already extraordinary selves.



**240 Strings, Portland, ME** is dedicated to making classical music accessible to Maine youth and families living in Greater Portland, through free music education for youth and free public concerts for the entire community. We work to remove barriers to quality music learning, including cost and transportation, and we provide everything students need to succeed, including instruments, books and music, music stands, metronomes, and even replacement strings. By providing free classical music education, 240 Strings cultivates young minds and hearts, while building community along the way.

**Charity Selection Committee:** Lucille Gentsch, Chair, Yvonne Chainey and Mary Lucas, Co-chairs, Cindy Sayers, Anna Kristina Sawtelle, Birgit Christiansen, Lynne Gass, Ellen Farber-Libowitz, Nancy Worthley, Deborah Forster.

**Save The Date!** Our **April Luncheon on Saturday, April 23, 2022**, will be at Johnathan's Restaurant in Ogunquit, ME. Our own Gwyneth Wykes will reminisce on her experiences growing up in war-torn Wales during World War II.

### March Birthdays

01 Margareta Claesson, Cindy Sayers	10 Gwen Knowlton
02 Shona Taplin	14 Jane Bagnell
03 Barbara O'Leary	15 Mariene Benoit
04 Elsa Connolly	17 Sara Samaniego
06 Nancy Worthley	21 Elaine Rohloff
09 Anna Kristina Sawtelle	22 Heidi Stutz
	29 Laure Navarre
	30 Maddi Franchi



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## MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS Calendar– 2022

March 19 Dinner

APRIL 23

MAY 18

JUNE 22

JULY 27

AUG 24

SEP 24

OCT 22

NOV 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.

## MEMBERSHIP

### New Members

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**Directory Change of Address:** Elsa Connolly, 9 Arioch Way, Kennebunk, ME 04043 H 207-502-7029



### IN MEMORIAM BETTY WILLIAMS Feb. 4, 2022

“Larger than life, backbone of the club, pistol, one of a kind, pain in the wazoo, made things work”-just a few of the tributes to Betty Williams from those who knew her. Betty was one of the founders of the club and a big part of its success. Whether it was running a raffle and finding a trunkful of prizes to offer at the Fair or organizing invitations for the Fashion Show, it would be done efficiently. She also organized some wonderful day trips to Massachusetts. She could be critical, but very funny, and always a good friend, whom we will miss.