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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

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NEWSLETTER

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IWCNE Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

We have the date – the time – the place. To make it a success, all we need is you! The twentieth anniversary celebration of the founding of the IWCNE by Anna Kristina Sawtelle will be held on Thursday, Sept 27th, 2012, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Reading Room (thanks to Carol Gronquist) in York Harbor. Norton Zieff and his “Cool Jazz” group, who were a tremendous hit at the Strawberry Banke Jazz Brunch last September, will be entertaining us during the cocktail hour (cash bar) and again during dessert and coffee. The menu will have an international flavor this year. We promise it will be delicious – it won't be exotic – no antacids necessary.

Tickets for this anniversary celebration are \$70 and seating is limited so please send your reservations to us as soon as you receive your invitation.

We look forward to having you with us on this very special evening!

Ellen O'Toole & Betty Williams

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The eighth board meeting of 2012 will be on August 15 at 10 AM at the Wentworth Country Club. Next newsletter deadline will be Monday, August 15. 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.

IWCNE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

AUGUST 18, 2012 at St. Aspinquid Masons parking lot, York Time to clean out the attic and basement and pack up all those items no longer useful to you. They could add up to a big donation for our club. Talk to your neighbors and family and encourage them to donate their discarded items to our Flea Market. You may also bring items on the morning of the sale. TO DELIVER before sale day—please call Regina Godfrey 363.7547 or Mary Lee Pons 207.985.6273 or Cynthia Alves 207.467.3163

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to HELP SET UP AT 7 AM, or SEII 8 AM to 1 PM or PACK UP from 1 to 2 PM Only 2 hours of your time would be a huge help!

Note from Your

Nominating Committee:

Your Club needs YOU!! Volunteers are crucial to the future of our club! We need someone to fill the Newsletter Chair role for 2013. Let your creative juices flow, all you need is a working knowledge of Word/Publisher software.

Mentoring help is available. For more information about this opportunity to serve please contact

Daria: Tansey at
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LUNCHEON PROGRAM TODAY

Speaking to us today will be Martin S. Goldman, author of the book published in 2011: “And I From Bohemia: a Memoir”, about growing up in West Philadelphia. Martin is also known for his murder mystery detective novel, *Affirmative Reaction*, set in Boston. After warm winters in Florida, he summers in York, Maine.

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The President's Corner

There is a time for everything under the sun. (Ecclesiastics) Now is the time to volunteer to help women and children less fortunate than ourselves. Now is the time to patronize the events that the I.W.C.N.E. presents. Our ladies have worked very hard. By the time you receive this message hopefully our H.U. G. Auction will have been a great success. Please attend the upcoming pot-lucks, luncheons, Flea Market, 20th Anniversary Celebration, French Club, Yoga, Les Chanteuses, World Cinema and Book Club. Don't let anything pass you by. We are setting up our new board for next year. If you are interested in volunteering for it, please call me or Daria Tansey. Remember there is always someone out there needier than you and I. You can make a difference. Remember, "There is a time for everything under the sun".

In friendship, Ellen Farber-Libowitz

Book Club

Co-Facilitators: Julie Stathoplos/Anna McGann

JULY BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, July 31 at 7 PM

Book: One of Your Choice

Hostess: Polly Coletti 813.633.2987

AUGUST BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday, August 28 at 7 PM

Book: *The Tin Ticket*

Authors: Deborah Swiss

Hostess: Michele Hovde 207.646.6407

Please be sure to call hostess if you plan to attend and for directions when needed.

AUGUST CALENDAR

July 31 Book Club
August 6 World Cinema
August 15 Board Meeting
August 18 Flea Market
August 20 Francoph. Lunch
August 25 Club Luncheon
August 28 Book Club
September 27 Club's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Francophone Gourmet Circle

Please call/email Zoi Diamond for location of August 20 Francophone luncheon in NH. Those without email access will be called.

Potluck Fundraisers

The Bastille Day Brunch was held on Saturday July 14th at the home of Michele Hovde. 35 members and their guests enjoyed delicious French food. \$330 was realized. Look for details in our next newsletter on the September potluck supper to take place at Betsy Wilde's oceanside home in Moody.

We are looking for additional hosts for October and November.

Please sign up ASAP with Regina Godfrey or Lynne Gass Thank you 207-363-7547 or 207-490-1391

If you sign up for a pot luck and are not able to attend it is mandatory that you call ahead as we have a waiting list & if its too short a notice you are still expected to bring your assigned pot luck as well as your donation. The pot lucks are a integral part of our fund raising. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Auction

On behalf of the H.U.G. Team, it is with great pride that we announce that the Gala Event at the Abeniqui Golf Club on June 15 was a success beyond our wildest dreams. After six months of very hard work, and despite occasional setbacks the focus always remained clear: A SAFE PLACE because it provides hope and opportunity to escape abuse for many people who couldn't find the strength to do that.

The H.U.G. Grant netted \$10,750.68 for A SAFE PLACE--the most raised in the 20 years of International Women's Club of New England history. It has lived up to the mission statement of our organization and more. Women of the HUG team reached out to businesses, friends, and neighbors with donations from \$10 to \$1000 and from IW-CNE members who attended this great event and participated in the silent/live auctions. Those who weren't there missed a wonderful evening of laughter, music, cigars, Scotch tasting, antique class cars, and delicious food. In the two years since its inception, The H.U.G. Grant has made an indelible footprint on the Seacoast. IWCNE now has name recognition that will continue to grow each year with ALL of the work this wonderful organization does. Thanks a million, Darleen and Susan

World Cinema Discussion

Date: Monday, August 6

Time: 7 pm

Place: Yorkshire Commons, York

Film: *Le Havre*, directed by Aki Kaurismaki in French with English subtitles, 93 minutes in length. [This comedic drama relates the poignant tale of a young immigrant African boy arriving destitute in the French port of Le Havre, where he's eventually taken under the wing of a former Bohemian writer who now chooses to shine shoes for a living.](#) Light refreshments will be served. Call Barb Poulin at 207.337.2623 if you plan to attend. \$2 donation

Les Chanteuses

Call Ellen Farber at 207.646.8666 for further info on activities in August.

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Interview with IWCNE Member Karen Ida Peterson

Karen Peterson, known recently as a "Titanic Maven", was featured in an article in the Portsmouth Herald about her participation in a Titanic memorial cruise on April 15, 2012. (Article will soon be available on the IWCNE website). Being a history buff, Karen was excited to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic. Like the "Unsinkable Molly Brown", Karen has faced many challenges in her life and - unlike the Titanic - she has persevered and prospered.

Raised in New Jersey in the 1950's by a Danish engineer father and a schoolteacher mother of English, Scottish and French ancestry, Karen was the oldest of four siblings. She took on the "loving part" of parenting after her father died (when she was 11), while her mother "graded papers" and took care of more practical matters on a teacher's salary. Karen's exposure to her father's successful contracting company (which still exists) may have, to some degree, inspired her to start her own marketing research business, Davidson Peterson Associates, in 1974. Her business partner was also her husband and best friend. They were married for 16 years. (His heart attack was sudden and he is very much missed to this day).

Karen credits a wonderful high school teacher, an "exacting like her mother" for her learning how to think and to organize her writing. Karen recounts - "She believed in having us write essays and hold debates sometimes taking on opposing positions or points of view. No tests." Karen chuckled. "I had a lead in the play " I Remember Mama". It's Norwegian, pretty close to Danish. The play takes place about 1910, with Edwardian long dresses.." "Call the children, Lars. It's good they should know about money" was one of her most memorable lines.

Karen was Valedictorian of the senior class and voted "most likely to succeed". Karen still enjoys public speaking. As for writing, she is not only Secretary on the IWCNE Board (recruited three years ago by Betty McPhee), but also on the Board of Fair Tide in Kittery, Museums of Old York, and Shepherd's Cove Condo Association as well as Senior Deacon at First Parish Church. Not exactly "retired". Although never entering the teaching field, Karen's talent for training employees with clarity and warmth helped her to build the company's national reputation for consulting with the travel and tourism industry. With her ability to communicate with all kinds of people, her native diplomacy and broad knowledge it no surprise that in 1994 she was appointed as a delegate from Maine to serve on the White House Conference of Travel and Tourism.

What may be surprising to some is that, in spite of severe scoliosis, spinal fusion surgery and three knee replacements, Karen has always "gotten around" - traveling to Europe and many exotic locations throughout her life. "I am able to go and do things I want to do", she says. Recently finding out that a woman architect designed a hotel on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in the 19th century, Karen now wants to make a visit to this American destination. Karen quipped, "The splendor of the natural world was not enough to draw me before now." Karen is also planning a trip to China next year with a college friend. Future trips include another cruise with her sister on the same ship that does "Semester at Sea" . Karen demonstrates a keen and continuing interest in learning more about different cultures, their history, architecture and ways of life.

Karen enjoys doing family genealogical research, reading historical non-fiction and biographies such as those of Hilary Clinton and Madeline Albright, two strong and accomplished women who are involved in training women for leadership roles. They are also, like Karen, graduates of Wellesley College. Karen graduated in 1961, majoring in Modern European History. Evidently, this kind of background helps Karen shine in games of Trivial Pursuit which is played in one of her weekly exercise classes. "That's what makes me want to go," Karen shares. "I liked Meryl Streep's performance in "Iron Lady"" . Notice a theme here?

Our first newsletter interviewee believes, "In spite of differences in attitudes, ethnicity, religion and politics, it should be possible to have a civil discourse on these topics. I encourage people to have more willingness to try new things and to be open to new technologies." You can find Karen taking notes at IWCNE Board Meetings, reporting at luncheons, discussing books in several book clubs and savoring the many flavors of both "potlucks" and excursions. Feel free to contact Karen to do a presentation about her many travels and research experience.

Interviewed and transcribed by Deborah Levine, Publicity

DENVER WELCOME CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



H.U.G. GALA



Silent Auction



Staff from A Safe Place



Marsha Miller bidding on African Photo Safari she eventually won



Club Members Regina, Micky, Betty, Marsha and Rosa



Susan and enthusiastic winner of 1 of 2 African Photo Safaris

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM SATURDAY, August 25, 2012

Galley Hatch Restaurant 325 Lafayette Rd Hampton, NH 603.926.9747

(Please fill out-clip-send) Send checks for \$20 by Friday, August 17, 2012 to:

Marsha Miller

59 Meadowlark DR York, ME 03909

Social Time and Meeting at 11:00 Buffet Lunch at Noon

SPEAKER: Marina Forbes, artist, iconographer, historian, storyteller, as well as tour guide to Russia

NAME: _____ **PHONE** _____

Enclosed \$ ___ for # ___ Reservations

Entrée: Choice of Teriyaki Chicken Salad or Shrimp Caesar Salad

Dessert will be Chocolate mousse cake

Tea and coffee are included, also rolls and butter.

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

IWCNE Financial Report – as of June 1, 2012 (pre-Auction)

Administrative Account:

Income: Dues 87 members @ \$35 = \$3,040

Luncheon Raffle \$265

TOTAL \$3,305

Expenses: Newsletter

Website

Misc.

TOTAL \$1,262

Administrative Grand Total \$2,043

Charity Account:

Income: Potlucks \$907

Donations \$275

TOTAL \$1,182

Charity Grand Total \$1,182

Daria Tansey, Treasurer

September Speaker

Kiyoko Uramatsu is a Japanese translator and worldwide traveler. She has a BA degree in English from Rikkyo University in Tokyo, Japan, a Master's degree in Education from the College of Notre Dame in California, and various teaching certificates.

Kiyoko has led a remarkable working career as a flight attendant for Pan American World Airways, an International Bank Teller in Honolulu, Hawaii, an educator in public schools in California and New Hampshire, a Japanese translator and interpreter, a llama farmer in Wilton, New Hampshire, a motorcycle apparel and gears sales representative and co-owner of a motorcycle safety school. She has visited the countries of Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Lebanon, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Austria, Germany, UK, Canada, Italy, Switzerland, Mexico and many more.



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Yearly Luncheon Calendar— 2012

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

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 LIAISON REPORT

Anna Kristina Sawtelle and I attended the WCI Conference in Denver in June. Anna Kristina is on the WCI Executive Committee as Regional Membership Chair USA and Canada. I represented our Club as WCI Liaison. We met a lot of wonderful women and men from around the world and Colorado. The Welcome to Colorado Club ladies who hosted the conference were amazing and did an excellent job! We were anguished by the devastating fires in Waldo Canyon and the surrounding areas. We were in Colorado Springs two days before the Garden of the Gods Park and the highway connecting to Denver were closed.

We learned a lot about other clubs and what they do. This will be shared with you over the next few months.

In friendship, Zoi Diamond, WCI Liaison

Membership News

Please welcome new member: Judith Maxted-Rice
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In Memoriam

We remember Sylvia Rubin of Ogunquit and Newton, MA who died June 29, 2012 at age 94. Sylvia was a long-time IWCNE member. Services were held at Stanetsky Memorial Chapel in Brookline, MA on July 2. She leaves a daughter Beverly Near, a son Gary Rubin, and seven grandchildren. Look for a Memorial service for her in Ogunquit this fall.

On Tuesday, July 31st at 2 PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Storer St. in Kennebunk a Memorial Service for former member Jean Milke will be held.

Anyone interested in carpooling to this service from the south might call Barb Poulin at 207.337.2623