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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

NON-PROFIT NON-POLITICAL NON-SECTARIAN

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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TRIP TO BAKU TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF BAKU



UN Ambassador of all UN agencies in Azerbaijan & his wife



Outdoor luncheon



Dr. Rajani Chandra-DiMello President of IWC-Baku on left
Imira Ragimova, Vice President

SILVER JUBILEE

The trip to Baku for the Silver jubilee to the IWC Club in Baku is unforgettable! I wish you could have been part of this wonderful experience.

I would like to start by expressing our thanks to Mikaela Sawtelle Meredith, daughter of our founder Anna Kristina. Mikaela was the USAID Mission Director and served in Baku on behalf of the US Government for 3 years and then of course Anna Kristina who did the rest of the networking when she visited Mikaela in Baku.

The President, Dr. Rajani Chandra-D'Mello, and her board, had done a fantastic job making us feel very welcome. We were met at the airport by our hostesses and brought to downtown Baku for a wonderful luncheon and then to our home quarters. We all stayed in different homes. Two of us were in condominiums with a view of the Caspian Sea, and one of us stayed in a single home – all in Baku.

There were so many memorable moments – especially meals at the homes of the members. Talking about food – it was healthy, organic, fresh and very delicious. After the cheeses, bread, fruits, and herbs there was a break for dancing, and then we continued with the main course and again more dancing and again after the desserts. I especially remember the most tender barbecued lamb I ever had and the delicious sturgeon at another meal or the 4 layer raspberry cake with whipped cream..... I wish you could have tasted all their wonderful food! There were also trips arranged to different sites such as an Observatory with over 100 scientists, historical sites, the Carpet Museum, the Old Town, a boat tour on the Caspian Sea.

The city of Baku, located in Azerbaijan, by the Caspian Sea is beautiful with the most contemporary architecture I have seen anywhere in the world. It is very clean and safe city with beautiful parks, sculptures, and fountains throughout the city. The old large Russian buildings, which had been built during the Russian occupation, had recently been refaced to a traditional Azuri style.

They also had IWC Silver Jubilee Fair, where women could display their own home made items – much like our Christmas fair. This fair is held twice a year and supported by IWC in Baku. The fairs also provide money for their charities. At this event they had music, a few dance groups, and speakers. It was very professionally done with a big screen with their logo in the background. You could also buy your food at this event.

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Board of Directors 2019

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The next board meeting will be Friday, Aug 9th, at 10:05 AM, York Public Library. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Charline Ludgate.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be **on or before this date.**

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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MEMBER NEWS:

We are pleased to welcome 5 new members this month:

Marilyn Smith, 59 Fletcher Street, Kennebunk ME 04043, C 203/610-2607 - marilyngsmith@icloud.com - Apr 13th
Roseanne Withycombe (Kent), 8 Bayberry Ave., Kennebunk, ME 04043, C 207251-9764, rowithy@roadrunner.com, -
July 13th

Fran Wooley, 4 Moody Heights, Wells, ME 04049, C 941-525-6351 - frawood@gmail.com - April 2nd
Lisa Emerson-Stoclet, 100 Hoyts Lane, PO Box 1568, Ogunquit, ME 03907 (June-Sept)
4281 Express Lane, Ste L2230, Sarasota, FL 34249 (Oct-May) , C 305-921-9476, Lestoclet@hotmail.com, June 21st
Guang Xia Yang (Annie), 801 Rt. 1, Apt. F-1, York, ME 03909, C 207-752-2296, anni61@yahoo.com
We have one correction in an email address this week: Jean Hurly's correct email is hurleyjr@msn.com

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2020: A Nominating Committee is being formed to fill vacant Board of Directors positions for 2020. Some of our Board members will be retiring and others are moving to new positions. Serving on the Board is a great way to contribute to the club and get to know the members better. We'd love to have some of our new members volunteer, as well as experienced members who haven't served on the board. Your ideas and input are invaluable. If you'd like to know more about available positions, please call Deb Forster at 603-397-5788 or Pam Lynch at 207-216-4168.

IWCNE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 30 at 4PM

Book: Prague Winter
Author: Madeleine Albright
Hostess: Susan Martin
207-985-6155 or susnmartn2006@hotmail.com

Tuesday, August 27th at 4PM

Book: The Brightest Sun
Author: Adrienne Benson
Hostess: Charline Ludgate
207-439-8884 or ccludgate@comcast.net
Please call if you plan to attend

WORLD CINEMA

Thursday, Aug 8th at 3:00 PM

York Senior Center, Rt. 1A, York Beach, ME
Film: 2019 Film: Woman at War
A quirky and inspiring 2019 film from Iceland. Believing that the aluminum industry is destroying the Icelandic environment, middle-aged Halla begins waging a secret eco-war to protect the landscape. But her crusade is interrupted when she gets a chance to fulfill her dream of adopting a child. 1 hour, 40 minutes
FMI please contact Barb Poulin 207.337.2623 or barbpoulin@aol.com.

Treasurer's Report as of Jul 12, 2019

Administrative Account	\$5,242.97
Charity Account	\$2,580.18
TOTAL	\$7,823.15

(Certificate of Deposit \$5,0113.37)
Nancy Geyerhahn, Treasurer

CALENDAR OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

Jul 29 Holiday Fair Meeting
Jul 30 Book Club
Jul 31 Pot Luck
Aug 08 World Cinema
Aug 18 Pot Luck
Aug 19 Francophone
Aug 27 Book Club
Sep 12 Fun Trip
Sep 22 Fashion Show

LES CHANTEUSES

A singing group for all talents....Les Chanteuses continues to perform & get contributions to IWCNE. Call Ellen Farber to sing- 207-251-1746
musicellen@yahoo.com or 207-251-1746.

FRANCOPHONE

Salut Francophones! Si vous voulez pratiquer votre francais, venez dejeuner avec nous. Nous nous rencontrons une fois par mois pour un dejeuner amical ou on ne parle que le francais! Ce dejeuner a lieu LE 3ieme LUNDI de chaque mois. Contactez Elyse Tomlinson at email: tomlinsone@comcast.net.

UNSERE DEUTSCHGRUPPE - GERMAN GROUP

Kommt bitte mit zum Essen und Plaudern! Wir treffen uns dieses Mal am 9. August bei The Greenery in Ogunquit, ME, um 12 UHR Mittags. Bitte, bis zum 7. August Bescheid geben. We will meet on the 9th of August at The Greenery in Ogunquit at noon. Contact Lucille to sign up lucillegen@gmail.com or 207-318-7304.

POT LUCK FUNDRAISERS

Wednesday, July 31 - A BBQ at Nancy Geyerhahn's house at 5 PM .
Sunday, August 18 - At Ellen Faber's house at 5:30. More info to follow
(It may be a musical event)

Please contact Lynne Gass at lynnegass123@gmail.com or call 207-607-1305 for reservation, directions and what to bring.

WCI CORNER

There is already much excitement about the upcoming WCI Biennial Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia! The dates are June 14-19, 2020. Please note that spouses, partners and friends are welcome to attend, and there is a special program designed just for them while club members attend brief meetings. The meetings are interesting and fun. You'll hear about what each club is doing, WCI initiatives, and how WCI works. But best if all, you'll meet women from all around the world focused on international fellowship. I'll include conference details in this space over the coming months as I receive them. In the meantime, you can contact me with any questions: Linda Anderson, WCI Liaison, llandrynh@gmail.com. Or 207-703-3000

LAST FUN TRIP OF THE YEAR!

Thursday, September 12 - A fun trip to lunch at David's, a visit to the Portland Museum of Art and a visit to Soakology afterwards. Please contact Cindy Sayers for more information at 703-401-2185 or cindysayersme@gmail.com .

Holiday Fair meeting - July 29, 10 am at the home of Ellen Farber

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

07 Marie Milard	16 Gwyneth Wykes	24 Deidre O'Flaherty
13 Ann Nahill	18 Roberta Horn	25 Ellen O'Toole
15 Ingrid Kelly	21 Micky Robinson	31 Mary Lee Pons

Reservation Deadline: August 21st

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM, Wednesday, August 28, 2019

**The View at Pepperrell Cove, 88 Pepperrell Rd., Kittery Point, ME
Rte 103 (Across from Kittery Point Post Office)**

YOU MUST HAVE A PAID RESERVATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

You can call and make a reservation at 207-229-8785 then send your check for \$28.00 to IWCNE, Box 351, Cape Neddick, ME. 03902 OR go to our website, www.iwcnw.net, then go to "events" - then pay with PayPal or Credit Card.

Once your payment is received you will get a confirmation email or call.

Social Time: 11:00 AM, Meeting at 11:30, Lunch at noon, followed by the program

NAME: _____ PHONE _____

Reminder: Cancellations need to be 7 Days before luncheon or you will be asked to pay.

LUNCHEON BUFFET

Chef's House Salad - Romaine, Tomatoes, Onions, Cucumber, Shallot Vinaigrette

Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast, Herb Encrusted Salmon

Seasoned Rice with Garlic, Cilantro and Fresh Herbs - Grilled Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert will be Lemon Mousse Topped with Fresh Berries - Chocolate Brownie Bites

Coffee, Iced Tea and Cucumber Mint Water will be served

August Luncheon Speakers: Elizabeth Keroack and Marc Keroack - "Our Safari in Kenya and Tanzania. Up Close to the Big Five." As ardent animal lovers and fans of the now 1985 movie "Out of Africa," we chose to celebrate our significant birthdays in October of 2017 with a travel adventure to central Africa. Join us as we travel via land rover to six game parks, two wildlife refuges, and Olduvai Gorge, the site of the discovery of the cranium of a species ancestral to humans, the australopithecines. We think you'll agree that, as writer Doris Lessing has penned, "Africa gives you the knowledge that man is a small creature, among other creatures, in a large landscape."

In their former professional lives, Liz was an assistant superintendent of both urban and suburban school districts in Massachusetts and Marc was a Curriculum Coordinator for Fine Arts for the Chelmsford, MA Public Schools.

Born in Rochester and Manchester, NH respectively, Liz and Marc are graduates of the University of New Hampshire (Liz with B.A. and M.S.T. in English Education and a doctorate from Boston University) and Marc with a B.S. and M.A. (in Music Education and Music History) and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (C.A.G.S.) from Fitchburg State University in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Long active in local and regional professional organizations, Liz is now the vice Chair of the Board of Library Trustees for the Lane Library in Hampton, NH; the secretary of the Guild of Volunteers for the Currier Art Museum in Manchester, NH; and the secretary of the Seacoast Newcomers Club. Marc is an adjunct instructor in music education at UNH and plays in two swing big bands - - the New Legacy Swing Band and the Blue Note Big Band. In their retirement, Liz and Marc enjoy community service and traveling. Their most recent trips include an art and culture trip to Spain and France and a three-week trip to Turkey and Greece.

TODAY'S SPEAKERS:

Catherine Ann Wilson, Founder of Stop Trafficking US
and Jonathan Sahrbeck, Cumberland County District Attorney

New! Luncheon Price Adjustment

For some time, we have been forced to use funds from the IWCNE Administrative Fund to supplement the monthly luncheons. Our bill always exceeds the \$28.00 per person amount now paid. For that reason, the BOD has voted to increase the luncheon fee to \$30.00 per person if you pay by check or cash, or If you prefer to use Pay Pal ,the amount is now \$31.00 per person (Pay Pal charges a fee for the service.) The price increase (\$30.00) will start with the September



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MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS

Calendar- 2019

JANUARY 26
FEBRUARY 23
MARCH 23
APRIL 27
MAY 18
JUNE 26 (Wed)
JULY 24 (Wed)
AUGUST 28 (Wed)
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.

The Conference on "Women Empowerment" was a full day affair with many speakers from the US Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the ambassador of the United Kingdom to Government and Charity representatives. The theme was "Women Empowerment". There was also a slideshow showing IWC of Baku Charities. A touching moment was the performance done by 4 boys and 4 girls with Down's syndrome. They did a 20's dance. They actually did the same dance twice because the audience loved it! There were also performances of professional local dance groups. A Fashion Show was also part of the program. Again it was a full day. In the evening we were invited to a private home by the sea for appetizers and then to the Club House for wonderful seafood.

The last day started with a visit to the cultural center Heydar Alijev Merkezi building, which only has rounded walls and areas. It's designed by Zaha Hadid, an Iraqi-British architect, who has won many awards for her amazing buildings in many countries. The day ended with the Gala Dinner at the Flame Building with dignitaries from the United Nations, government representatives, and ambassadors. All the guests from other IWC - 3 from our club (Birgit Christiansen, Tinker Newick and Margareta Claesson) 7 from Cypress, and 1 from Croatia. We all did our share of speaking not only at the gala dinner but also at dinners and the fair.

We were also invited to an Azerbaijani wedding with at least 300 guests. It was over the top with amazing food, performances, flower decorations, and still with a warm fuzzy feeling. I wonder if even our most famous movie stars have weddings like the one we attended! What an experience!

It was a most memorable trip in a beautiful country with wonderful, generous, and sharing people. A big Thank You goes out to the WCI of Baku.

Margareta Claesson

Birgit Christiansen

Tinker Newick