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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

I hope you are all enjoying the summer season. Tourists are back, although not in the usual numbers. We do not see the many Canadian license plates on cars because the border is closed, but there has been an increase in traffic, although it is not the usual July flow.

We have had to come up with new ways to raise funds to honor the commitment made to the charities we selected. In lieu of our potlucks, we have had social distancing picnics; consignment shops are now taking items for sale; Partners Bank has donated \$250; members have made contributions; we are having 50/50 raffles, and the pop-up shop is a great success.

We use ZOOM for the monthly Executive Board Meeting and for the monthly Business Meeting for all members. I am looking forward to the September luncheon at Clay Hill Farm. We will be able to actually interact with one another in person while social distancing. The weekly messages are intended to keep everyone up to date and connected.

Enjoy these carefree days of summer.



## Board of Directors 2020

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The next board meeting will be July 8 per Zoom. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Mariene Benoit.

NOTE: Next newsletter submissions will be on or before **August 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)**

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## We're bringing back our virtual cocktail get-togethers on Zoom!

Make yourself a cocktail or pour a glass of wine or iced tea and join the Zoom meeting. This is a purely social event.

Date: Friday, July 31st

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: your home

If you are interested in joining the meeting please contact Charline at (207) 439-8884 or [ccludgate@comcast.net](mailto:ccludgate@comcast.net)



The day of the party you will receive an email invitation from Lucille. Just click on the link and follow instructions.

**WHAT I DID DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC  
POP-UP SHOP—WE'VE ALREADY RAISED OVER \$500**  
Do you have extra tomatoes or zucchini? Donate them for sale!

How have you been spending your time being creative during the Pandemic? Would you be willing to donate your talents to our Pop-up Shop? Please consider donating your creations such as:

--HANDMADE ITEMS (e.g. jewelry, crocheted or knitted items, sewn items, paintings, greeting cards etc.)

--SERVICES VIA ZOOM (e.g. lessons in cooking, piano, painting, knitting etc.)

--EXPERIENCES (e.g. tea party, boat trip etc.)

--HOMEMADE FOOD CERTIFICATES (e.g. loaves of bread, special cakes and pies etc.)

Think about your special talents! Remember, all proceeds from the shop go to our charities. If you have something to donate please contact Marge Dunnington [mmdunnington@gmail.com](mailto:mmdunnington@gmail.com) (903) 491-8065

Lucille will publish all of the items in a weekly email and new items will appear as they are donated.

Purchasing from the shop is easy. Contact Marge and tell her what items you would like to purchase. She will let you know the next steps.

We hope everyone will participate either by donating something for sale, or by purchasing something, OR BOTH! . Fortunately, we are having Pot Lucks starting this month and as an added incentive to attend, we will have items from the shop on view at the Pot Lucks so you can sip and shop! What could be easier or more fun???



## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

**POTLUCKS** - We will be doing our open air picnics again on Wed, August 19 at 1. (Rain date Aug 20.) One will be at Cindy Sayer's in Kennebunk and the other at Barb Poulin's in York. Remember these are socially distant, small gatherings of 10 people, so make sure you reserve for either one with Lynne Gass. BYO food and beverage. We'll be outside so bring sunscreen, bug spray, your picnic lunch, your water bottles ( whatever beverage) and your \$10.00! Chairs will be provided. Sign up with Lynne Gass at 207-607-1305 or [lynnegass123@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegass123@gmail.com) Pictures from a video Audrey took at Anne's house - a beautiful after-



Our interest groups are on hold at the moment because of social distancing requirements due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.



### WCI CORNER

Since travelling abroad is out of the question why not have a look at the Welcome Clubs International website and "visit" sisters around the world?  
[WWW.WCICLUBS.ORG](http://WWW.WCICLUBS.ORG)

### Treasurer's Report as of July 20, 2020

Administrative Account	\$ 6,546.00
Charity Account	\$ 3,902.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10 ,448.87</b>
(Certificate of Deposit \$5,017.97)	
Anne Supenia, Treasurer	

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31	Virtual Cocktail Party*
August 12	Executive Board *
August 19	Picnic
August 26	Monthly business meeting*

\*Zoom meetings

### 50/50 DRAWING

#### Congratulations, Cindy, last month's winner

Hope you are feeling lucky. We will be having a 50/50 Drawing in July to raise funds for our charities. Tickets are \$10 and the drawing will be held at our Zoom business meeting on August 26.

If you are interested in participating, Please email Mariene at [mdar-ganb@gmail.com](mailto:mdar-ganb@gmail.com) or phone her at 207-646-5839. You should send a check for \$10 payable to IWCNE with a note 50/50. The check should be mailed to Anne Supenia, 55 Flintlock Village, Unit 2, Wells, ME 04090.

### Just for Fun

#### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES DURING COVID-19

While I haven't found safe activities for our large group of IWCNE members to do together, I will try to suggest a fun activity each month that you can do yourself to get through this Pandemic.

Activities suggestion for August:

I'm sure there are many restaurants that do outdoor dining near you, but here's a suggestion for outdoor dining with a pretty aspect overlooking the water/ beach in Scarborough Maine: The Black Point Inn. They follow State COVID guidelines (hand sanitizer, masks, gloves etc) and have a large covered porch for outdoor dining which enjoys a good breeze.

After lunch, stop at Bailey's ice cream (161 Pine Point Road Scarborough) the many homemade flavors will tempt you!  
Cindy, Activities



News from one of this year's Charities:

# STOP

From Catherine Ann Wilson  
trafficking US

*... it matters to this one* As you can well imagine, I have had to re-imagine ways of being efficient and effective in reaching our 2020 goals.

Every speaking engagement and of course the funds that go with it... was canceled. I am not one to sit and cry in the corner. I have been trained to look at obstacles as opportunities. If my goal is to educate our community about what is sex trafficking... Prove that it's Genesis comes from child sexual abuse and instill a sense of urgency to stop child sexual abuse everywhere... Then how can I do that without actually being in front of anybody?

I am pleased to tell you that I am teaching a weekly hour and a half class to sex trafficked survivors via zoom. I can see the residence of two sex trafficking homes for survivors during the same class! I meet with the ladies of these two homes on Zoom every Tuesday at 2 o'clock. I have also collected 20 bags of donations for those two houses as well.

I'm on the advisory committee for the Cumberland child advocacy center in South Portland Maine. They are a division of Spurwink. We're having our monthly meetings via Zoom. There was an ask/request for facemasks for adults and children. I was able to collect over 25 masks and delivered to them!

I have been asked to be in an advisory position for a project out of the University of New Hampshire research department on changing the way law enforcement interacts with children who are being sex trafficked. The rotary has been kind enough to collect all of the contact information for faith based organizations in Cumberland County and beyond. Over 250 churches temples and synagogues. I've been working with three nationally known and respected organizations to create a email a bowl packet with videos to each of these locations to encourage each one of them to update their policies and procedures in order to keep children and vulnerable adults safe within those organizations once people are allowed to return to their spiritual homes. I will send you a copy of those videos editing.

This year Stop Trafficking US was bringing volunteer experts from our community and were marketed as the highlighted talk for the main annual parent teacher Association conference. Of course that was canceled but I am working to get all of those participants on a zoom call to share what we would have shared on a zoom recorded call. Then that recording will go to the leaders to share with everyone who had signed out for the conference.

I'm also working with a couple of video professionals to record educational videos using our own hometown heroes to give a nugget of education to our community for example... A fisherman talking about the fact that they Use technology to hunt for fish, likewise predators use technology to hunt for our children. And then there will be a link for the viewers to click on and learn more about parental controls and how to help your children stay safe while using the Internet.

These are some of the things that we have got going right now. The Stop Trafficking US website has not been updated to the extent needed since our inception as a nonprofit nearly 6 years ago. I have someone now willing to take on that project. The intention for the website is to be a beacon of hope in education for all who visit the website. People will be directed to the highest and best resources from human trafficking to child sexual abuse prevention.

One of the cool things about the Quarantine and becoming more and more familiar with zoom type technologies... Is that I am able to interview people from all over the world. I am participating in numerous webinar educational opportunities. And bridging the resources and education with my own community who might not otherwise have had access to these experts. We are still able to make a significant impact on our community and be an effective resource to survivors. Here is one of those videos of me having a conversation with three amazing experts who are very well respected nationally.

Your donations and support of our small but mighty non-profit truly has a significant impact. Your help matters!

## August Birthdays

07 Marie Milad  
13 Anne Nahill  
16 Gwyneth Wykes  
18 Roberta Horn  
21 Micky Robinson



22 Marian Stanton  
24 Diedre O'Flaherty  
25 Ellen O'Toole

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## MEETINGS/LUNCHEONS

### Calendar– 2020

JANUARY 25

FEBRUARY 22

MARCH 7

MAY 30 Zoom

JUNE 27 Zoom

JULY 25 Zoom

AUGUST 26 Zoom

SEPTEMBER 23\*

OCTOBER 21\*

NOVEMBER 21\*

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.

\*Subject to change



## WORLD CINEMA—VIEWING TIPS

York's Center for Active Living is Closed due to Corona Virus so no films

Three US films available on Netflix:

2016 **Loving**, 2 hours, 3 minutes

Recounts a landmark chapter in the struggle for civil rights, this absorbing drama depicts the 1958 arrest and imprisonment of Richard and Mildred Loving for violating Virginia's law against interracial marriage.

Two recent films from the dean of African-American film directors Spike Lee:

His 2018 **BlacKkKlansman**. 2 hrs, 15 minutes

In the early 1970s, Ron Stallworth becomes the first African-American detective in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a difference, he bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. He recruits a seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman, into the undercover investigation. Together, they team up to take down the extremist organization aiming to garner mainstream appeal.

And the just-released 2020 film: **Da 5 Bloods** 2 hr 34 mins (Streaming only, no DVD option as yet)

Four African-American vets battle the forces of man and nature when they return to Vietnam seeking the remains of their fallen Squad Leader and the gold fortune he helped them hide. FMI contact Barb Poulin 207.337.2623 or barbpoulin@aol.com.

**Membership** Please note the following change in the Membership Directory for Enid Topchik:

Her email should read [enidstopchik@gmail.com](mailto:enidstopchik@gmail.com)

Thank you....Yvonne and Marion