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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

The saying goes March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Three Nor'easters before mid-month certainly reinforce that prediction. Here at IWCNE we started the month with a bit of a bang as well. Our International Women's Day observance, although delayed a day by the weather, was a huge success. More than forty women attended, half of whom were not members. It was a lovely morning and we thank Scott Eldredge of Eldredge Lumber and Margaeta Claesson for making it possible. Les Chanteuses started us off with cheerful tunes including a Happy Birthday for our founder Anna Kristina Sawtelle. Gwyneth Wykes spoke about the history of our organization. We paid homage to women activists around the world including Nobel Peace Prize winner, Betty Williams. No, not our Betty Williams, but rather the one from Northern Ireland who started "Women for Peace" which was instrumental in ending the long Irish conflict. Then Tinker Newick took us on an adventure trip around the world with her photos. We even managed to guess some of the exotic places she'd been. The celebration ended with the wonderful treats provided by our members. It is always a pleasure when I put out the message "Can someone bring finger food?" and we wind up with a table laden with delicacies!



The very next day we had one of our major fundraising events - our annual St Patrick's Day Party with live music and great food. The York River Ramblers have been playing for us since our very first St Patty's party which I held in 2002 in honor of my late mother. This year she would have been 100 so we toasted her again! We all pitched in and had a terrific evening with almost 30 people in attendance. And \$405 went into our charity account!! A special thank you to Angela Pollino for not only making the beautiful venue available to us but also for bringing her fun and helpful friends!



(Pictures courtesy of A. K. Sawtelle and M. McAuliffe)

### Board of Directors 2018

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The next board meeting will be Friday, April 13th, 10:05 AM at York Public Library. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Lucille.

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

**The newsletter will be sent to members who were unable to attend the luncheon. As always it can be downloaded on our website:**

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

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IWCNE charter member Polly Coletti of Ogunquit and Fort Lonesome, Florida died at 92 on February 24 after a brief illness. One of our many club "snowbirds" she was a treasured member of our book club, hosted many pot luck fundraisers, graced 20 or more of our fashion shows as a model, and attended innumerable monthly IWCNE luncheons. An ardent bridge player, she volunteered at Laudholm Farm and as a docent at the Apollo Beach Manatee Center when in Florida. Her lengthy professional career as a nurse in Massachusetts and New Hampshire was followed in retirement by volunteer work at a low-income clinic in Florida. She will be remembered by many for her quick wit, culinary imagination and great fashion sense.

Please mark your calendars for the 20th of April, 11:30 am, for a memorial brunch at the Roost Cafe to honor the memory of Polly. Contact Lynn Pahland at 207-351-8389, Lynn.pahland@gmail.com by the 10th of April to join us.

**IWCNE BOOK CLUB**

**Date: Tuesday, March 27 at 4:00 PM**

Book: A Gentleman in Moscow  
 Author: Amor Towles  
 Hostess: Charline Ludgate: 207-439-8884 or  
 email: ccludgate@comcast.net

**Date: Tuesday, May 1st at 4:00 PM**

Book: A Walk in the Woods  
 Author: Bill Bryson  
 Hostess: Barb Poulin: 207-337-2623 or  
 email: barbpoulin@aol.com

**Please call or e-mail if you plan to attend. We would love to have you join us!**

**WORLD CINEMA**

**Thurs., April 12th at 3:00 PM**

York Senior Ctr., Rt. 1A, York Beach, ME.  
 Film: ***Mon Oncle Antoine from Canada***  
 Canadian director Claude Jutra's bittersweet coming-of-age tale follows Benoit, a young teen orphan who spends a few days at Christmastime with his uncle, who runs the general store in a small Quebec village. As Benoit helps his uncle prepare for the Christmas rush, he's faces the concepts of love and death for the first time. The film is often cited as one of the greatest ever produced in Canada. 1 h, 47 minutes, In French with English subtitles.

**Treasurer's Report as of Mar. 12, 2018**

Administrative Account	\$ 2,191.95
Charity Account	597.55
TOTAL:	\$ 2,789.50

(6 MONTH CD: \$5,005.87)  
 Nancy Geyerhahn, Treasurer

**April CALENDAR**

- Mar 27 Book Club
- Apr 08 Pot Luck
- Apr 12 World Cinema
- Apr 14 Opera
- Apr 16 Francophone Luncheon
- Apr 20 Memorial Brunch
- Apr 28 IWCNE Luncheon
- May 1 Book Club
- May 5 Pot Luck
- May 25 Flea Market

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Julie Stathoplos's daughter called me last night, Julie has been moved to the Seals Rock Health Care facility at [88 Harbor Drive, Saco, Maine, 04072](#) telephone number [207 283 3646](#), Room 105. Karen seemed quite pleased with the facility, room etc. As always, Gwyneth

Fortunately, Julie is in the rehab section and will be returning home. However, we don't know when. We sent our love and good wishes to her.

**LES CHANTEUSES**

Les Chanteuse manages to start its' 12th year and continues to perform 5 times a month & get donations for our Club. We spread joy wherever we go. Please join us! Call Ellen Farber for details: 207-251-1746 and sing, sing, sing!!!

**FRANCOPHONE**

BONJOUR! Si vous voulez pratiquer votre maîtrise de la langue française, venez nous rejoindre le 3eme lundi de chaque mois pour un déjeuner amical et entièrement conduit en français. Pour plus de renseignements, contacter Liliane à [mcgeeliliane@gmail.com](mailto:mcgeeliliane@gmail.com)

**POT LUCKS**

April 8th, Sunday, 5-7 "Happy Hours" at Marion McAuliffe's,  
 May 5th, Saturday, 5-7 "Kentucky Derby Party" at Nancy Geyerhahn's (Get your hats out!)  
 June 10th, Sunday, 11-1, Brunch at Lynn Pahland's. New members will be our guests. Please contact Lynne Gass for Reservations at 207-607-1305 or email: [lynnegass123@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegass123@gmail.com)  
 Our thanks to Angela Pollino for getting us the Lookout for our great St. Pat's party. It was so fun and the food was delicious.

**HOLIDAY FAIR Nov.10th 9 AM to 2 PM**

Next meeting will be on March 28th, 6 PM at Ellen's home. A light meal will be served. All are welcome. Please contact Ellen if you can make the meeting: 207-251-1746 or email: [musicalellen@yahoo.com](mailto:musicalellen@yahoo.com)

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 03 Tinker Newick   | 11 Pam Lynch     | 28 Claire Quintal & |
| 07 Debbi Forster & | 20 Greta Martin  | Barbara Bridge      |
| Pat Dateo          | 26 Hilda Emerson | 30 Donna Freni &    |
| 10 Brenda Sullivan |                  | Yueyling LaFleur    |



## FLEA MARKET

Volunteer to help at IWCNE Flea Market. It will be held on **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** at St. Aspinquid, Sands Road, York, ME (near the Village Center). 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Come join us, donate, shop, give us a hand. This is a fun event. It helps our charities, brings our together and is a great way to clear out your closets. No clothes.

We are looking for attractive accessories, such as summer hats and tote bags, costume jewelry, gifts, kitchen items, books, small pieces of furniture. This is just a partial list; we are open to suggestions.

Please hold on to your treasures until Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Call or email Micky Robinson (207 363 8074), [kennethmoirarobinson@gmail.com](mailto:kennethmoirarobinson@gmail.com)).



## IMPORTANT - CHARITY SELECTION

The Committee to select the recipients of our charity grants will meet March 25th, at 2 pm, at the home of Lynn Pahland; and the following meeting will take place April 19, 10 am, at York Public Library. You must attend both meetings in order to be on the selection committee. Contact Lynn Pahland at 207-351-8389 to ensure your participation.



## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND HACKMATAK THEATER FUND RAISERS

We've had a wonderful response to our Hackmatack Theater fund raiser for our charities so we will have tickets for all four productions this year. The cost per ticket is \$25 and we receive \$10 of each ticket sold - and all are Thursday matinees! However, because matinees are the most popular performances, we will need to have our reservations in 2 weeks before the date of the performance. Here are the dates and play information:

### Reservation Deadline:

June 21st - Lend Me A Tenor

July 19th - All Shook UP

Aug. 2nd - The Bridges of Madison County

Aug. 30th - Dial M For Murder

June 7th

July 5th

July 19th

Aug 2nd

You can make your reservations for any and all shows starting now by calling or emailing Marge Dunnington at 903-491-8065 or [mmdunnington@gmail.com](mailto:mmdunnington@gmail.com). You can also send a check made out to IWCNE for the amount of tickets and shows you'd like. The address is 43 Bayberry Ave., Kennebunk, ME 04043.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH A SPECIAL OPERA TREAT

Live from Lincoln Center, LUISA MILLER, a rarely performed VEDI gem, a heart-wrenching tragedy of fatherly love. PLACIDO DOMINGO will be featured in a baritone role. SONYA YONCHEVA sings the title role of Luisa Miller. This will be Sonya's third principal role at the MET this season.

**WHERE:** Saco Cinemagic.

An easy half mile from I 95 exit, and there is lots of parking.

**WHEN:** 12:20 - the broadcast begins at 12:30

**TICKETS** for the live HD broadcast are  
\$23.50 for seniors

After the opera we are going to Joseph's By The Sea in Old Orchard for an early dinner.

Please call Maria Twomey-Thompson if you can join us.  
207-282-1054

## UPCOMING EVENTS

In **May** there will be a trip to Boston to visit the ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM. Date & Time to be announced.

**July 27** - Merrill Auditorium, Portland. Operamaine production at the Union Restaurant across from the Merrill. More details later.

### LINK TO ITINERARY:

<https://www.firebirdtours.com/client/itinerary-a081A0000p693G-0061A000014HGbY>



Celebrate Midsummer in Rättvik, Dalarna, Sweden, 2018. See UNESCO World Heritage Farm "castles" in Hälsingland and unforgettable Stockholm, capital of Sweden.

Trip and itinerary prepared by Margareta Claesson. Deadline for reservations: April 1



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Reservation Deadline: April 21, 2018

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM, Saturday, April 28, 2018**

**Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, Maine**

You can text or call **207-229-8785** and pay **\$30.00** at door  
**or send a check for \$28.00** to: IWCNE, Box 351, Cape Neddick, ME. 03902  
You can also pay \$28 by going to our website and paying with PayPal, Credit Card,  
or Debit Card

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

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ENTREE CHOICES:**

1. Seafarer's Cache' (Shrimp, salmon and white fish baked in white wine and lemon, finished w/seasoned bread crumbs
2. Roast Loin of Pork (Finished with natural pan gravy
3. Vegetarian Option

All Entrees will be served with the House Salad, Bread & Butter, and Homemade Dessert of the day


Coffee, tea and iced tea available.

If you are in need of transportation to the luncheon, please contact Deborah Forster at 310-749-8356

**APRIL'S SPEAKER**

Theresa Tozier of Lydia's House of Hope - one of our 2017 charities.

**TODAY'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER:** Karolina Bodner/Belize  
**Karolina Bodner**, a retired 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, has made many trips to Belize for the past 26 years. Her first trip in 1991 was made at the request of a New Hampshire teacher serving there for two years with the Peace Corp, as part of the development of the UNH Belize/NH Teacher Program. In Belize, Karolina has worked with teachers and schools, mostly in remote southern Mayan villages, where many families still live in thatched houses without electricity or running water. Since most people in Belize are subsistence farmers, Karolina has helped families and women's cooperatives to market and sell their crafts in order to pay school fees and to encourage young women to attend and complete high school education. Karolina will display many of these crafts: Mayan embroidery, woven bags, bracelets and palmetto baskets for our members to view and purchase.



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## Yearly Luncheon Calendar– 2018

JANUARY 27  
FEBRUARY 24  
MARCH 24  
APRIL 28  
MAY 19  
JUNE 27 (Wed)  
JULY 25 (Wed)  
AUGUST 22 (Wed)  
SEPTEMBER 26 (Wed)  
OCTOBER 27  
NOVEMBER 17

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.

### GALLERY GOERS

**April 5th at 2 PM.** We are going to the opening of the Haley Art Gallery on Haley Road in Kittery.

Located in Kittery, Maine, in a turn of the century renovated barn set on a bucolic farmland, Haley Art Gallery showcases original art by a select group of local, national and international artists as well as unique, handmade gift items that help empower women, and displaced refugee workers in cottage industries and social enterprises globally.

The opening reception is all day long but we will go early afternoon and then go for a coffee or snack afterward.

Let me know if you would like to join us [lucillegen@gmail.com](mailto:lucillegen@gmail.com) or (207)318-7304



### **Derby Day Potluck May 5th, 5 PM - Wear your favorite Derby Day hat!**

Come observe the annual ritual on Kentucky Derby Day at Nancy Geyerhahn's. We will provide the mint juleps and encourage you to bring food with a southern flair. Please contact Lynne Gass to reserve your spot [Lynnegass123@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnegass123@gmail.com) or (207) 607-1305.