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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

May is my favorite month of the year. The grass is green (In fact, it needs frequent mowing.) Spring flowers are blooming, birds are nesting, and it is the last full month where each day brings more daylight. Temperatures are comfortably warm, and one of my favorite things is to walk on Ogunquit Beach in the early mornings to monitor the Piping Plover nests—a great way to start the day.

This May is more special because, due to vaccinations, we have better control of the virus and things are opening. It is wonderful to meet family and friends and not have to rely on masks or communicating with them via phone, zoom, and other technological means available to us. It's time for long missed hugs. The Club is having many in-person activities. We will be resuming our business luncheons in July; this is great news.

As we get back to some semblance of normality, I cannot help but reflect on the last 14 months and be impressed by the commitments from so many members to find creative ways to keep our Club connected—Lucille's weekly news feeds, monthly meetings via zoom, members reaching out to one another especially in time of need. Last summer we had social distancing picnics and during the year we had successful raffles on theme baskets. We also had a one-time appeal. The response from all of you made it possible to honor our commitment to support the charities we selected. You should all be proud of yourselves and your club.

Fundraising activities are back. On May 22, a tour of Spillers Farm in Wells is planned, and on June 11 an outdoor picnic at the home of Lucille Gentsch is planned. Committees are at work planning for a Craft Fair and a Fashion Show.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mariene Dargan Benoit



## Luncheon Alert

Our first post-pandemic luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at our most popular venue, Clay Hill Farm.

PLEASE NOTE! Just as the price of gasoline, chicken, lumber, appliances and most other foods and commodities has increased, our luncheon cost has as well! THE NEW COST for a three-course luncheon is \$35.00 per person including gratuity.

## Executive Board of Directors

**2021**

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Founder	Anna Kristina Sawtelle

The next board meeting will be June 9. If any non-board member would like to attend please contact Mariene Benoit.

**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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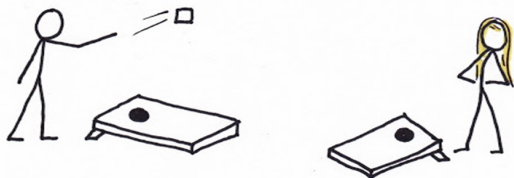
## PICNIC FUNDRAISER Friday, June 11 at 1 PM - "Sporty" Outdoor Picnic Fundraiser (Rain Date June 14)

Let's enjoy the great outdoors again with a BYO (Bring your own lunch) fundraising picnic. At the home of Lucille Gentsch in Kennebunkport. Plenty of seating is available and the hostess will provide iced tea and a sweet treat. Plan to relax and, if you like, you can participate in low-impact sports: Croquet or Cornhole (bean bag toss)



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**PLUS, bring \$15 for the charity fund!**  
If you would like to join us contact Lucille at [lucillegen@gmail.com](mailto:lucillegen@gmail.com) or (207) 967-5623 FMI and directions.



Our July picnic will be at Anne Supenia's in Wells on Thursday, July 8 at 12. Please RSVP to Lynne Gass

[lynnegass123@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegass123@gmail.com), 207-607-1305  
We are working on picnics for August and September. Looking forward to enjoying each other's company.

If you are interested in hostessing, please contact Lynne



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## FUNDRAISING

1. Hear ye hear ye, volunteers needed for our awesome craft fair on Saturday, August 7, 9-2 at the St. Aspinquid Masonic Lodge on Long sands road in York. Please contact Ellen Farber at 207-251-1746 or [musicaellen@yahoo.com](mailto:musicaellen@yahoo.com)

2. Would anyone in our club like to use their creativity to make a Summer basket to be raffled off at our craft fair? Please contact Ellen Farber at 207-251-1746 or [musicaellen@yahoo.com](mailto:musicaellen@yahoo.com)

3. Our May 2 Fundraiser at Joanne's Garden was a potting success that netted \$230.

4. Our fundraiser on May 20 at 3 charm Goat Farm brought in \$225

5. June 22 is next at Spiller Farm to pick Strawberries & have a tour of the farm.

6. Our next craft fair meeting is June 24 at 12 with a picnic at Ellen Farber's home outside. Our craft fair is Saturday, August 7, 9-2. If you want to be on the committee, please let Ellen know.

Thank you for your generosity & time.  
Ellen & Lynne

## BOOK CLUB

June 24th 4:00 PM

Book: The Dress-maker of Khair Khana

Author: Gayle Tzemach Lemmon  
Hostess: Charline Ludgate 207-439-8884 or [ccludgate@comcast.net](mailto:ccludgate@comcast.net)

Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.

**We welcome new members.**



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

10 Babro Bolh  
12 Georgiana Gallagher  
15 Mary Strohm  
17 Daria Tansy  
21 Lisa Emerson Stoclet  
23 Denise Martel



## WORLD CINEMA

Streaming on Netflix: From Australia, a tv series 2010-2018: *Rake*, 4 seasons, often hilarious. Like a Down-under version of our US *Better Call Saul*, only far wittier.

Streaming on Amazon Prime Video: 2020 Academy Awards nominated film: *Sound of Metal*, 90 minutes, depicts a heavy-metal musician who starts losing his sense of hearing. Features a real NE American Sign Language signing community.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 8 Exec. Board Meeting  
June 11 "Sporty" Picnic Fundraiser  
June 2 Spiller Farm Fundraiser  
June 26 General meeting on Zoom

Many other well-reviewed tv series of the last decade are also available such as  
*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*: 3 seasons, 26 episodes  
and *Fleabag* 2 seasons, 12 episodes

**Reservation Deadline: July 19, 2021**

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM: Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Clay Hill Farm, 220 Clay Hill Road, Cape Neddick, (York), ME Price \$35

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS PRICES AND CONTACTS HAVE CHANGED

YOU MUST HAVE A PAID RESERVATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

You can call and make a reservation and menu choice at either 310-749-8356 (*Deborah Forster*) or 516-819-1987 (*Jane Bagnell*) and send your \$35 check either to Deborah Forster at 13 Marden Way, Durham, NH 03824 or Jane Bagnell at 15 Marden Way, Durham, NH 03824.

**OR** go to our website, and pay \$36 (Pay Pal Charges) [www.iwcne.net](http://www.iwcne.net), then go to "events" - then pay with Pay Pal or Credit Card.

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

Cancellations need to be 7 days before luncheon, or you will be asked pay.

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE OF:

Lemon Haddock with lemon beurre blanc

or

Chicken Piccata

All Entrees will be served with Chef's garden salad, warm rolls and butter  
and Chef's seasonal dessert.

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**MEETINGS/  
LUNCHEONS  
Calendar- 2021\***

APRIL 24  
MAY 22  
JUNE 26  
JULY 28  
AUGUST 28  
SEPTEMBER 25  
OCTOBER 23  
NOVEMBER 20

\*Subject to change.

**Treasurer Report  
Apr. 2021**

Charity Acc't	\$3,579
Admin. Acc't	\$6,861
Total	\$10,440

Anne Supenia



**WCI 35th Anniversary on May 4, 2021**

It was a great time for celebration of WCI 35th Anniversary! About 240 women from all over the world attended this zoom event. There were 10 members of our club attending.

Our own Lucille M. Gentsch was celebrated and introduced together with one member from each club of WCI as winners of the

Marian Adair Spirit Award for outstanding contributions to their clubs.

Kim Riedel, our current president welcomed everyone, and then Caroline Dimmer - Marian Adair's daughter - introduced a very interesting video about the history of WCI.

There were several congratulatory speeches. The featured speaker was Dr. King from South Korea. She talked about the importance of Gender Equality and advancement of Women in Leadership. She also talked about Sustainable Development Goals.

Kim Riedel, President of WCI, was thanked for her leadership for the 2 last years and especially for bringing the clubs into today's digital world.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The pandemic has been difficult for everyone, including the membership committee. To bring you up to date, we want to let you know that within the last year plus, we lost 7 members for various reasons, and added 5 new ones who are anxious to meet everyone and get involved, bringing our total to 100 members.

If anyone knows of someone who has expressed an interest in the club, please put them in touch with the following people and we will personally contact them.

Membership Committee Co-chairs, Yvonne Chainey and Marion McAuliffe

**In Memoriam**

A donation has been made honoring late member Mila Hoffman. She was an active member and leader in IWCNE several years ago. Many of us remember her as a valued friend.