

Happy New Year . Bonne Annèe . Felice Anno Nuovo . Frohes neues Jahr . Feliz año Nuevo . С Новым Годом . Gelukkig Nieuwjaar . Gott nytt år . Blwyddyn Newydd Dda . Καλή Χρονιά

January Meeting
Wednesday the 11th
Ingle hall, Anatolia

Happy New Year
2017

A few words from the President

The New Year marks a NEW BEGINNING.

New people to meet, new adventures to enjoy, and new memories to create.

The new IWOG Board wishes you the happiest New Year ever !!!!

Every end is just a new beginning. Another year is over and a new one has begun with its still unknown cache of joys, disappointments and successes. The month of January was named after Janus for his ability to turn one face to reflect upon the past and a yet another face freshly pointed upon the future. This is so appropriate. January marks the new year for most of us humans. A new beginning. Every beginning prompts us to thoughtfully consider past events that have accumulated to this present moment. Each of our moments stack up, one upon the other only to meet our present day, and then these moments unfold into our future. Janus, with all his hindsight and foresight opens doors of both reflection of our past and contemplation of our future.

Throughout the existence of IWOG its members have tried through their fellowship and fund raising events to tip the scales in the balance of only good. All our members should be proud of hard work they have done to improve life in the society in which we live by contributing the results of our efforts. It is imperative that this should continue and we should be united in our efforts to ease the pain and difficulties that have been forced upon others. To reiterate the words of a former President "WE CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE" and at the same time we should remember that IWOG is about the satisfaction that we gain from this and the enjoyment that comes from being in the company of each other.

At this point I would like to thank the previous Board for all its hard work and valiant efforts to make IWOG at last a legal entity to be respected and acknowledged within our community.

Following in the tradition of IWOG, at the January meeting we will cut a vasilopita, find the buried coin and who knows you might win the lucky charm which will bring you good fortune in 2017! A representative from Anatolia College will be present to inform us about the use of the scholarship which we donate every year and one of our newer members will give us a demonstration of zumba and everyone is invited to join in to get 2017 off to a lively start!

The Board has an interesting year planned for you but we are open to your suggestions. Remember IWOG is only what you make it and we should all have its good in mind.

Finally, please don't forget that January is the month we renew our membership dues. There is a form attached for you to fill in your details.

Sandra McMeekan

I would like to share with you something once said by Neil Gaiman:

"I hope that in this year to come you will make mistakes. Because if you make mistakes, then you are making new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing the world. You're doing things you've never done before and more importantly, you're doing something."