

*"It was June, and the
world smelled of roses.
The sunshine was like
powdered gold over the
grassy hillside."
Maud Hart Lovelace*



**June Luncheon:
Wednesday the 14th
12 pm
Hotel Panorama**

A few words from the President & greetings from the Board!

Welcome to "Joyous June" the month of roses and honeysuckle. June is the month when we really start feeling that winter is over and done with for another year. The weather is getting warmer and we wake up to blue skies and sunshine. For children school is nearly over and the summer holidays are about to begin. You've probably heard that "a rose is a rose is a rose" but Victorians completely disagreed with that as for them the meaning of the colours of roses was important. Red roses symbolized love, pink gratitude and appreciation, peach modesty, innocence and purity, orange fascination and salmon desire and excitement. Yellow roses used to imply infidelity but today this colour signifies friendship and white shows trust, peace and honesty. The list goes on so be careful when choosing gifts of roses. In addition be cautious about honeysuckle. It was believed that it induced dreams about love and passion and bringing honeysuckle blossom indoors was thought to prompt a wedding in the family.

I am certain that you were impressed by last month's speaker – Panagiota Stergiopoulou. A young lady small in stature but with great courage. She has her work cut out for her in Ghana and we wish her well. Young people like her make us feel that the youth of today has values and are interested in improving the lives of others. This month on the 14th instead of our usual meeting we are holding the annual June luncheon. If you haven't reserved a place yet, don't hesitate and call a member of the Board. Give yourself a treat, meet your friends, admire our top models and relax for a few hours at the Hotel Panorama.

The FoodforGood festival is on the 11th. This could be an occasion for an evening out to taste the delicious food made by volunteers from over forty countries AND of course to prepare a sweet for the IWOG table, see your friends at our stand and enjoy traditional dancing! As this is the festival's 20th year, there will be a firework display at the end of the evening.

The 18th of June is Father's Day. On this day we have the opportunity to show and express our gratitude to fathers and grandfathers who have made sacrifices and contributions to our lives. They are important role models for our children and should be honoured.

Well, this is the last newsletter before our summer break. It's time to get out your sandals, suntan lotion, floppy hats and swimsuits and hit the beach! See you at the September coffee morning, rejuvenated, revitalized and refreshed. Enjoy yourselves and have an unforgettable summer full of happy memories!

Sandra McMeekan - Hatzigeorgiou

*"Holidays are about experiences and people and tuning into what you feel like doing at that moment. Enjoy not having to look at a watch!" – Evelyn Glennie
(Scottish percussionist – deaf since the age of 12)*

