



March

March Meeting
Wednesday the 8th
Ingle Hall
Anatolia College
10:00 -12:00

We love March 'cause Spring is "almost" in the air!!

A few words from the President

March greetings from the Board

The March newsletter is dedicated to women. Those who celebrate Women's Day on the 8th and those who would like to celebrate it but unfortunately are not allowed to. Let's hope that the day will come when all women have equal rights . However, being considered inferior has not prevented women from making their mark on the world and changing the course of history. Their achievements should be applauded and never forgotten.

On the pages of this newsletter you will be able to read about some of the women who paved the way for freedom ,equality and opportunity. Those who were once considered to be fit only to do menial chores and be servants to the male members of the family. Not that this has changed entirely but today's woman has earned respect , has the right to be educated and has freedom of choice in many countries.

March 25th is an auspicious day in the Greek calendar not only because the Greeks celebrate the annunciation of the Theotokos but their freedom from over 400 years under the Ottoman rule.. The expression, "For God and Country," has real meaning for the Greeks on the 25th day of March, a day on which they can celebrate two events without diminishing either one for the obvious reason that devotion and patriotism have the same emotional root -- love. Greek women played an important role in the revolution and in the newsletter you can read about a few of them.

This year two coins were found in the vasilopita which you must admit was huge. The two lucky ladies were Despina Kazantzidou and Eleftheria Iliadis . There will be a special Women's Day prize to be won at the March meeting and we hope you will support Diane's fundraising efforts.

We are grateful to Dr Eleni Hodolidou for her truly interesting talk at the February meeting . We were amazed by her experiences with the refugees in Thessaloniki. This month's speaker is another amazing woman who teaches at the "second chance school " in the prison in Diavata and is doing her part to improve the quality of the lives of the inmates who are taught not only English but creative writing.

Don't be surprised if you get pinched on the 17th. No surprise, it's an entirely American tradition that probably started in the early 1700s. St. Patrick's revelers thought wearing green made one invisible to leprechauns, fairy creatures who would pinch anyone they could see not wearing green !

Sandra McMeekan - Hatzigeorgiou

A special thought for all of us.....

Marie Curie: 'Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that ? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained "