



at the American Corner?

What's New?

- For everyone who missed or was late for the first course for **Public Speaking**, we will once again organize this training.



You will learn how to

- ❖ Prepare speeches,
- ❖ Basic speech principles,
- ❖ Address an audience,
- ❖ Speaking to a group of people (on meetings, gatherings, celebrations, etc)

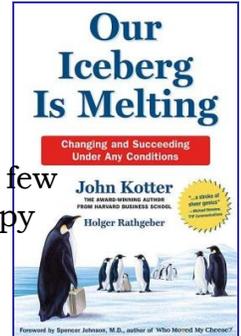
This will be an intensive course, holding session every **Monday** for a period of one month only. The group is being formed, and there is a limit of **15 participants**.

If interested, please call or e-mail us to sign in: 02/ 3224-970, acskopje@yahoo.com

The first session of the Public Speaking class is scheduled for March 3rd at 18:30.

• *For all you book lovers!*

The first book discussion will be held on **March 13th**. If you are among the few who still haven't read "**Our Iceberg is Melting**", call and reserve your copy



• *New books at the American Corner*

Come and check-out some of our 200 newest titles including books on **sports, health, diets, biographies, fiction, Feng-Shui, computers, biology, management and comics**. There's something for everyone!

(Just a hint of the authors: Dr. Atckins, Oprah's Dr. Phil, Michael Moore, Spike Lee, Adobe, Microsoft, Britney Spears, James Paterson)

• **Magazines can be checked-out!**

Starting from February, the magazines at the American corner can be checked out!

Check out our packed March program and find the event you want to attend. Our March program can be printed, so that you can keep it on your desk and never again miss an interesting event!

March 2008 – Women’s Month



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TOEFL Testing
3 New Books Display	4 	5 Conversation Hour with Aryn Bloodworth <u>18:00- 19:00</u>	6 The Role of Ununiversal Design in service to society Presentation by Sean Vance <u>18:00-19:00</u>	7 TOEFL Testing 11:00- 16:30	8 International Women’s Day Book Display and Paper Show 
10 Public Speaking Class with Aryn Bloodworth <u>18:30- 19:30</u>	11 	12 Conversation Hour with Aryn Bloodworth <u>18:00- 19:00</u>	13 Book Discussion “Our Iceberg is Melting” With Patrice Koerper <u>18:00- 19:00</u>	14 TOEFL testing 11:00- 16:30 Presentation: “When Women Organize” - the power of women’s social business and political organizations <u>18:00- 19:00</u>	15 
17 St. Patrick’s Day Public Speaking Class with Aryn Bloodworth <u>18:30- 19:30</u>	18 	19 Conversation Hour with Aryn Bloodworth <u>18:00- 19:00</u>	20 Educational Advising Open House Day	21 International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination Book Display and Handouts	22 World Day for Water
24 Public Speaking Class with Aryn Bloodworth <u>18:30- 19:30</u>	25 Story Hour with Emily Audette <u>18:00- 19:00</u>	26 Conversation Hour with Aryn Bloodworth <u>18:00- 19:00</u>	27 “Change” Workshop With Patrice Koerper <u>18:00- 19:00</u>	28 	29 TOEFL Testing
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February Highlights: our February highlights can be found on the U.S. Embassy web site

<http://macedonia.usembassy.gov/acshighlights.html>



America Goes Green for St. Patrick's Day

A holiday imported by Irish immigrants celebrated across the country

St. Patrick's Day



might be one of the world's most celebrated holidays, with city-sponsored festivities held in Japan, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Great Britain and the United States as well as the saint's native Ireland. That geography reflects the broad dispersion of Irish, through choice or necessity, in a 300-year, globe-spanning migration. But perhaps in no other adopted nation is the Irish presence felt as keenly as in the United States, where an ethnic holiday has expanded to embrace all Americans.



In virtually every U.S. elementary school, public or private, classrooms are decorated with green; a failure to wear green to school on St. Patrick's Day might be punished with a playful pinch. Stationery stores sell St. Patrick's Day greeting cards, bakeries offer shamrock-shaped cookies sprinkled with green sugar, and local pubs serve green beer.

CELEBRATED FROM COLONIAL TIMES ONWARD

March 17 is the feast day of Ireland's patron saint, the cleric Patrick (386-461), in the Catholic liturgical calendar and a legal holiday in the Republic of Ireland, in the Ulster province of Northern Ireland in the United Kingdom and in two Canadian provinces. But it is celebrated informally worldwide by people of every ethnic background.

The first recorded celebration of St. Patrick's Day in the American Colonies was in Boston in 1737, and the first St. Patrick's Day celebration in New York City was held at the Crown and Thistle Tavern in 1756.

Web site: www.america.gov



March is National Women's History Month

National Women's History Month's roots go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week during the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the president has issued a proclamation.

U.S. Census Bureau Fact Sheet

152 million

The number of females in the United States as of Nov. 1, 2006. That exceeds the number of males (148 million).

\$32,168

The median annual earnings of women 16 or older who worked year-round, full time, in 2005. Women earned 77 cents for every \$1 earned by men

\$58,906

Median earnings of women working in computer and mathematical jobs, the highest for women among the 22 major occupational groups.

32%

Percent of women 25 to 29 who had attained a bachelor's degree or higher in 2005, which exceeded that of men in this age range (25 percent).

65%

Percentage of women citizens who reported voting in the 2004 presidential election, higher than the 62 percent of their male counterparts who cast a ballot.

37%

Percent of women 16 or older who work in management, professional and related occupations, compared with 31 percent of men.

5.6 million

Number of stay-at-home mothers nationwide in 2005, up from 4.4 million a decade earlier.

57%

Percentage of women who participated in gardening at least once in the past 12 months, compared with 37 percent of men. Women were also much more likely than men to have done charity work (32 percent versus 26 percent), attended arts and crafts fairs (39 percent versus 27 percent) and read literature (55 percent versus 38 percent).

<http://www.america.gov/st/texttrans-english/2007/March/20070315135140ajesrom0.3537104.html>

image: <http://www.oneamerica.net/images/WomensHistoryBanner07.jpg>

At the American Corner:

“When Women Organize” – the power of women's social business and political organizations

By Tara Trepanier, Miranda Carruth and Heather Tomlins

Friday, March 14th, 18:00