

February Newsletter



The moment you have been waiting for

Readers' Club Book Discussion

The American Corner Skopje will host a **Readers' Club** in **March** on the book ***Our Iceberg is Melting***.

Check out your copy of this easy to read, enjoyable, new American fable on dealing with *change* by **Harvard Professor John Kotter** and **businessman Holger Rathgeber**, then join us to share your thoughts on the book.

The book discussion will be facilitated by Patrice Koerper, a United States Peace Corps volunteer living and working in Bitola.

Come borrow the book and read along! February is our book club reading marathon.

The Iceberg Manifesto

We strongly believe that the world needs much more action from a broader range of people—action that is informed, committed, and inspired—to help us all in an era of increasing change.

What people are saying about **Our Iceberg Is Melting**

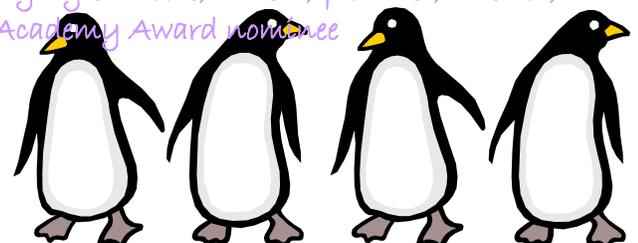
"Whether you work in a business or the business of life, everyone from CEOs to high school students can gain from what they take from this story."

—from the foreword by Spencer Johnson, M.D., author of *Who Moved My Cheese?*

"...companies should buy a copy for everyone from the CEO to the stock clerk."
—Michelle Archer, USA Today

"I ordered and distributed sixty copies, evaluated its effect on our change effort, and then ordered five hundred more.... This is a gem."
—Heidi King, Department of Defense

"The penguins in this book will not only steal your heart, they'll make you a smarter person."
—Mary Tyler Moore, actress, producer, director, and Academy Award nominee



www.ouricebergismelting.com

A workshop!



Communicating with others is an essential skill in business dealings, family affairs, and romantic relationships. Do you often find yourself misunderstanding others? Do you have difficulty getting your point across clearly? When it comes to communication, what you say and what you don't say are equally important.

*Want to develop your communication skills?
Need a helping hand?*



We are here for you!

Communication Skills Workshop

with Elida Mihajlovska, President of the European Medical Student Association of Macedonia



Saturday, February 16th, 2008 at 12 o'clock

Please confirm your presence on 3224-970 or acskopje@yahoo.com

Limited number of participants

Presidential Proclamation on National African American History Month

American Corner Skopje

Bush honors achievements, rich heritage of African Americans

January 29, 2008



NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, 2008

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

During National African American History Month, we honor the achievements and celebrate the rich heritage of African Americans.

Throughout our Nation's history, African Americans from all walks of life have offered their talents to the betterment of American society. Scholars such as Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. DuBois were early leaders who placed great importance on educating all people about the need for justice and racial equality. Athletes such as Jackie Robinson and Althea Gibson persevered while breaking the color barrier and competing at the highest levels of sports. Musicians like Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday lifted the American spirit with their creativity and musical gifts. Through their extraordinary accomplishments, these leaders helped bring our Nation closer to fulfilling its founding ideals.

This year's theme, "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism," honors an educator who taught his fellow citizens about the traditions and contributions of African Americans. His dedication to educating Americans about cultural diversity initiated this celebration of African-American history. Our Nation is now stronger and more hopeful because generations of leaders like him have worked to help America live up to its promise of equality and the great truth that all of God's children are created equal.

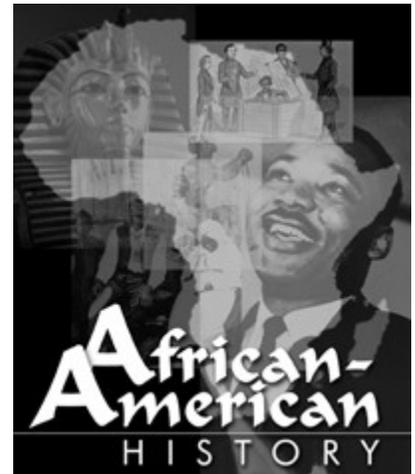
Throughout African American History Month, we celebrate the many contributions African Americans have made to our Nation, and we are reminded of their courage in their struggle to change the hearts and minds of our citizens. While much progress has been made, we must continue to work together to achieve the promise and vision of our great Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2008 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

Web site: <http://usinfo.state.gov>)

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http://www.uky.edu/PR/UK_News/Resources/021003art/AfricanAmericanHistory.jpg





February Monthly Program

February 01, Friday

at 12:00 o'clock

TOEFL testing

February 02, Saturday

at 08:00 o'clock

GRE testing

February 06, Wednesday

at 18:00 o'clock

Conversation Hours with PCV Erin Bloodworth

February 08, Friday

at 12:00 o'clock

TOEFL testing

February 13, Wednesday

at 18:00 o'clock

Conversation Hours with PCV Erin Bloodworth

February 14, Thursday

whole day event

Valentine's Day book display and handouts

February 15, Friday

at 12:00 o'clock

TOEFL testing

February 15, Friday

at 17:00 o'clock

Promotion of Stamp, with Macedonian Post Office and the US Embassy

February 16, Saturday

at 11:00 o'clock

Communication Skills Workshop

February 19, Tuesday

at 11:00 o'clock

President's Day Book display and Poster Show

February 20, Wednesday

at 18:00 o'clock

Conversation Hours with PCV Erin Bloodworth

February 23, Saturday

at 12:00 o'clock

TOEFL testing

February 27, Wednesday

at 18:00 o'clock

Conversation Hours with PCV Erin Bloodworth

February 28, Thursday

whole day

Educational Advising open house day

The American Corner Skopje will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day

American Corner Skopje Celebrates its Third Anniversary



The Third Anniversary of the American Corner Skopje took place at the second floor hall of the Corner's host institution, the City library Braka Miladinovci on January 25th, 2008. The corner was proud to have the Ambassador of the United States of America, Ms. Gillian Milovanovic as the host of the Anniversary. Among the 85 people present, mostly members and friends of the Corner, there were also



representatives from the Embassy, USAID, the Peace Corps, several ministries, the City of Skopje, distinguished professors and many reporters who covered the event. The opening speech was made by the coordinator of the American Corner, Ms. Olivera Trajkova who welcomed the guests and expressed her deep appreciation

to the Embassy (especially the Public Affairs Office), the host institution of the Corner for their constant support and assistance, the Ministry of Culture, the City of Skopje and the staff of the American Corner for their hard work during the past 3 years. The speech of the Ambassador who referred to the corner as "our"

Corner followed (neither American nor



Macedonian) describing it as a place where everyone is more than welcomed to use any of the resources available or take part in the activities organized. Mr. Filip Petrovski expressed his satisfaction about the wonderful cooperation with the corner as well.





The Ambassador presented the City library Braka Miladinovci with a Certificate of Appreciation as well as 5 Peace Corps Volunteers who cooperate with the corner regularly, including the member Elida Mihajlovska for having organized many presentations. After the wonderful performance by several students of the secondary school “Ilija Nikolovski-Luj” everyone present was invited to see the highlights photo exhibition which also included newspapers clippings.



A great THANK YOU to all of our members for helping us in our work for the past three years!