

Hellenic Writers' Group of Washington DC (HWGW)

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In January 2014, Patty Apostolides, a member of Prometheas, approached Lefteris Karmiris, President of Prometheas, to form a writers' group to promote Greek heritage and culture. She submitted a Mission Statement to the Prometheas Board, and this "initiative" was approved. The group was organized by Patty Apostolides with the help of Lefteris Karmiris. The first meeting took place February 22, 2014 at the Hellenic Center, 6506 Bells Mill Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the group is to develop the craft of writing as well as nurture the creativity of unpublished and published writers, with the goal of producing written works (poetry, prose, short stories, novels, memoirs, etc) in Greek or English.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is free and open to Greek and Greek American writers in the Washington DC area as well as the surrounding areas (MD, VA). To become a member, email Patty Apostolides at:

hellenicwritersgroup@gmail.com

MEETINGS

Monthly meetings take place at the Hellenic Center. Each meeting includes participation of: Poetry group, the Craft of Writing group, and the Writing Workshop group. Members can attend all meetings and are encouraged to share their writing. To have your work critiqued in the Writing Workshop, please contact Patty Apostolides at: hellenicwritersgroup@gmail.com

OUTCOMES

Create fiction (short stories, novels) or nonfiction (memoir, poetry) that exhibit originality and insight (in Greek or English). Share the writing with the group. Critique and discuss members' works in a safe, workshop environment. Apply critical and independent

thinking in analyzing and revising written work.

SPEAKERS/AUTHORS

Speakers and/or authors of Greek origin, may be asked to speak to the group, on occasion, on their published books or on the craft of writing. Also, if a member already has a published work, they can be invited to speak.

COMMUNITY

Opportunities may arise for members to read their works at upcoming Greek events or attend a Greek literary festival or book fair. For those who have published works, we may arrange talks and book signings.

The HWGW has a blog and is also on Facebook.

DIRECTOR of HWGW

Patty Apostolides holds an MFA in Creative Writing and a BA in Biology. She has authored four novels, a novella, and a poetry book. More information can be

found on her website: www.pattyapostolides.com