

Developing a business, improving a village or town, providing better education for children, or

speaking truth to power can be challenging, lonely undertakings. Yet you — this extraordinary community of NGO professionals, museum directors, educators, journalists, entrepreneurs carry on without complaint. On June 14, 2022, this community finally gathered physically again after two and a half years of Zoom meetings, telephone calls, and countless emails.

And although, due to the ever-present Covid risk, the fourth ABF community forum only featured a fraction of our growing community, we made new friends and reconnected with old ones. Most

importantly, we reminded each other that we are not alone. We are all working toward the same

goal — making our communities better places to live, work, and raise a family. Only united can we hope to build a more prosperous and just Bulgaria for all. Together we do shine brighter. For those wishing to catch up, our Facebook page features video recordings and a photo gallery from the June 14 event. This newsletter is your guide to the goings-on in the America for Bulgaria Foundation

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Honoring Marshall Lee Miller



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Ambassador Mustafa said.

ABF Forum Highlights

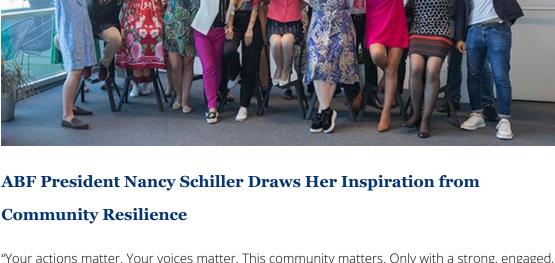


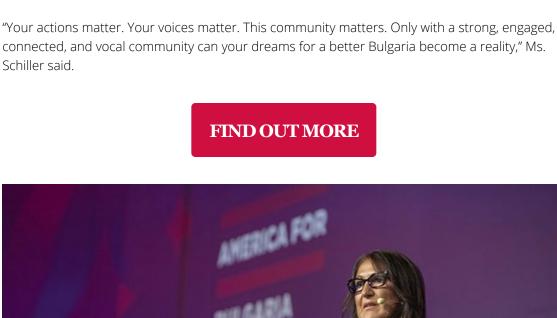
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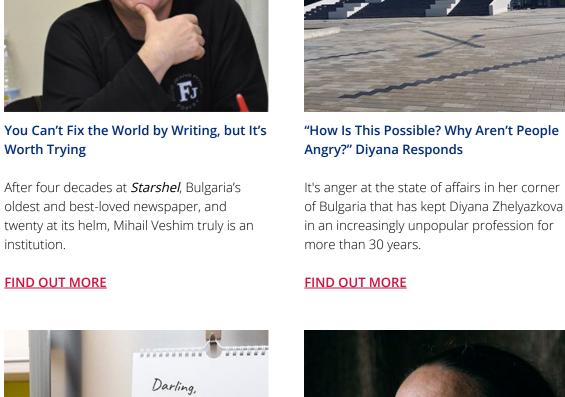
Desislava Taliokova: Light Should Not Blind us for a Coming Storm

ABF Executive Director Desislava Taliokova closed the forum with poet Blaga Dimitrova's words: "There is light above the clouds. The most direct path to the light, the only one, is through the

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clouds." Overcoming the storm requires confronting it.

We Shine Brighter Thanks to Them





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career move: she packed up her life in Sofia

region of Mezdra, in northwestern Bulgaria.

and moved to Lyutibrod, a small village in the

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