



Dear Friends,

In the month we celebrate March 8, International Women's Day, we honor female achievement in Bulgaria. You will hear from Zdravka Evtimova and Angela Rodel, who helped place Bulgaria on the global literary map, and from six other inspiring women who have chosen a life of service to their fellow citizens. Whether they ensure that every child in Bulgaria gets an education, keep government accountable for its actions, or help communities unite around their shared heritage, their efforts all build up to the same goal — a more prosperous, inclusive, and just Bulgaria for all.

And because preserving and promoting Bulgaria's heritage is an important part of the America for Bulgaria Foundation's work, this week we launched a new request for proposals for the makeover of the Ivan Vazov House Museum in Sopot.

The stories below are worth every minute of your time.

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Literary ambassadors



It Is Really Important to Hear Voices from Bulgaria & Eastern Europe

Angela Rodel has spent two decades conveying to English speakers the inverted structures, playful rhymes, and other idiosyncrasies of modern Bulgarian and acquainting the West with the country's legacy.

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Zdravka Evtimova: Hope Is the First Step on the Road to High Achievement

Zdravka Evtimova's short stories and novels have been published in more than 30 countries, are taught in schools in Europe and North America, and have received numerous national and international awards.

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The family home of the Patriarch of Bulgarian literature, Ivan Vazov, is getting a makeover! A new request for proposals of the Ivan Vazov House Museum – Sopot, Sopot Municipality, and the America for Bulgaria Foundation is looking to transform the museum visitor experience. Successful proposals must faithfully recreate the atmosphere of the National Revival era and convey the fascinating story of Bulgaria's literary great and his distinguished family using modern artistic and technological means.

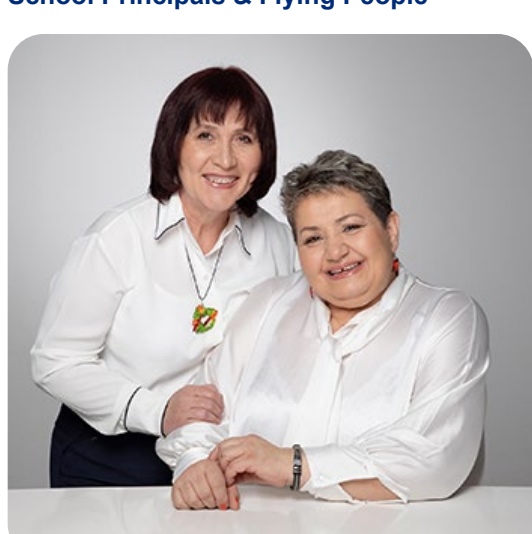
Did you know? A female heroine may be the Patriarch's most iconic character. Visitors to the remodeled museum will discover what inspired Ivan Vazov to create Baba Ilytsa and his other compelling female characters, and much, much more.

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She rocks!

We partnered with Bulgarian lifestyle magazine *EVA* to present female leaders from the Bulgarian nonprofit and public sectors. The result was *EVA's Optimistic Issue: 15 Stories of Success*. We feature a sample of these women's powerful stories here. Photos by Kostadin Krastev-Koko.

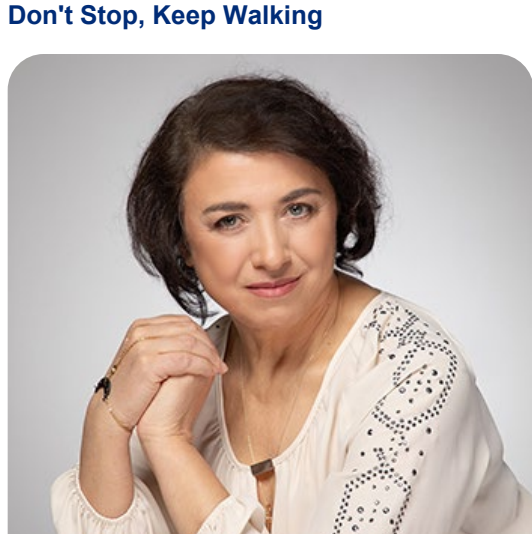
Lena Parova and Dora Rusinova, School Principals & Flying People



Together Ahead: Radostina Chaprazova Arete Foundation – Bulgaria



Emilia Lisichkova, AGORA Platform: Don't Stop, Keep Walking



Journalist Venelina Popova: "There's Always Light after the Dark"



BILI Lawyer Bilyana Gyaurova-Wegertseder Dares You to Know



Maria Methodieva, Who Proved A Garden Can Work Wonders



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Sending warmest regards,

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