

Winter Newsletter December 2009



who have helped make 2009 an enjoyable and successful year.

GRATITUDE

During these uncertain times, we pause to reflect on the life affirming quality of gratitude. The following notes lightly touch on the many blessings we have seen this year.

- *Provision:* G&A's municipal client base provided the firm with steady work including several significant projects that will continue in 2010.
- *Stability:* Despite the recession, G&A maintained its full complement of staff and benefits.
- → *Compassion:* The employees of G&A have received compassionate care from two big-hearted chaplains assigned to the firm by Marketplace Chaplains USA.
- → *Joy:* The Granthams traveled to Greece, fulfilling Bert's lifelong dream of finding her father's family. A glimpse of the beauty of Greece can be seen on the back page in a sampling of photographs from this trip.



POINTS TO PONDER

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.

~ H. U. Westermayer ~

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven.

~ Johannes A. Gaertner ~

The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.

~ Eric Hoffer ~

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

 $\sim$  William Arthur Ward  $\sim$ 



A Fish Taverna – Gythio



Byzantine Ruins – Mystras



The Roman Agora - Athens



The Caldera - Santorini





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