February may be the shortest month on the calendar, but we’ve managed to fill it with interesting events, outings and meetings. Our newly formed Greek Language and Culture Group had their first meeting on February 8 and the group drew quite a lot of interest from the Neighbors! Their next meeting is scheduled for March 21, at 5:30pm and will take place at the Smith Center’s common area. Also on February 8, we welcomed over 40 guests to the second Celtic Night at the Neighbors! As last year, the guests had a chance to learn more about the traditions of Celtic nations around the world, they tasted typical snacks and foods from Scotland and Ireland and tried to sing popular songs from the Welch and Scottish folklore. Big thank you to Marsha Knoll, the Culture Traditions Interest Group leader, for the enthusiasm and flawless organization of this beloved event! Out and About Interest Group had their first tour of the year to the Harvard Museum of Natural History on February 26. They had a docent guided tour of the amazing Glass Flowers exhibit. The group plans to repeat the visit for all of the members who were not able to join them this time. New tours and outings are also planned for the month of March. Spanish/English Conversation Group is one of the new groups at Harvard Neighbors, but they are becoming very popular too! Check their meetings’ schedule on our website calendar.

Coming Up

Harvard Neighbors’ Spring Celebration is coming on March 29 at 12pm! Check your emails for invitation in a few weeks. We will gather to observe the spring traditions of the world! Like previous years we invite all our members to share their own nation’s spring rituals, customs and cuisine! Come to celebrate Easter, Nowruz, Passover, Saint Patrick’s Day, Japanese spring, Bulgarian folklore traditions and many more! Bring your favorite family dish to share with your Neighbors!
From the Neighbors’ Kitchen

A couple of months ago, our former president, Elizabeth Gray suggested we invite our members to share their favorite recipe with the rest of the Neighbors. We think her idea is fantastic, and we want to hear from you! Do you have a simple, but delicious recipe that your family loves? Email it to us and we will post it on our next newsletter. Today, we want to offer you a recipe from Harvard Faculty Club’s executive chef, Ronaldo Abaquin. Here is his soup suggestion for the chilly winter days.

Chicken Tinola (chicken ginger soup)

**Ingredients:**
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 piece fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 3 pounds whole chicken, cut into pieces and wash
- 14 oz. low sodium chicken broth
- 2 chayote, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces (you can use zucchini)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pc. Long peppers or jalapeno cut in four pcs.
- 1 head bok choy, chopped
- 1/2 pound spinach

**Directions:**
Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat; cook and stir the onion and garlic in the hot oil until fragrant. Quickly stir the ginger and fish sauce into the onion and garlic mixture before adding the chicken; cook together for 5 minutes. Pour the chicken broth over the mixture and cook another 15 minutes. Add the chayote to the mixture and simmer until the chicken is no longer pink in the center, about 10 minutes more. Season with salt and pepper. Add the bok choy, peppers and spinach; cook until the spinach is just wilted, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve hot with steamed jasmine rice. Bon Appetit!

Weekend Ideas

**Frida Kahlo and Arte Popular at MFA**
The MFA’s first exhibition on Frida Kahlo opened on February 27. It tightly focuses on Kahlo’s lasting engagements with arte popular, exploring how her passion for objects such as decorated ceramics, embroidered textiles, children’s toys, and devotional retablo paintings shaped her own artistic practice. A selection of Kahlo’s paintings—including important loans from the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), and the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin—is brought together with representative examples of arte popular. The exhibit is divided into five sections organized by themes. For more details click [here](#).

**ICA Harbor Market**
Local artisans will gather in the spacious, bright lobby of the Institute of Contemporary Art at 25 Harbor Shore Drive, Boston this Saturday from 11am to 4pm for a market tailored to Boston’s wildly creative. Vendors on deck include Red + Wolf Paper Co., FEMMEVIOLET and Noted Candles, among many others. Listen to live music by Spencer Gralla, catch screenings of 2019 Oscar-nominated short films and chow down on a buttery sandwich from Roxy’s Grilled Cheese.

**Farmers Breakfast at Wilson Farm**
On March 9th and 10th from 10:00am to 2:00pm Wilson Farm in Lexington will host its Annual Farmer’s Breakfast sampling event to support Team Wilson Farm for the Pan Mass Challenge. You are invited to hop from table to table and indulge in delicious breakfast items fresh from Wilson Farm as well as many local vendors. There will be gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options too. All beverages will be FREE! Hot Coffee, Pressed Juice, Fresh Squeezed Juice, Hot Chocolate and more. All items will be $1/each (cash only) and tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Around Harvard

**Celebrate Chinese New Year in Harvard Square**
The 13th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration in Harvard Square begins at 12:30pm on Sunday, March 10th in Winthrop Park with the colorful and exciting lion dance, tasty Chinese tidbits and tea samples. Immediately following the dance, the visitors will parade through Harvard Square to the Hong Kong Restaurant at 1238 Massachusetts Avenue. The Hong Kong, a venerable Harvard Square institution since 1954, will welcome the public for an afternoon of food, art and music.

**Bach and Banjo Evening**
Aeronaut Brewing Company, in partnership with Boston Public Broadcaster WGBH invites you to the Pindrop Sessions on March 3rd at 7pm. Enjoy this unique musical pairing of the classical Bach music baroque cellist Shriley Hunt and banjo player Curtis Eller. Click [here](#) for details.