

## AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WAY

Not even a year after the foundation of the cultural-scientific Association “Dimitrie Ghika-Comănești”, the intellectuals of Comănești have proven their ambition in expressing themselves not only within the community but within the entire country and abroad, overcoming the difficulties of the beginning – by publishing a review in which they have given voice to their thoughts and shared their knowledge of broad interest within a welcoming society along with their innovative ideas and creativeness, honoring the memory of their forerunners and spreading inducements for the best in relation with their co-citizens and everyone else.

Actually, it was their determination to open up to the entire world, of having a healthy and educational confrontation and to demonstrate... to others that in Comănești there is thinking, there is a search for answers regarding the difficulties of the present day society and thus powering their efforts towards... COLUMNA.

I have in view the creative effervescence of the distinctive teachers of “Dimitrie Ghika” High School from Comănești, who have dedicated their mission towards shaping the characteristics of the young minds and assuring them a good foundation of general culture and practical aptitudes, these same teachers are also striving towards broadening their knowledge and sharing their science with everyone else.

Honoring the joining of such a creative nucleus, the town administration sustains and takes part in all the main culturally-scientific events, especially the mayor of the town who manages wisely the town, sustaining (financially included, within a reasonable reach) a social life and has an honest living, with all the good faith and responsibility for a healthy coexistence with his respected citizens in civilized conditions.

Even so in Comănești it is considered unperceivable that the meetings between citizens to be absent those that “herald God’s word” – proof that even the existential worries and the new ideas’ effusion of the scholars and their spiritual life can coexist through a full complementarity of the human persona and not through its exclusion.

But maybe the brightest thought of the Comănești citizens is that of sharing such joy through special celebrations (symposiums and scientific

sessions, festivals, urban anniversaries of great personalities related somehow to the community) with colleagues, friends, honor citizens of the city, professors from universities and researchers from different scientific domains.

Through such experiences, meetings, impression and idea exchanges comes out new knowledge, confirming the justification of the directions chosen for the programs of the town and its citizens, the hosts gaining certitude through the appreciation of their praised efforts of “opening up towards the world” while their guests offer some of the insights that guided them through life and towards personal success while benefitting their society as well.

Such mutual “enrichment” will become more and more valuable through content, by publishing the opinions and contributions of those who care about all that happens in Comănești, within the new review COLUMNA, they wish for it... at the beginning of its issue to have a long life, to surmount any difficulties that dare challenge it, to enjoy its success and to repay its initiators and supporters with their rightful feeling of triumph.

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