

MATA MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Maryland American Turkish Association, Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 13th Suleiman Reception
April 25th Annual Meeting

January 1, 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of the Directors of the Maryland American Turkish Association (MATA), we wish everyone a Happy 2010. This year we plan on communicating with you once every two months.

Recent Activities

On October 4th we participated in the Washington DC Turkish Festival. Although we enjoyed the Festival, our location and our exposure was not as good as previous years. Based on our experience, we are not sure if we will participate next year. We would like to hear from those of you who attended the Festival, what do you think?



Cathy Suleiman with Doug and Gulbin Swartzendruber at Turkish Festival in DC

Picnic at the Swartzendrubers!

October 14th found us at the MATA picnic in Severna Park, this time at the home of Doug and Gulbin.



The weather was sunny, and cool enough for everyone to have a great time. In addition to meeting old and new friends, the highlight of the day was the "Testi Kebab" !



Remembering Ataturk

On November 8th MATA commemorated Ataturk's memory by hosting a film festival honoring him.



Cocktail Reception February 13th

Our first planned event for 2010 will be a reception hosted by the Suleimans at their home in Laurel, MD. Special guests will be representatives from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Space is limited, so if you plan on coming, please RSVP by email OHSuleiman@comcast.net, or phone 410 813-2702, or contact one of the Directors individually, Orhan Suleiman @ 301.796.1471, Timur Edib @ 301.251.8830, Kent Drummond @ 410.381.6410; Doug or Gulbin Swartzendruber @ 410.544.2227 or Ozcan Mustafa @ 301 490-4288. This event is free, but we will accept voluntary donations.

General Meeting April 25th

The annual meeting is tentatively planned for Sunday, April 25th, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM.

Community News

If you have any news you would like to share with us, drop us a line (OHSuleiman@comcast.net or call 301 796-1471).

This past year Orhan Suleiman became a grandfather twice, Avery was born to daughter Feray (April 29th) and Leyla was born to Yildiz (Dec 5th). Mothers, daughters and husbands doing fine.

Condolences We were saddened to learn of the passing away of Hasan Erman, past president of MATA during its early years, we extend his family our condolences.

Cemetery Plots MATA has Turkish cemetery plots in Laurel. If you are interested in purchasing one of these plots, please contact any Director.

A Little Bit About MATA?

We are a secular community organization focused on introducing and sharing Turkish culture with all Americans. Dating back to the 1960s, incorporated in 1967, we have an accomplished past and a promising future. We have a solid financial foundation, own 2.3 acres of land strategically located between Washington, DC, Annapolis, and the Baltimore area, hoping to build a community center. We always seek interested volunteers, please join us!

MATA MEMBERSHIP DUES:

If you haven't sent in your 2010 dues, please do so. See the application below. We need your support!!

-----Membership Application (1-2010)-----

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr _____

Address: _____

Street-city-state-zip

Email: _____@_____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

**DUES ARE \$40 (Family); \$25 (Individual); \$10 (Student). Please make check payable to : MATA
Mail to: MATA, PO Box 762, Columbia, MD 21045**

PLEASE CUT AND MAIL BACK WITH YOUR CHECK

DUES \$ _____ DONATION \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

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