

MATA MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Maryland American Turkish Association, Inc.

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Yeni seneniz kutlu olsun! Happy New Year. We begin 2011 realizing we completed a very busy year. We especially owe a tremendous thanks to both Gulbin and Doug Swartzendruber for their energy this past year.

October 3, 2010 DC Turkish Festival

We participated in the DC Turkish Festival on October 3rd with Turkish & American flags, Turkish t-shirts, information and enthusiasm. Every one enjoyed great food, great music, great dancing and ladies, great shopping.



**Doug Swartzendruber and Kent Drummond
at DC Turkish Festival**



**Ayla Drummond manning the MATA table
At DC Turkish Festival**

October 10, 2010 MATA Picnic in Annapolis

The following week, October 10th, was a glorious day and we gathered for a very nice picnic at Jonas State Park on the water in Annapolis. Several families took advantage of the location to bring their grandchildren and go fishing! Many thanks to Turkshish of Columbia for providing great doner. The baklava was fantastic.



Members and guests at MATA picnic in Annapolis.



Doner provided by Turkshish of Columbia, MD

MATA receives State of Maryland proclamation in recognition of Turkish Republic Day



Turkish Language Classes-
Howard Community College
(see below)

Community News

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (KKTC)

News

Buket Kop has returned to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus after a four year tour in the DC office of the TRNC. We will miss her.

Hilmi Akil, the recent TRNC representative in Washington DC, and his wife, Emine, have been reassigned to the New York delegation. We wish them good luck in their new assignment. We welcome Dilek Yavuz Yanik as the new TRNC Representative along with her husband Okan Yanik.



Ozcan, Orhan, Hilmi, Emine, and Neshe at TRNC Reception

We want to congratulate **Mine and Arif Yetiskul** of Ellicott City for the recent marriage of their lovely daughter, Demet, to Stephen Cress of Ellicott City. The couple, married on a waterfront setting in Cambridge, Maryland, later honeymooned in Lisbon, Barcelona, and Paris. Congratulations to the newlyweds!



The bride on the dance floor!

Congratulations to SPC Murat O. Suleiman on completing his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia in October. He will be finishing his advanced training at Fort Gordon, Georgia this spring.

Condolences

On a sad note, MATA extends our condolences to several families who recently lost loved ones.

Nilufer Ramadan of Cockeysville, Maryland passed away July 29th after a long illness. She was 82 years arrived in the U.S. in 1954 from Cyprus. She is survived by her husband Cemal, her sister Neshe Mustafa and 3 brothers. She leaves two daughters, five grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Dr. Fulya Nuri, a pediatrician and reproductive endocrinologist passed away from cancer. She was 68 years old. She is survived by her husband Sengun, four children, Yesim, Murat, Nilgun, Sedef, and seven grandchildren. She was a graduate of Istanbul University and Cagaloglu Anadolu Kiz Lisesi.

M Orhan Tarhan, a retired chemical engineer from Bethel Steel died Sept 27th, 2010, in Rockville, MD. He is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Burran Tarhan; his children, Kemal Hayri Tarhan, Sr. (Bonnie Perugini) and Leyla Kazaz (Harun); grandchildren, Kemal Hayri Tarhan, Jr. (Monica Mosser), Nuket Bortz (Glenn) and Erin Kazaz; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Gunes Akbil; and several nieces and nephews, including Sumru Inal (Ahmet).

Dr. Mustafa Onal, 81, of Pasadena, died November 20th at his home. A founding member of MATA, he is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ruveyde; three sons, Huseyin, Korkut, and Mert; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His life was dedicated to caring for others as an OB/GYN. He was passionate about skiing and traveled to Vail, Colorado every year to enjoy the trails. He also enjoyed visiting Ocean City, Maryland and spending time with his family.

Dr. Avni Orer of Baltimore, retired doctor and sailor passed away Saturday November 20, 2010, three weeks before his 89th birthday. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Melda and his daughter, Meyla. He leaves behind his daughter, Meltem Akbasli and two grandsons, Tayfun and Alp Akbasli.

Community Events

If you have any news you would like to share with us, births, deaths, marriages, new business, graduations, promotions, or anything else you think might be of interest or benefit to our readers or community, drop us a line, or visit us on FACEBOOK (Turkish or English). We will continue our work to improve this newsletter and will publish every other month. This is YOUR newsletter.

Howard Community College International Education Week

Cennet Köse, a member of the HCC faculty, sponsored a Turkish Booth for the HCC International Education Week. She learned about MATA by picking up a NEWSLETTER from NAZAR's Produce market in Columbia.



Cennet in Turkish Costume on the left (above) and 2nd from left (below) at HCC International Education Week, with her students.



ENROLL FOR CLASSES IN SPRING 2011

TURK 902-150 (2201) Elementary Turkish II
Monday-Wednesday 5:30 pm-7:20 pm

TURK 910-150 (2210) Intermediate Turkish I
Tuesday-Thursday 5:30 pm-7:20 pm

Registration has already started for these classes...
DON'T BE LATE!

Please contact:

Cennet Köse
Turkish Instructor
English/World Languages Division
ckose@howardcc.edu

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 land which is strategically located in Savage, MD, between Washington, DC, Annapolis, and Baltimore. Our goal is to develop our property to be a focal point that will serve our entire community. We always seek interested volunteers. Please join us!

Turkish Cemetery Plots –

We have 3 cemetery plots remaining from phase 1, phase 2 prices will be based on the prices we will negotiate with Maryland National Memorial Cemetery. However, we will continue to offer inclusive pricing, i.e. one price will include the burial site, concrete liner, opening, closing, and graveside funeral service. The funeral home expenses and casket are not included. For specific information and payment plans please contact Orhan Suleiman at 301 796-1471.

MATA MEMBERSHIP

DUES: 2011 dues are due!

As your organization, there are many things we want to do to create a stronger sense of community, but we need you!! See the application below. We need your support!!

FACEBOOK: Please visit the MATA page at [Maryland American Turkish Association](#) for updates and notices.

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Membership Application (7-2010)

PLEASE COPY AND SHARE WITH A FRIEND. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK FOR A BETTER TURKISH COMMUNITY!!

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr _____

Address: _____

Street-city-state-zip

Email: _____@_____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

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 \$ _____

PLEASE VISIT OUR SPONSOR BUSINESSES

(Tell them you saw their ad in MATA!)

Nazar Produce Market

6955 Oakland Mills Road Columbia, MD 21045
410.290.3464

AY Construction (Ahmet)

Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling
571.723.2412

Cagal & Associates, LLC (CPA Services)

Offices in Bethesda and Rockville, MD
301.493.6738 or 240.314.0714

Kensington Pharmacy

3737 University Blvd W., Kensington, MD 20895
301.933.6165 (Huseyin, Pinar, Zeynep, and Melike Tunc)

Pizza Boli (Bulent)

1450 Ritchie Hwy, Arnold, MD 21012
410.757.7700

Pizza Tempo

1900 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD
301.255.0115

Pizza Tempo

10550 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, MD
301.933.9612

Zella Pizzeria

1143 Hollins St., Baltimore, MD 21223
410.685.6999

Law Office of Timur Edib (Business/Immigration)

200A Monroe St, Ste 115, Rockville, MD 20850
301.251.8830

Nationwide Insurance (All Types in MD, DC, VA)

43480 Yukon Dr., Ste 215, Ashburn, VA 20147
800.338.4406 (Berker Hazar, MBA)

Petek Donmez, MD, P.C. (General Practice)

6224 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852
301.230.1895

Pizza Boli (Bulent)

1450 Ritchie Hwy, Arnold, MD 21012
410.757.7700

Gelico Pizzeria and Café

757 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

Slice of Rockville (Dide Summerlin)

1111 Nelson Street, Rockville, MD 20850
301.424.0707

Saydam Electronics Service (Akin Saydam)

5284 Corncockle Ct, Columbia, MD 21045
410.730.7088

Turkish Kebap House, 10840 Little Patuxent Pkwy,
Columbia, MD 410 730-7900.

Turkish American Community Center and Mosque

9704 Good Luck Road
Lanham, Maryland
Imam Cahid Kara
301 221-4557