

# MATA MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Maryland American Turkish Association, Inc.

Wishing Everyone a  
Wonderful Summer

No events planned until the  
Fall

July 1, 2010

## President's Message

Back in the saddle again, it is with excitement and some hesitation I serve another term as president. I enjoyed the time off, and especially want to thank Timur Edib for successfully completing his term as president. Timur injected a level of excitement and vision during his term that I appreciated, and he will remain actively involved with the Board of Directors. I also want to thank Gulbin Swartzendruber and her husband Doug for serving MATA. Gulbin has one of the highest levels of energy I've ever experienced, we all appreciate her efforts on behalf of our community. I also want to thank Kent Drummond, who continues to faithfully serve on the Board as our treasurer, as well as Ozcan Mustafa, whose steadfast support to MATA over the years I find essential. I thank all of these individuals for their dedicated and unselfish contributions and look forward to working with everyone as we move forward.

Orhan H Suleiman  
President (2010 – 2012)

## Cocktail Reception Success!

MATA's May 8<sup>th</sup> reception honoring His Excellency Hilmi Akil and his lovely wife Emine, along with Buket Kop and newly arrived Mustafa Tunc, as the official representatives of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, was a success. The original gathering was postponed from its original date because of the record snowfalls this past winter, but this time the weather was more accommodating. Special thanks to the Suleiman's for graciously hosting this event.



H.E. Hilmi Akil and Board Member Ozcan Mustafa discussing current events.



Neshe Mustafa, Emine Akil, Nadir Omer, and Buket Kop



Mustafa Tunc, Cathy Suleiman, and Buket Kop.

## BUILDING OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY

MATA has been serving the Maryland community for over forty years. As part of our mission is to promote strong ties between the Turkish and American communities we believe highlighting our business community is an important part of this effort. So if you know if any business in Maryland that has any relationship with Turks, friends of Turks, or Turkey please let us know so we can share it with others. With that said, we wanted to let you in on a little secret.

Pizza Pizza Pizza!! Who said pizza was Italian?! Did you know that four of the pizzeria's in Rockville are owned by Turks! There is also Zella's Pizzeria in Baltimore, and Pizza Boli (a sponsor of this newsletter) in Arnold, Maryland. If there are other Pizzeria's in Maryland owned by Turks or friends of Turks please let us know so we can add them to our growing list of businesses in Maryland serving the Turkish-American community.

Pizza Tempo with two locations in the Rockville area makes fabulous lahmacun and pide. Slice of Rockville, right off of exit 6A of I-270 (and two doors down from Lezzet Market) is owned by our hometown girl, Dide Summerlin. Zella's Pizza located in downtown Baltimore is a place you can show off Turkish hospitality to your friends. Pizza Boli has been a great sponsor of MATA, and we encourage you to visit all of our sponsors and businesses listed in this newsletter.

Gelico Pizzeria and Café  
757 Hungerford Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850

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

Slice of Rockville (Dide Summerlin)  
1111 Nelson Street  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301.424.0707

Zella Pizzeria  
1143 HOLLINS ST  
BALTIMORE, MD 21223  
410.685.6999

## MATA MEMBERSHIP

DUES: As your organization, there are many things we want to do to create a stronger sense of community, but we need you!! If you haven't sent in your 2010 dues, please do so. See the application below. We need your support!!

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

## **Annual Meeting + Children's Day Celebration- April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Annual Meeting and Children's Day Celebration were to be held together April 25<sup>th</sup>. Due to rainy weather the Childrens' Day event was rescheduled for the following week, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

The annual meeting was held as scheduled. The newly elected members of the Board are:

Orhan Suleiman - President  
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Doug Swartzendruber Vice-president  
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443 534-9490

Timur Edib - Secretary and Past-president  
[avukat@aol.com](mailto:avukat@aol.com)  
301.251.8830

Kent Drummond - Treasurer  
[akdrummond@msn.com](mailto:akdrummond@msn.com)  
410 381-6410

Ozcan Mustafa - Director at large.  
301 490-4288

Gulbin Swartzendruber- Social Director  
[gulbinswartz@yahoo.com](mailto:gulbinswartz@yahoo.com)  
410 544-2227

## **Community Events**

**If you have any news you would like to share with us, (births, deaths, marriages, new business, graduations, promotions) drop us a line, or visit us on FACEBOOK.**

**PLEASE submit comments, articles, news, events, or anything else (Turkish or English) you think will be a benefit to the our readership and community. We will continue our work to improve this newsletter and will publish every other month. This is YOUR newsletter.**

The MATA Board would like to give a special thanks to **Nazar Produce Market** of Columbia Maryland for donating Childrens' Gift Packs for the Childrens' Day Celebration. We urge you to visit them along with other merchants.



**Nazar Grocery – Columbia, MD**



## **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 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!

**Family Cemetery Plots** – Several years back the MATA Board became concerned about the family stress our members were experiencing with the death of loved ones. Our community has the added stress of not only making funeral arrangements but also deciding what country will be the final resting place and proper religious rituals. To help we purchased 75 plots in a section in the National Cemetery located in Laurel, Maryland for our Muslim members at a significant discount. We strongly urge all of our readership to act proactively. Please contact Orhan Suleiman for additional information. Paid MATA members will receive additional discounts.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**October 3, 2010:** Please join us at the **Annual ATA-DC Turkish Festival**. Once again, MATA is happy to be a sponsor to the Festival. This year we are planning to give t-shirts in exchange for donations to MATA. We have 3 designs to select from, and for a tax deductible donation of as little as \$10 we will be giving away the Turkish T-shirts.

**October 10, 2010 Annual MATA Picnic in Annapolis**



This year we will enjoy a family picnic day at Jonas Green Park. Look updates in the next newsletter, at the festival or on Facebook.

## **November means ATLANTIC CITY**

We are planning a bus trip before the holiday season to Atlantic City. Tentative date is November 13, 2010. If you are interested mark your calendar and send us an email or message us on facebook. If we can get 30 confirmations we will reserve the bus.

## 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)

#### **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

#### **Saydam Electronics Service (Akin Saydam)**

5284 Corncockle Ct, Columbia, MD 21045  
410.730.7088

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