

# Maryland American Turkish Association, Inc

March 10, 2006

**URGENT - Atlantic City casino Bus Trip:** Last fall 25 MATA friends and members chartered a bus trip to Atlantic City. The trip was so successful that another trip has been scheduled for this SUNDAY, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave the Columbia Mall near the JC Penney department store at 9:30 and return 9:30 that evening. We will be visiting The Sands Casino, cost will be \$30 for members. \$35 for non-members. Each person will receive \$22 credit in casino chips. For more information or reservations please contact **Ozcan Mustafa** (410 792-8966), **Timur Edib** (301 251-8830), or **Orhan Suleiman** (301 604-3212).

**Sympathies:** As spring reminds us of new beginnings, winter was especially harsh for some of our members. We offer our sympathy and condolences to **Orhan Suleiman** and his family, whose mother, Faize Suleiman, passed away in her sleep last November. She is survived by her husband, Hussein, son Orhan, daughter Dunay, and 5 grandchildren. She was buried in the first of MATA's cemetery plots. Ironically the week of her funeral, a long time member and supporter of MATA, **Dr Ilhan Mutlu** also passed away after a long bout with cancer. He is survived by his wife **Gokhan**, and 2 daughters, **Asli** and **Elvan**. Dr Mutlu was buried in Bodrum, Turkey. In December a third old time MATA member, **Gary Russell**, also passed away after fighting cancer for many years. He is survived by his wife **Servet**, 2 children Susan and Charlie, and 3 grandchildren. He also was buried in Maryland National Memorial Park in Laurel.

Last year MATA purchased 25 **cemetery plots located in the Muslim section of the Maryland National Memorial Park (Laurel, Maryland)**. Maryland National has recently expanded the Muslim section of the cemetery, and MATA was able to purchase an additional 52 plots. If you are interested in purchasing any of these plots, with optional funeral services, please notify one of the board of directors and we will get back to you. MATA is currently selling these plots for \$1000 to members, while the same plot, purchased from the cemetery itself will cost you \$1499. MATA also has 5 sets of concrete vaults and grave-side services, at a discount for MATA members. The next 5 plots with concrete vault and grave-side services can each be purchased by MATA members for a combined price of \$2500. The retail value is ~ \$4600. After these 5 plots are sold, MATA will purchase another set of 10 concrete vaults and grave-side services, unfortunately the price of these have recently been increased.

**General Meeting and Dues:** This year's annual meeting will be held in Ozcan Mustafa's home (8351 Sweet Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20723) on SUNDAY April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. **Finally, please don't forget to pay your 2006 dues.** We apologize for soliciting these dues so late this year.

-----  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help on \_\_\_\_\_, please contact me.

**2006 dues: \$40 Family, \$25 individual, \$10 student. Mail to MATA, PO Box 762, Columbia, MD 21045.**