

MATA MATTERS

Official Newsletter of the Maryland American Turkish Association, Inc.

March 1, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 27th Wizards v. Jazz
April 25th Annual Meeting
May 8th Suleiman Reception

US Census and the “SayTurk” Campaign Make sure you are counted!

This Census year, under the leadership of the ATAA, we are working to make sure that every Turk in America is counted as a “Turk.” On March 1st every household in the United States will receive a Census Form, and it is asked that everyone with Turkish ancestry make sure that under the “Race/Ethnicity” question, you write “Turk.” This is important demographic information that will be factored in how federal funds will be distributed for the next 10 years. During past census counts Turks have answered as if they were living in Turkey with answers ranging from: Caucasian, anadolu, karadeniz, akdeniz, etc. The Asian community learned this years ago, and now instead of splitting up their numbers they have learned that no matter if they are Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or any other nationality, they have more political power in America as the group “Asian.” So we ask that no matter what your Turkic ethnicity please “Say Turk!” this Census!

Cocktail Reception May 8th

Honoring the Honorable Hilmi and Emine Akil and staff of the Office of the Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Due to Record Snow Falls, our first planned event for 2010 was rescheduled. The reception will be hosted by the Suleimans at their home in Laurel, MD.

Space is limited! If you plan on attending, 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 for address and directions. This event is free, but we will accept voluntary donations.

MATA MEMBERSHIP

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

FACEBOOK: Please Sign up for the MATA page at Maryland American Turkish Association

Annual General Meeting and

Annual Meeting + Children's Day Celebration- April 25th

The annual meeting will be held together with a Celebration in honor of Turkish Children's Day. Meeting will be held at the Kinder Farm Park in Millersville, MD (10 miles North of Annapolis) on Sunday April 25th, 2010.

Address: 1001 Kinder Farm Park Road

Millersville, MD 21108-1706. For more site information call (410) 222-6115, or (410) 222-6115

No alcoholic beverages.

http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/General_Information.htm

Annual Meeting begins at 1:00pm.

Family Picnic Gathering from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. It will be a Bring Your Own Food Potluck. We will provide grills and soda (no alcohol allowed) and activities for the children.

Please contact us to confirm. Updates and Info on FACEBOOK (Maryland American Turkish Association)

RSVP Gulbin 410.544.2227 or email

gulbinswartz@yahoo.com

Community Events

3/27 Washington Wizards vs. Utah Jazz (Mehmet Okur in action) Sections 413-421, 400-404, & 430-433: \$24 per ticket (Face valued at \$48), All other 400 Level Seats are only \$20 per ticket!!! Wear your Red and let's join ATA-DC for a fun night in DC!! We need 15 people to get the group rate. Contact Any Board Member to RSVP.

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

Family Plots Cemetery plots for the Turkish community in Laurel. If interested, please contact any MATA Director. MATA members receive special discounts.

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 a community center. We always seek interested volunteers. Please join us!

-----**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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