

MATA MATTERS

An Official Newsletter of the Maryland American Turkish Association, Inc.

October 18, 2008

MATA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Doug Swartzendruber has been nominated and selected to the Board of Directors as our Secretary. Doug joins President Timur Edib; Past President Ozcan Mustafa; Vice-President Orhan Suleiman; and Treasurer Kent Drummond. The Board still has two vacancies for the At-Large Director positions. If interested in serving on the Board please contact us.

Like many other organizations, MATA has purchased a total of 75 cemetery plots for the community in the Muslim section of the Maryland National Memorial Park (Laurel, Maryland), not far from the Turkish American Community Center and mosque. If you are interested in purchasing plots for yourself or family, or learning more about it, please contact Orhan Suleiman for additional information.

Atlantic City Trip Scheduled for January

SUNDAY DAY TRIP

Please Mark Your Calendars and tell your friends. We are planning another day trip to Atlantic City for January 11th. We have tentatively reserved a bus that holds 47 people, leaving and returning to Columbia Mall. The Bus will leave the DC area around 9:00am and return by 9:00pm. Tickets for the bus will be \$40 per person. The hotel will be giving \$20 for gambling, and \$5 voucher for meals.

For Reservations for the Atlantic City: Mail your check to MATA at: PO Box 762, Columbia, MD

21045, or Pease Call:

Timur Edib	301.251.8830
Ozcan Mustafa	301. 490.4288
Orhan Suleiman	301.796.1471
Kent Drummond	410.381.6410
Doug Swartzendruber	410.544.2227

MATA GROWING STRONGER

We started 2008 with our first event being attended by over 50 supporters at a meet and greet held at the Cazbar Restaurant, located in downtown Baltimore. Our most recent MATA event, was our Fall Picnic hosted by Gulbin and Doug Swartzendruber in Severna Park, MD. We are excited to say we saw many new faces and had over 90 people in attendance. We look forward to your continued support and hope you send in your 2009 membership today! We have a lot more things planned, and can only move forward with your help and support.

TURKISH REPUBLIC DAY BALL Washington, DC

MATA reminds its members of ATA-DC's Republic Day Ball to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Turkey. You won't want to miss this special evening of memories and entertainment.

Place: Holiday Inn, Georgetown 2101 Wisconsin Ave. NW Washington DC

Date/Time: Saturday, November 1st, 2008 at 7:00pm

Reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Due to limited space please make your reservation early. Tickets are \$85 for members, and \$100 for non-members. To make a reservation, e-mail republicday@atadc.org, or call 1-888-ATADC-FOR-U (1-888-282-3236). To buy your ticket please visit the ATA-DC webpage www.atadc.org or write a check to ATA-DC and send by mail before October 25, 2008 to the address below:

ATA-DC Republic Day Ball
1526 18th St. NW
Washington, DC 20036

MATA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ @ _____ Day Phone () _____ - _____

I would like to help on _____, please contact me.

I would like MATA to do the following programs or activities: _____

2008 dues (Please Circle): \$40 Family, \$25 Individual, \$10 Student. Mail to MATA, PO Box 762, Columbia, MD 21045.

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