

## TURKISH CHALLENGE CONTINUES

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As most of you know by now there is a \$25000 challenge grant for the formation of a Turkish Studies Endowment Fund at the University of Washington. This means every dollar the Turkish American community contributes to this fund will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25000 until the end of June. Let us not miss this opportunity to make use of every penny in this challenge grant. Please follow the directions in the link provided below or simply write a check to the University of Washington with a note "Turkish Studies Endowment Fund" on your check and send it to TACA. We'll take care of the rest. Your contributions are 100% tax deductible. Please contact us if you have any questions (tacawaboard@yahoogroups.com)

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### Turkey Eases Restrictions on Gaining Citizenship

Parliament has also made it easier for Turks who have lost their citizenship due to their not residing in Turkey to become citizens again.

April 4— The Turkish parliament on Thursday amended the country's citizenship laws, making it easier for foreigners to become Turkish citizens.

Those foreigners who are married to Turkish citizens will be able to become citizens of the Turkish Republic three years after their marriage. Citizenship is conditional on the continuity

of the marriage.

Previously, under Turkish law it was much harder for male foreigners to obtain Turkish citizenship through marriage. This has now been standardised.

In addition, under the new law, without discriminating whether the father or mother a child of the marriage was a foreigner, the children of international marriages would be granted Turkish citizenship.

### Acik Hava Sinemasi

Acik Hava Turk Sinemasi cok eglenceli gecdi. Kemal Sunal, Metin Akpinar, Meltem Cumbul ve Rafet Elroman'in basrollerini oynayip Sinan Cetin'in yonettigi Propoganda adli filimde, hepimiz memleketimizden ve insanimizdan guzellikler bulup gulduk. En guzeli ise aramiza yepyeni Turklerin ve Turkce ogrenmekte olan Amerikalilarin katilmasi oldu. Toplam 39 kisi geldifilim seyretmeye Elif Lee'nin evine. Sevenlere taze guller, mis kokulu lavantalar, patlamis misir ve limonatalar satildi. Nazik popolara minderler kiranlandi. Suat'in temin ettigi cadir gecenin ilerleyen saatlerinde hepimizi sicak tuttu. Gecenin en eglenceli kismi 10 dakikalik aradaydi. Ihtiyac molasinda kucuk 50 cent, buyuk 1 dolardi tuvalet kagidi ise muduriyetin ikramiydi. Sunduz teyzenin baklavalarina doyum olmad. Gecenin sonunda TACAWA'ya yapilan bagislardan toplam \$352 toplandi. Gece sabah 1'de sona erdi.



Bir daha ki program Kahpe Bizans, yer ayni, zaman Temmuz'un sonunda birgun, bizi izlemeye devam edin!!!! ve Unutmayin sadece 50 kisilik yerimiz var, rezervasyonunuzu simdiden yapin ve bu sefer kacirmayin.

Katilanlara cok tesekkur ederiz,

Muduriyet



## Ulusal Egemenlik ve Çocuk Bayramı

On april 27th, the Seattle area Turkish American community got together to commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the opening of the Turkish National Assembly designated as "Ulusal Egemenlik ve Çocuk Bayramı" and 24th Anniversary of the designation of this day by UNESCO as International Children's Day.

Thanks to efforts of Elif and Isik the room was arranged at the University of Washington for this fun event. The gathering started with the transformation of the classroom into a classroom from a Turkish elementary school celebrating "23 Nisan" with decorations, balloons, words of wisdom from Atatürk and wonderful food cooked by the parents of children present. Once the room was just right the ceremonies started with a short speech by the TACA president explaining the significance of the day. Then Prof. Selim Kuru got the children read poems that related to the significance of the day, some children recited poems from memory impressing the audience. Then the parents were given a chance to read poems selected by Prof. Kuru and awarded gifts just like the real children. I'm keeping my soft soccer ball. The second activity of the day was a drawing/painting contest conducted by Didem. Didem inspired the children in such a way that all children present seemed to join in the drawing and the products of their efforts were quite impressive. The next generation seems to be very creative and have a profound understanding of 23 Nisan as that was the theme of their pictures.

The picture contest was concluded with awards to the artists which were followed by the drawing for a future president and his vision for the future. That was soon followed by the entrance of the clown. I'd like to thank Sevgi for arranging such a cute and fun clown who took the next hour



to entertain the children both indoors and out with many games and activities which gave a chance to the adults to much on the great food and tea.

I would like to thank all who attended and made this event a success. I would like to single out Ali Duman for getting there early and starting the decorations. Many thanks to Didem and Selim not only for conducting most of the activities but also helping the decoration of the room with children and parents. Special thanks to Fatma Atesoglu for driving in the tea and past decorations from the eastside. Thanks to Fatma Sahin for her choice of wonderful presents for the children and sending her parents to represent them although she was out of town. Thanks also to Elif Andac who made sure everything took place smoothly even though she had to it remotely. Thanks also to Tamer kirac who not only provided us with digital video tapes to film the event but also for helping take down the decorations with Ali and myself.

Akif Ozbek

Pasha Grill, Turk ve Akdeniz mutfaginin en lezzetli yemeklerini

Redmond Town Center'da sizlere sunuyor (9 am to 8 pm). Ozenle hazirlanmis, son derece uygun fiyatlarla sunulan menude Iskender Donerden, Adana kebaba, mucverden mercimek corbasina, kasarli-sucuklu tosttan tutun da tereyagli pilavina kadar bircok cesit bulunmaktadir.

## **PASHA GRILL IS OPEN!**

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### **TACA BOAT TOUR is back!**

This great and fun-filled tour is back due to many request from our membership. The boat has an open deck and also covered areas for all weather conditions. Turkish Music, tea, and dinner will be provided by TACA and are all included in the price. Please make your reservations by e-mailing [tacawaboard@yahoo.com](mailto:tacawaboard@yahoo.com), or by calling Sevim Basoglu at (425)481.0485.



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### 3rd Annual Ataturk Bike Ride and Picnic

18 Mayıs günü, yine güzel havanın da yardımıyla eğlenceli ve bol köfteli bir piknik yaşadık. 19 Mayıs Atatürk'ü Anma, Gençlik ve Spor Bayramı'nı, kendi aramızda bir gün önceden kutlamış olduk. İstiklal Marşı sırasında gururlanıp da gözleri yaşaran insanlara şahit olduk.

Günün anlamına yakışır bir biçimde artık klasikleşen voleybol ve de Sammamish Gölü etrafındaki bisiklet turu ile günün tadını daha da iyi çıkardık. Bisiklet turu bir yarışma değildi, bu yüzden katılımcıların hepsini tek tek kutlamak isteriz. Daha sonraki saatlerde yapılan tavlama turnuvası da Mehmet Uysal beyin şampiyonluğuyla sonuçlandı. Kendisini yeniden kutlarız.

Buna ya da daha önceki pikniklere katılanların da farketmiş olacağı gibi, bu gibi aktivitelere katılım ne kadar çok olursa, o kadar güzel oluyor. Bu piknik sırasında aramıza yeni katılan birkaç kişiye



hoşgeldiniz deme fırsatı da bulduk.

Biliyoruz ki uzun süredir, ya da sadece birkaç aydır burada olan, ancak hala hiç aramızda göremediğimiz arkadaşlarımız var. Bundan sonraki aktivitelerimizde onların da katılımını görmekten mutlu olacağız. Bu gibi ortamların biraraya gelmek, yeni insanlar tanımak ve özellikle çocuklarımız için Türkçe konuşan insanlar arasında bulunmak ve biraz da olsa kültürümüzü anlamak amacıyla çok önemli olduğuna inanıyoruz. Her seferinde yeni yüzler, katılımcılar görmek dileğiyle, bir sonraki aktivitede görüşmek üzere.

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On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with the help of a beautiful day, we all enjoyed a picnic and had a lot of koftes and fun. We had the chance to celebrate May 19<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Commemoration of Ataturk & Youth and Sports among each other, on this sunny day. We saw eyes filled with tears, while all the 150+ people were singing our national anthem in one sound.

We enjoyed the day even more while doing the bike tour around Lake Sammamish or playing volleyball, or

by just watching the players or waiting for the bikers to return to the picnic area after the long tour. The bike tour was not a race, so we'd like to congratulate all those that participated.

As those who have joined us in this or other picnics might have realized, too, the more the number of participants are, the more is the amount of fun. In addition to the regulars, during this past picnic, we had the chance to welcome some newcomers, too. We wish them a pleasant life in Seattle. On the other hand, we also realize and know that there are quite a few of those who don't join us in any of these activities. We'd like to state our wish to see everyone in our events. We believe that these events are a chance to meet new people, get to know each other and to provide a Turkish-speaking environment where we can participate in our own cultural environment, something especially important for our kids.

We wish to see all these new faces in the upcoming activities.

