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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Hakan Senkal resigned from the Board on 1/11/96. He is opening a restaurant and is very busy. We wish him the best and thank him for the contributions that he made to TACA.

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**Message from the Board**

We have started the new year full of energy and expectations. We had a very nice new year's party and we were glad to see such strong support from our community. More than 150 members and friends attended.

We had our sixth board meeting, based on the inputs we get from our members , we feel that we are marching in the right direction and our membership is getting together again.

We have communicated with the Turkish teachers and students at the University of Washington. We want to keep our ties with the University strong and have joint functions to benefit our community. You will see information of what is going on at the University in this issue of Sesimiz.

We think education is important and we will work to promote education, our culture and heritage.

We are also working to improve or re-establish our ties with other ethnic groups in Northwest.

We would like to hear feedback from our members. If you have any ideas of how and what should get done please call us or write to us. We also welcome our members to attend TACA board meetings. Our next meeting will be at Turkish Delight , at 15th of February at 7PM.

We wish all our members happy and prosperous new year. And we would like to point out that big part of prosperity and happiness comes from getting involved and helping your community.

Join us to make TACA strong in 1996.

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## Turkish at University of Washington

Information By Kağan Ark

Turkish is being taught in the Near Eastern Languages and Civilization department. There are currently first year and second year Turkish courses.

The first year Turkish is being taught by Dr. Kemal Silay who is from Ankara. There are 18 students in the class. He also teaches Turkish Literature, Ottoman Literature, Ottoman Turkish and Islamic Culture courses.

Second year Turkish is taught by Kağan Ark. There are 8 students. They have organized a Turkish Circle which meets once a week. They show Turkish movies, have Turkish food and give talks about Turkey. Guests are welcome to attend the gatherings of the circle.

There are also Kazak and Kirgiz studies groups, an Uzbek Circle and a student association for Inner Asian studies.

More information can be obtained from the department of Near Eastern Languages at 543-6033.

### Turkish Lessons

ASUW Experimental College will have Turkish Lessons taught by Deniz Gökçora (Ph.D). Using a functional and notational approach, this course is designed to teach Turkish language and culture with a communicative method. Equal emphasis will be given to four different language abilities. Course fee is \$80 for the general public and \$50 for UW students. It will be on the UW campus from 4/1/96 to 5/20/96, Monday nights 6-8 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to learn or improve your Turkish language. We recommend the course to all our members and friends.

For more info call Deniz Gökçora at 729-0411

## MUBAREK RAMAZAN AYI

Mubarek Ramazan ayi 21 Ocakta başladı. 20 Şubat'ta Ramazanin son günü. TACA üyelerimize ve arkadaşlarımıza hayirli Ramazan ayi diler.

## SALAAM CULTURAL MUSEUM

There is a movement to establish a cultural museum in Seattle. Its aim is to serve as a resource center. It will provide information and promote understanding of the peoples, cultures, languages, religions and lands of the Middle East and North Africa. It will host exhibits, lectures, films, special workshops and presentations and classes.

The TACA board of directors support this effort fully. We encourage our members to support this effort. We, as different ethnic groups, need a place to promote our cultures and learn more about each other.

The board of Salaam Cultural Museum is looking for representatives from non-Arab countries. If you are interested or you want to know more about this effort, call:

Berly Cheal	292-9377 W
	781-0701 H
Rita Zuwaidah	545-7300 W
	323-3525 H

## KIDS TURKISH CLASSES

TACA is planning on starting Turkish classes for the children. We are fortunate to have a wonderful teacher, Deniz Gökçora. We would like to start the classes as soon as possible.

If you are interested please call:

**Deniz Gökçora: 729-0411 or**  
**Demet Sarikaya 365-8155**

The class will be limited, so call ASAP.

# 1996 MEMBERSHIP TIME

We would like to increase our membership in 1996. Please fill out the following form and send it to us with your dues. If you know a friend who is not receiving Sesimiz or other flyers please make a copy and give it to them. We value your membership. The more members we have the stronger we will be.

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Mail to: TACA , PO Box. 70344 , Seattle, WA 98107

\*\* Note: Membership dues are tax deductible

## CEMIYETİMİZ'DEN HABERLER

- ◆ TACA's new year's party was a big success. We had more than 150 people attending. TACA made about \$1600. The TACA board would like to thank Hakan Senkal for the arrangements , our musicians Okan Altug, Hayri Arman and Erdogan Onat for the wonderful Turkish music and all others who donated for the raffle and all members who attended.
- ◆ Reha Baydar, Tulin Idemen's youngest son, has gone to the university to Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- ◆ Kirgiz'li exchange talebesi, Sancar Ibrahimov, Firuz ailesinde 6 ay kalacak,(1/96 den 7/96 ) . Sancar 17 yasinda ve lise son talebesi. Orta Asya hakkında ogrenmek isteyenler icin , talebe almak iyi bir sey. Ilgilenenler Firuz ailesini 454-9127 de arayin.
- ◆ Müge ve Bülent Nurgun'un Aralik 1995 de yeni bebek kizlari dunyaya geldi. Ismi Seren Nurgun. Tebrik ederiz.
- ◆ Hakan Senkal and Semra Onursal opened Schnitzelbank European Restaurant , Address:7330 Bothellway NE, Bothell, Phone 806-0521. Başarılar diliyoruz.

## SPECIAL OFFER FOR OUR MEMBERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE TURKISH TIMES

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**Write to: The Turkish Times**  
1601 Connecticut Ave. NW #303  
Washington DC 20009  
or Call 202-483-9090

Tell them you are a TACA member. We encourage our members to take advantage of this offer. The Turkish Times is the only Turkish newspaper in the US national level. It deserves and needs our support.

## TACA NEEDS a SPACE

We need a storage space to store TACA's belongings. If anyone has a storage place available ,please call Guner Firuz at 454-9127. This is to save money for TACA in lieu of renting a storage place.

**DELICIOUS DINING**  
by Melissa Firuz

I am happy to report that we now have several excellent choices of TURKISH restaurants to choose from in the Seattle area. Guner and I have lived here for almost 20 years. When we first moved here there were almost no choices for a good Turkish meal at a restaurant! There was the original Turkish Delight opened by the Bozatli's in the Pike street market, and there was a restaurant co-owned by Muazez on University Way.

Now, after all these years we have a large selection of new and established restaurants to go to if we want Turkish food.

The restaurant that has been with us longest is the TURKISH DELIGHT in Pike Place Market. This busy establishment has been owned and operated by Ahmet and Semra Yavuz for many years. When you stop there for a delicious lunch, you will see many people, American and Turk enjoying such things as Döner, Börek, soup, salads, and much more. Don't forget to save room for a desert of the famous Turkish Delight, Baklava or pastries. I especially love such simple pleasures as visne suyu. You can expect a wonderful meal with views of the bustling market and the Seattle waterfront. Their busy city location, and delicious food reminds me of Istanbul.

Semra's sister Songül, also has a lunch shop in Pike Place Market. Her shop, SABRA MIDDLE EASTERN SANDWICH SHOP, has been opened for about 5 years. She makes mostly vegetarian sandwiches and lunches, such as falafel, humus, babaganus, tabouli, kebab, soup and salad.

If you live on the Eastside, you will have many choices for Turkish meals. For those who live in Bellevue, we all know about EBRU at Crossroads mall. The owner Bülent has been in business there for many years. He has been so busy that he had to move across the mall to a larger location where he could cook more delicious food. Try his chicken or his daily specials. I am sure that you will return for more, especially if you go to Crossroads in the evening when there is live free great entertainment. The eating areas are all filled with lots of people enjoying the many choices of food and visiting while they eat and listen to the jazz, blues, swing or country music.

In Kirkland we all know about MEZE. This delectable style restaurant with "the Mediterranean taste" was opened to rave reviews and has continued to be a popular place for the Kirkland crowd. Sedat and Ibrahim's delicious fresh foods will whet your taste buds, and he has many imported items for sale.

For those of you on the west side try a rather new restaurant called EPHEBUS, in West Seattle. This beautiful free standing house is elegantly decorated in a soft Turkish style. I love the butter yellow walls. The owner, Hasan had another pizza restaurant near his new place for years.

His experience and style are well displayed here. He has future plans for out door dining on the patio which has beautiful views of the sound and West Seattle.

In the Greenwood area of Seattle there is a new cafe called KISMET CAFE. The owner Turabi is not new to the Seattle area, but we will enjoy his expansion into the new cafe.

Moving north of Seattle we will find another jewel in our Turkish dining necklace. The SCHNITZELBANK EUROPEAN DINING has long been an area favorite restaurant. The NEW OWNERS Hakan and Semra will add new Turkish flavors to the already extensive European menu. This is another large restaurant where we can gather together. There is seating for over 200, a private party room for up to 70, a cocktail lounge. There will also be a catering business available. Come see the interesting ornately carved wooden decorations and enjoy food and dancing to Turkish music.

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**LECTURE at the UW by Prof. Altan Çilingiroğlu**  
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**Feb. 27, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, 210 Kane Hall, FREE**  
"Worship and Shrines In The Lands of Urartu"  
Mr. Çilingiroğlu specializes in the early Bronze age cultures of Eastern Anatolia as well as Urartian history. He has excavated at Dilkaya mound near Van, at Kalekoy near Elazig. We are fortunate to have him here. We recommend our members to attend.

**News Headlines from Turkey:**

- New parliament opened with oath after a marathon session. But party leaders were no nearer to forming a government after December 1995 election.
- Erbakan assigned to form the government receives cold shoulder from the center right. Tansu Çiller is next trying to form government.
- Turkish foreign investment permits boom in 1995 reaching a high of \$2.938 billion.
- Turkey integrates with European Union(EU). The European Parliament voted to allow customs union between the European Union and Turkey to be effective as January 1,1996. The vote opens the way for Turkey to have one of the most privileged relationships with the 15 nation EU.
- Turkish President, Suleyman Demirel , visited BAKU and encouraged democracy in Azerbaijan.
- Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA) officials visited Turkey and met with the Turkish president and private sector representatives to discuss the US - Turkish relations.

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 We urge  
 all our members  
 to write to CBS  
 and condemn its  
 one sided &  
 biased report  
 against Turkey.  
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## Turkish-Americans Condemn CBS Report

The Turkish Times

On Sunday, Jan. 14, members of the Turkish-American community who have tuned into CBS's 60 Minutes program were shocked by the one-sided segment "An American Dilemma" by Ed Bradley. Bradley posing in front of a Turkish flag on which a scull with a bullet was placed, tried to make the case that Turkish citizens of Kurdish origin were tortured and persecuted with arms provided and supported by U.S. tax dollars.

Allocating air time almost entirely to anti-Turkish claims and interviewing only one Turkish Government representative, Bradley painted a picture of a brutal, undemocratic Turkey in a manner unbecoming of objective journalism.

Interviewing Congressman Porter, a well known adversary of Turkey, Bradley covered Porter's sweeping statements on recent Turkish democratic reforms as "cosmetic changes", and did not provide any details on Turkey's

constitutional reforms toward democratization and the revision of Article 8 of the Anti-terrorism law. In November, about two thirds of the individuals serving sentences for Art. 8 offenses had been released in accordance with the new legislation. These changes were seen as big steps towards further democratization by the US State Department and other Western European governments.

Concerned individuals flooded ATAA and the *Turkish Times* with calls criticizing the biased reporting and urged for a strong reaction. ATAA is contacting CBS to voice objection and request a correction in regard to factual errors made during the program. *The Turkish Times* urges all members of the Turkish-American community and friends of Turks to react strongly against this biased reporting by writing to:

Ed Bradley  
 60 Minutes  
 CBS Television Network  
 524 W. 57th Street  
 New York, NY 10019-2902

## Let Us Do More In 1996

Excerpts from Ambassador Nuzhet Kandemir's Article in Turkish Times January 1, 1996

While it is true that we have accomplished much together in 1995, the New Year offers enormous opportunities to achieve even more. We should also consider the fact that 1996 will also be an election year in the US. This will open up certain opportunities for anti-Turkey lobbies to intensify their misinformation campaign, with the risk of creating tensions in Turkish-American relations. Therefore, the Turkish-American Community must counter such efforts effectively, actively and loudly. Though our community is small in quantity, we certainly have quality on our side. Such anti-Turkey lobbies, who team up with each other on the basis of the old adage "my enemy's enemy is my friend" should be silenced by existence of strong and natural bonds between Turkey and the US, based on the contemporary values, norms and interests we hold in common.

Thus, I am calling on Turks and Turkish-Americans to reach out to friends, neighbors, Representatives and Senators in order to convey the truth about Turkey and to encourage them to visit Turkey. Only through this can we render the misinformation campaign against Turkey ineffective. Let us do all this and more in 1996.

With all this in mind, it is my sincere wish that the New Year will bring health, prosperity, happiness and success to Turkey and the United States, as well as to the Turkish-American community who is the organic bridge between our two countries.

Sincerely,

Nuzhet Kandemir  
 Ambassador

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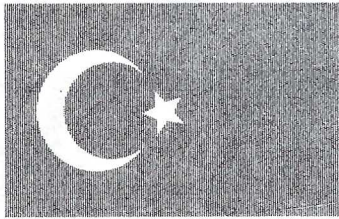
**Date : February 25, Sunday**

**Time: 4 PM**

**Dinner is provided by TACA**

**Please make reservations by February 22**

**Seating will be by reservation only**



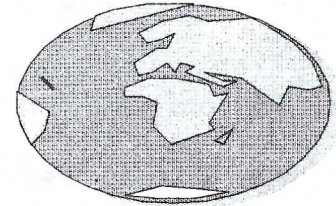
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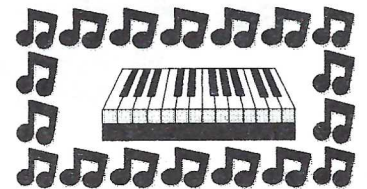
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# CALENDER of EVENTS

- ◆ February 25, Sunday , 4 PM ŞEKER BAYRAMI PARTY at Schinitzelbank European Restaurant
- ◆ February 27, Tuesday , UW Kane hall Rm 210, 7:30PM , Archeological Lecture about Urartu (powerful state in eastern Anatolia) by Professor Altan Çilingirođlu of EGE University
- ◆ March 1, Friday, 12:30-1:30 PM “Central Asian Music Then and Now” at UW Denny Hall 215 , by Students of Department of Near Eastern Lang. and Civilization.
- ◆ March 27, Wednesday, 5:30- 8 PM at UW Kane Hall Walker-Ames room 2nd Floor “Rivers of Blood: Water & Conflict in the Middle East” by Ellis Goldberg of Middle East Center at UW Jackson School of International Studies.
- ◆ April 1 to May 20 , Mondays, 6-8 PM Turkish Lessons for adults at ASUW Experimental College, call Deniz Gökçora 729-0411 for more information or to sign-up.
- ◆ April 19,20,21 World Festival at Northgate. We need your help. Call Şakir Kaymaz 621-9571, Ahmet Yavuz 443-1387 or Zeynep Hyslop 282-8528 for more info.

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