

# Buralarda

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Join the Arkadaşlar Global Reunion and  
the Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary in DC  
September 22-25, 2011

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Photo from Mimi Sanders (T-3) at the last reunion held in June 2002

This issue of Buralarda is devoted to providing information and a registration form for the Arkadaşlar Reunion that will be part of the Peace Corps' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration events to be held in Washington, D.C. from September 22 - 25, 2011. As this issue goes to press, about 290 Arkadaşlar members (and family members) plan to attend. This looks to be a fantastic experience, and we look forward to meeting you there!

We've made arrangements for reduced room rates at the Virginian Suites, 1500 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA, [1-866-371-1446](tel:1-866-371-1446) using [booking code 347373](#), and at the Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Hwy., Arlington, VA, [1-800-228-9290](tel:1-800-228-9290) using [booking code PPPPPA](#).

## Schedule of events:

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> Informal get together with early arrivals. Arkadaşlar registration at the Virginian

Suites, 1500 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA, Rosslyn Metro Stop (Blue or Orange Lines).

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> Morning and early afternoon registration at Virginian Suites. Late afternoon Reception (4:00-6:00 or 4:30-6:30 tbd) for Arkadaşlar at the Turkish Ambassador's Residence (Sheridan Circle & Massachusetts, Ave., NW, in DC). Parking is not available so we will need to take a taxi or take the Metro, DuPont Circle Stop (Red Line) and walk 1/3 mile northwest up Massachusetts Ave. to Ambassador's Residence on Sheridan Circle. Attire is business casual - (men - sport coat & tie, and women - pants suit or dress). Participation is likely to be limited. Admittance will be reserved for the first persons to register.

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Peace Corps Staff Reunion. All RPCVs welcome. (7:00-10:00 PM) A special evening event with Peace Corps Directors from all decades, RPCV current and former Members of Congress and other luminaries, Peace Corps staff and volunteers from over 50 years and many who served in Turkey! At the historic National Building Museum, 401 F. St., NW, in DC next to the Judiciary Square Metro stop (Red Line). On-street parking, Metro or taxi. Admission is \$60 and includes light buffet and *hors d'oeuvres*, wine, beer and soft drinks. Go to [www.pcstaffreunion.com](http://www.pcstaffreunion.com) and pay by PayPal or send checks made out to "PC Staff Reunion" to Ken Hill (T-9), 409 Underhill Place, Alexandria, VA 22305. Purchase admissions NOW!

Alternatively, this could be a possible group reunion time. Check with your Group Coordinator.

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## Arkadaşlar Reunion

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### Schedule of events:

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Morning:** NPCA Board of Directors' Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Group Leader's Forum, all open to the public. If interested, contact [Khalisa@peacecorpsconnect.org](mailto:Khalisa@peacecorpsconnect.org)

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Afternoon:** Arkadaşlar Plenary Session (1:30-4:30 PM) in the Potomac Ballroom of the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Hwy., Arlington (Rosslyn), VA. It is a few blocks' walk from the Rosslyn Metro Stop (Blue or Orange Lines). There will be speakers, exhibits, display tables for each Turkey group, and Turkish items for sale. Parking is available at a cost of \$6. Take the parking ticket to the receptionist at the front desk to be validated before, during, or after the meeting.

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Evening:** dinner get-togethers by Arkadaşlar groups (T1 – T17). Group Coordinators will advise each group of the place, time and cost.

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Evening:** Promise of the Peace Corps Gala (7:00-10:00) sponsored by NPCA. Black tie. Cost is \$250 for NPCA members and \$300 for non-members. At the Ronald Reagan Building, 13<sup>th</sup> & Pennsylvania Ave., NW in DC. On street parking, taxi or Metro to Federal Triangle Stop (Blue or Orange Lines). NPCA events are described, with links to purchase tickets, at <http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/resources/peace-corps-50th-anniversary/september-events/#key>

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Morning:** ceremony (10:00-12:00) at Arlington National Cemetery and Amphitheater honoring Peace Corps accomplishments and those who died in service, wreath-laying at John F. Kennedy's gravesite, and Procession of the Peace Corps Country Flags across the Memorial Bridge to the Mall. Those Arkadaşlar ready, willing, and able will march behind the Turkish Flag about 2.5 miles to the Mall. As in the past, we will vary the flag carrier. Parking is available, take a taxi, or take the Metro to Arlington National Cemetery Stop (Blue Line).

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Afternoon:** exhibits, mini-demonstrations, entertainment and a closing NPCA ceremony on the Mall (12:00-3:00). On-street parking, taxi or take the Metro to the Smithsonian Stop (Blue or Orange Lines).

## Sayın Arkadaşlar

By Mike Jewell



The upcoming reunion provides an excellent opportunity to indulge two behaviors that occupy more of our time as we age; remembering the “good old days” and working to keep our minds from deteriorating through continued learning.

During the reunion, you will learn much more about what you have been hearing on our listserve and elsewhere about the economic, political and social changes occurring in this dynamic country! Oh, and there will be about 290 others creating endless opportunities for reminiscing as well.

Haydi Gel!  
Mike Jewell

Please contact [TurkeyDost.aol.com](http://TurkeyDost.aol.com) for more information about your group gatherings, hotels, restaurants and activities:

### Reunion Group Coordinators:

T -	Coordinator
1	Dave Hopkins
2	John Wintrol
3	John Wintrol
4	Jill Diskan
5	Hank & Jean Webb & Doug Shifflet
6	Sally & Al Poland
7	Michal Cox Zuehlke
8	Linda Scheffer
9	Tom Reinhard
10	Steve Poppick & Cathryn Goddard
11	
12	Warren Master & Elliot Eisenberg
13	Beverly Ausfahl & Sandy Anderson
14	
15	Karolyn Bragg & Bryan DeLeo
16	Louise McMaster & Lynn Maichle
17	Larry Wight & Karen Reiter

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**Arkadaşlar's Global Reunion and Peace Corps' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
September 22 - 25, 2011, Washington, DC**

**Arkadaşlar Registration Form** (This form is also available at [www.arkadaslar.info](http://www.arkadaslar.info), but it still must be mailed in.)

Name(s) as you want them to appear on the name badges:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Turkey Group (ex. T-1): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you staying? \_\_\_\_\_ When do you arrive? \_\_\_\_\_

Your cell phone number, so people can connect with one another: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a car, and can you help transport people to events?  Yes  No  
 Circle One:  Yes  No

How many people fit in car, including yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, late afternoon Reception at the Turkish Ambassador's Residence:**

Participation is likely to be limited. Admittance will be reserved for the first persons to register.

Number of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_ Names:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Plenary Session at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel:**

Number of people in your party: \_\_\_\_\_ Names:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Dinner Get-Togethers by Groups (T1 – T17)**

Group Coordinators are organizing the dinner for each group. Contact your Coordinator for place, time, & cost.

Do you plan to participate? Circle One:  Yes  No

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, morning ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery**

Do you plan to participate? Circle One:  Yes  No

**T-Shirts and Polo Shirts commemorating the Arkadaşlar Global Reunion and PC 50<sup>th</sup> order form:**

Shirts are dark navy blue, with colorful Turkish Tile logo. Sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL)

T-shirts are \$20. And Polo Shirts are \$30. (XXL costs \$5 extra.) Add more lines as needed.

Shirt Type	Size	Number	Cost each	Sub-Total
Total for all Shirts:				

**Check Attached:**

	Subtotal
Registration Fee for conference materials and Plenary Session (\$25 per person)	
Shirts	
Total attached:	

**Please complete, copy and mail this Registration Form and a check, made payable to "Arkadaşlar," to:  
Linda Scheffer, 1808 Queen's Lane, #209, Arlington, VA 22201-3068.**



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*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

*[www.arkadaslar.info/](http://www.arkadaslar.info/)*

**Join us at the Arkadaşlar Reunion September 22-25**

*"Buralarda" means "hereabouts" or "somewhere around here" in Turkish.  
It comes from an early dialogue in some of our Turkish language lessons:*

*"Buralarda bir benzinci var mı?"*

*("Is there a gas station somewhere around here?")*