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Annual Republic Day Bash Set for October 30

The relocated Istanbul Cafe is the scene of this year's fall Washington-area get-together for returned Peace Corps/Turkey volunteers, staff and friends. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 30. A cash bar will open at 7 PM and a buffet dinner featuring döner kebab will be served shortly after 8.

The cost is \$25 per person. Suzanne Grelson (T-5) and Ed Block (T-8) are organizing the event. In order to give the restaurant a head count, they are asking everybody to send a check, made out to "Arkadaşlar", to Suzanne,

by October 23.

We want as many new faces and non-Washington types as can possibly come this year. Out-of towners looking for help with accommodations could call

Bring some memento of your time in Turkey, and it will get featured attention. But don't go to the site of last year's event, because Istanbul Cafe has moved.

DIRECTIONS: Go south across the 14th St. Bridge and continue for 7 miles down 395. Take exit 3A, for Duke St. east. Almost as soon as you come out of the exit, there is a "To Van Dorn St." sign, which you follow by veering right. You then see a huge "BJ's Wholesale Club" building--keep it on your right and turn right onto Van Dorn. Very soon, at a traffic light with a Wendy's on your right, turn right into the "Van Dorn Plaza." Istanbul Cafe is to the right, between the florist and the Fotomat. The phone number is

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Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Arkadaşlar is to foster communication, continued friendships, gatherings, and any social projects or other activities chosen by the members. Members consist of those who served in Turkey as Peace Corps Volunteers and Staffers, or who are friends and family of those former Volunteers and Staff. Particular means of furthering the purpose of the organization are not limited to, but include, those described below.

Newsletter:

In order to expand the network of the organization and enhance communications, a newsletter will be published at least two times a year initially. The frequency may vary depending on member interest and involvement. A contact person in each Group of returned Volunteers will be identified, to search for the location of members and news items on their Group, former staff and mutual friends.

Social Projects:

Arkadaşlar may undertake social projects that the organization chooses as a reflection of the continuing commitment of the members to social action consistent with the original purpose of the Peace Corps or the

A Little Help from Arkadaşlar

Over the spring and summer the Arkadaşlar Board wrestled with the question of how the organization might be of some assistance in Turkey.

We had 180 dues-paying members in 1992; at \$15 apiece, this gave us over \$2000 in the treasury after newsletter costs were met. An initial decision was made to allocate \$1000 of this money for support of people doing useful work over there.

Two board members made presentations on behalf of two particular Turkish institutions with which they are in contact, both of which seemed worthy of support.

Albert Nekimken has been in touch with the Sevinç Abla center for the handicapped. This private school in the outskirts of Adana is the only institution of

its kind in the area, and is currently serving 110 students. This is an area where progress in Turkey has been slow, with families commonly "hiding" handicapped children at home. They sent Albert extensive literature, laudatory press clippings, and many wonderful photographs.

We sent the Sevinç Abla school \$700.

Claudia Liebler [T14] recommended assistance for the Türkiye Kalkınma Vakıfı (TKV). TKV is a private nonprofit foundation founded in 1969 by Altan Ünver--who some may remember from his participation in Peace Corps training programs. The Foundation sponsors a variety of rural-development projects, primarily in eastern Turkey.

We sent TKV \$300.

Comments from members are welcome.

We Need a National Network

by Sandy Anderson [T15]
Membership Coordinator

Arkadaşlar needs to establish a national network among ourselves--to share common experiences, find old friends, sponsor get-togethers, remember Turkey and the Turks, understand that call to serve, and find ways to collectively help Turkey to continue to develop.

We are approaching the establishment of this network by having various Arkadaşlar Board members in the Washington area--who can easily attend monthly meetings--serve as "reps" for 10 different geographic regions. They will get information out to state or area coordinators they have identified in their region. Similarly, when members want to make a suggestion, they can call the Board rep to bring the issue to the next meeting. (Members are always welcome to meetings if they should be in the Washington area.)

We have two initial tasks for this networking effort. The first is to encourage Arkadaşlar people to gather to celebrate Cümhurriyet Bayramı on a date close to October 29. The second is to work with the current list of volunteers, to update addresses and phone numbers and to add additional names. We intend to publish a national Arkadaşlar directory when we think our information is reasonably accurate. (Persons not wanting to be

listed in a directory should let us know).

Here is a listing of names and phone numbers of Board Reps and state/region Coordinators identified thus far who have agreed to help make this thing work. More people are needed

1. Northeast

5. North Central

9. Northwest

- Arkadaşlar had 178 dues-payers in 1992
 - Arkadaşlar has 118 dues-payers in 1993
 - if you haven't sent in your \$15, there's still time
- please send your check to:
Linda Scheffer

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Albert Nekimken (T-13) compiles and edits Neredeler. Please send all material for this clearinghouse on the whereabouts and doings of former Peace Corps/Turkey people to him at 1748 Albermarle Drive, Crofton MD 21114

James Akre met his Swiss wife Pia in Istanbul in April 1968 and writes from his current domicile in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mike Basile is on the faculty of Florida State University, College of Education, and has lived in Tallahassee since 1988, after working intermittently in Turkey for UNESCO and AID.

Gene Blanchard [T4] writes from Rockland, Mass. where he is an attorney in private practice. He has a 20-month old daughter who he hopes to show around Turkey some day. He reports that "Sultan's Kitchen" on Broad Street in Boston serves great Turkish food; the place also plays real Turkish music which, Gene says, is worth the price of a meal in itself.

Warren & Susy Carter (METU/Gazi--Ankara, 65-67] and Bob & Sylva Staab [T9] live in Salt Lake City. Flash: Adnan Akay married Anne Therese Brown on 7/31/93; they live in Pittsburgh--Adnan worked at summer camp [1966] run by Mike & Judy Jerald. Warren (now retired) worked as a special agent for the FBI in Texas before transferring to Utah while Susy raised two adopted daughters.

Martha Crawford Christian (T-2, 63-65, Gaziantep and Giresun) writes from the house she built on her five acres of woods in the hills near Martinsburg, West Virginia. She commutes by train to Washington where she works as an editor for National Geographic's World magazine for children. Post Peace Corps, she earned an MA in English language and literature at the University of Michigan and came to Washington in 1968--working at the Geographic since 1980.

Peggy Comeau (T-8) writes from Honolulu in an effort to contact Jack & Stephanie Prejza, Penny Taylor, Mary van Ouerkirk and Anne Takefuji. Any info?

Dino DiDonato (T-17, 69) writes from the McDonough Center for Leadership at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, to reminisce concerning how he arrived in Turkey in the midst of anti-American demonstrations, but went on to work at Gazi Eđitim in Ankara. He transferred to El Salvador in April 1970 just as PCVs were being evacuated due to threats from death squads. Meanwhile, he notes that, at the time, the U.S. was bombing Cambodia. He began to

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reexamine his goals--he came to Washington to work for Congressman Lowenstein and the anti-war movement. He is in contact with a RPCV group in San Francisco, including *Barbara Kankel* (Childcare group).

Larry Eicher sent a change of address: he can now be found in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he works for the Department of State.

Jean Zukowski-Faust wrote to let us know that: Charles W. White is a professor of Art History at Texas A&M University; Susan Bayley is the executive director of the international organization, TESL; Jean herself is on the applied linguistics faculty at Northern Arizona University, after returning from a 30-month stint as an associate PC director in Poland, where she helped set up the TEFL program.

Robert Finn (Turhal, 67-69) is currently our man and diplomat at the American Embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan. He reports that Baku is, among other things, "less than you could ever imagine."

Tonya (Pence, T-13) & *Ned Flightner* write from Fort Wayne, Indiana, with the note that Steve Pence (T-13) now lives in Singapore.

Andrew Gould lives with his wife Vicki and teaches in Flagstaff, Arizona, where he heads the local Storyteller chapter.

Susan Holm ("McHenry" as a PCV) writes from Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, where she has been teaching Spanish since 1985, noting that she attended a 1989 reunion of non-Turkey RPCVs in Kent, Ohio. She has two sons and travels to Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica. Son Andrew is attending theology school in Kansas City and son Eric, who wants to be a stand-up comic, is studying creative writing in Wisconsin. She is looking for Ray & Karolyn Bragg, Peggy Fearey, Ellen Rafferty, Erv & Lois Wheeler, Martin Dooley, Merlyn Harbold, and George Park.

Elaine Jones may be Peace Corps/Turkey's most famous alum. Elaine heads the NAACP's legal defense fund, a position once held by Thurgood Marshall. She leads a team of 28 attorneys engaged in civil-rights advocacy litigation nationally. Jones is a personal friend of Hilary Clinton, from having worked with her several years ago on an American Bar Association commission on women in law.

Charlotte (Miller) Jirousek (T-5) writes from Ithaca, New York, where she is teaching at Cornell; she recently made her first trip to Turkey since she took a student tour group in 1976--spent the U.S. Bicentennial patriotically on the beach in Fethiye. She has a daughter in Senegal (second-generation PCV).

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David Kerman & Jura Strimaitis [T-8, Diyarbakir] married in 1972 and write from Swampscott, Massachusetts, where David is the presiding state judge of the Northeast Housing Court. Jura practices municipal law.

Linda Laatsch Kaila also taught in Diyarbakir (64-65); she recently got in contact with one of her former students, Dr. Cengiz Aygun, who lives in Baltimore.

Tom and Kathy Kral, who live in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., are a focal point for contacts among Izmir region RPCVs from T-4, summer 1967 training in California (*Richard Beebee, Michael Cain, Gerry & Bill Delatorre*).

Lin Lougheed writes from Washington, D.C. where he is president of Instructional Design International, Inc.

Kevin McCarthy is a professor of English at the University of Florida at Gainesville. After returning from Turkey, he completed a MA degree in American Literature and a Ph.D in Linguistics at the University of North Carolina. Later, he was a Fulbright professor in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, he published 10 books and became the father of four children (order of production unknown).

Louise McMaster [T-16, 68-70] wrote from Ypsilanti, Michigan, where she works as a physical therapist doing home

care. She is married to an orthotist and has two children. She's in contact with *Marian (Wesselds) Arroyo, Ann Wilbert, and Ann (Harrington) Bozer*, who lives currently in Ankara.

Catherine "Teeny" Posselt Bachrach (T-8, 65-69) writes from Philadelphia where she is director of a community-based, victim services program. Her oldest daughter may constitute a second-generation PCV.

Jerry Schipper, LSW [Tokat, 65-67], relocated recently with his wife Renate to metropolitan Seattle, Washington, after a successful career as a psychotherapy tycoon in southern California. He is currently launching second career as a corporate EAP entrepreneur. (*Janet at-the-time Schipper* who taught with him in Tokat now works as a social worker and lives in Redondo Beach, California.)

Betty Schrom (T-8, 65-67), formerly a resident of Philadelphia, writes from Ortonville, Minnesota, to solicit news of her former room mates *Mary Lynn Lauter, Priscilla White* and *Linda Crimeaux*.

(*Joseph*) *Al Shannon*, M.D., M.P.H. (psychiatry and drug-abuse medicine), writes from Rancho Palos Verdes, California, that he looks forward to coming to Washington for the next

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reunion, but "sometimes in a city like L.A. you just stay home because making it to the airport or out of the county is just too much of a hassle." He notes that all is well after "years of wandering in the psychological wilderness" and comments that "sometimes we search long and hard in the wrong place."

Anne (Theresa Anne Bullock) T. Sublett calls herself "Anne Bullock Sublett" and writes from Tulsa, Oklahoma where she has practiced law since 1980 after graduating from Georgetown University.

Tom Turner was in Washington recently on business and Sandy & Margaret Pfunder organized a mini-T-9 reunion, attended by Dave Weinman, George & Diana Wright, and John & Joan (Strickler) Weeks. Tom works for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in San Francisco and has written a few books about club projects. He and his wife Mary have 12-year old twins.

Diane (Gosker) & Michael Whittall (T-4) wrote from home in Victoria, Australia, primarily to let Helen Blackmore know how pleased Diane was to learn that Helen was "going strong." Helen was the Denizli dynamo in 1964 PCV nursing circles there. Michael and Diane arrived in Australia in 1969 and raised two Australia-born daughters. Parents operate a vine nursery and a mechanical grape

harvester. They have immigrant Turkish neighbors, some of whom attracted a bit of attention by cultivating marijuana.

Dave Vandegrift [T-8, 65-67] writes from Bothell, Washington, to inquire about leads toward contacting Ellen Rafferty [T-13], and reminisce about how he met his wife on a Turkish Maritime Lines trip from Istanbul to Izmir. He regrets that we didn't call our publication **Buralarda**, as in "Buralarda benzinci var mi?" [EDITOR'S NOTE--see the front page]. He is optimistic about our efforts to contact former Turkey RPCVs: "If we keep looking around, we will be able to find almost anyone... Hey, bell bottoms are coming back."

Donald John Weber wrote from South Daytona, Florida, to tell us that he aspires to retire as (?) a PCV in Turkey. He and his former wife (now in the middle of doctoral work in English Literature at Texas A&M) were PCVs in 1967 [T-15A?]. Of his two children, Ayşe Elizabeth and Christopher Kemal were born in Turkey. Donald is currently the chief of the Bureau of Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Daytona Beach.

Susan Zator (formerly of Denizli) wrote from Lexington, Kentucky, to get in contact with Marty & Terry Hedrick.