

# BURALARDA...

## Let's Get Together

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### ANNUAL BAYRAM DINNERS

Think about calling your state/area coordinator (see pages 7-9) to plan a Cumhürriyet Bayram dinner on October 29!!

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### WASHINGTON

The 1994 Washington-area Cumhürriyet Bayram get-together is planned for the evening of Saturday, October 29. All Arkadaşlar members and friends, from wherever, are invited. Local members will get a separate mailing with more information. Mary Helen Madden and Claudia Liebler are in charge or arrangements. Call them if you have questions.

The success of these annual events in Washington was one the major motivating factors in the creation of Arkadaşlar. The anticipation is that former Turkey volunteers can enjoy similar get-togethers in different parts of the country.

Patti Dillon, a Turkey 4 member in Portland, Oregon led a small but enthusiastic group which successfully organized one such event last year and is trying this year to get together this year with Arkadaşlar in Washington state.

### A NATIONAL REUNION IN '96

The Arkadaşlar Board has been actively discussing the possibility of organizing a national reunion of all returned Turkey volunteers some time next summer.

Some of the things considered for inclusion on the program of such an event have been:

- an outdoor bash, under a tent
- an event at the Turkish Embassy
- a service project in a Washington community
- a speaker from the Peace Corps--maybe with a presentation on what's going on in the Turkic republics of Central Asia
- a brainstorming about where to go with Arkadaşlar
- a slide show from Tom Brosnahan, who has made a living writing tourist guidebooks on Turkey and elsewhere

Please see page 3 for Dave Weinman's views on this.

# Arkadaşlar

*The purpose of Arkadaşlar is to foster communication, continued friendships, gatherings, and any social projects or other activities chosen by the members--those who served in Turkey as Peace Corps Volunteers, staff, friends, and their family members.*

As of Sept 12, 1994, Arkadaşlar had 304 dues-paying members--annual dues are \$15--and a checking-account balance of \$4,967.55

Over the summer the Board decided to maintain financial support for the two causes in Turkey to which we also sent money in 1993:

- The Development Foundation of Turkey was founded by Altan Ünver 25 years ago, with a purpose of stimulating economic and social development in Turkey's less developed regions. The Foundation's field staff are active in the Erzurum area and in the Southeast, although the civil war in the Southeast is currently severely hampering their work. A \$500 contribution of Arkadaşlar goes towards a revolving fund which will enable low-income village families to obtain beehives, at \$100 per hive.
- The Adana-based "Sevinç Abla Özel Eğitim İlkokulu" is a pioneering effort to bring education to children with various physical, mental and emotional handicaps who would otherwise find no place in the public school system. The school is chartered by the Ministry of Education and receives some government support. A \$1000 donation by Arkadaşlar will be used in meeting a most pressing current need for equipment for the school's vocational training workshop.

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## From the mail:

● *RPCV Writers and Readers*, a newsletter of book reviews, news and interviews with a returned volunteer slant, is published six times a year by Marian H. Bell, 4 Lodge Pole Rd. Pittsford NY 14534. To subscribe, mail her \$12 for domestic delivery, \$19 for overseas. This is totally private effort.

● The National Peace Corps Association is supporting "Maps in the Mall" projects as part of Geography Awareness Week, which is November 13-19. This involves creating maps of the world in shopping malls. For further information, call Cheryl Bartz, at 202-293-7728, ext. 3.

## One More Time

by Dave Weinman

Nature has marvels like Mount Everest that people climb, because they are there. Washington has eras like Camelot, Watergate, Iran-Contra, and Bubba's arrival, which tend to happen once, and they are gone.

Arkadaşlar is planning an event which will attempt to combine both aspects.

IT WILL BE A ONE-TIME EVENT, AND YOU SHOULD COME BECAUSE IT WILL BE THERE.

When deciding whether to attempt this Herculean event to bring together all of PC/Turkey's groups, some Board Members anguished over how we might sell it.

I quickly became somewhat irritated, because I cannot imagine many legitimate reasons why most ex-Turkey Peace Corps people wouldn't want to come!

If you cared, care, or will care about the Peace Corps in Turkey, this is a one-time chance

to wallow in Turkey lore, hopefully with some of the best friends you ever found, or maybe will find if "NEREDELER" [see pages 4-6] keeps working.

Come while the hearing is still sharp, the legs are in shape, and you can still exist for one or two nights on little sleep.

The conference dates may be around June 24 or July 14, and we will do it in or about Washington D.C. We are actively seeking members of all groups--17 in total--and will welcome any thoughts on an agenda which in hallowed Peace Corps tradition will be relatively non-structured but hopefully of interest. In short, LUTFEN GEL!

Details will follow, but mark the calendar now. If babysitting arrangements are still necessary for this aging group, plan early and get here in any case. İyi şanslar!

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*Dave Weinman, first Peace Corps Director in Turkey, is the founding father--now "amca"--of Arkadaşlar.*

# NEREDELER?

*Neredeler is now edited by Gerry Karey [T-8]. His address is 20901. Please let Gerry know where you are and what you are doing , so he can spread the word among the Arkadaşlar*

season. He can be reached at

## **Turkey I**

Carolyn Holm Emerson, who served in Bandirma, writes from Palo Alto, Ca., where she works with at-risk children and their families as a part-time trainer with Family Service America. Carolyn left the Peace Corps to marry and says the marriage broke up as soon as she returned to the U.S. She later married again, and remains married to Don Emerson, a political science professor. Her address, as of June, was

## **Turkey IV**

Joanne Omang, a former reporter for the Washington Post and author of a recent novel, Incident at Akabal, had a special role at the recent UN population conference in Cairo. Joanne was on a "writers' SWAT team", cranking out statements, speeches, press releases and position papers on women's rights to education, property and health care.

Laurence Kessenick has practiced law in San Francisco for the past 24 years. He taught English in Eskisehir. He visited Turkey in April with his wife Sandy, and ten-year old son, Scott. Kessenick also writes that terrorist bombs were set off in the covered market and St. Sophia, as part of an alleged plot by a Kurdish group to damage Turkey's tourist

## **Turkey V**

Charlotte Jirousek, also visited Turkey, and takes note of its "insane inflation & dead-in-the-water economy."

## **Turkey VI**

Sandy and Al Poland write that a group of Turkey V and VI volunteers are returning to Turkey in September for a 30th anniversary reunion.

## **Turkey VIII**

Judith Peterson Midelfort died Nov. 11, 1993, of brain cancer. Her husband, Sven, wrote in a family newsletter that shortly before Judy died, they took a trip to Boston and Cape Cod where Judy "again experienced her beloved ocean. On a rough sea, Judy stood stalwart and smiling at the rail of a whale-watching ship while many of the rest of us were seasick. That image remains to me as a symbol of her zest and courage." Judy was a medical social worker. She wrote poetry and studied and performed dance. Many of Judy's Peace Corps friends and colleagues saw her at the 25th anniversary reunion.

Martin and Patsy Tracy are moving from Iowa to Carbon-dale, Ill., where he will be Director of the School of Social Work at Southern Illinois University, and she will work in the

Rehabilitation Institute in the Education Department. Their new address is Valley Rd., 62901.

#### **Turkey X**

Jerrold (Jerry) Huguet is population affairs officer for the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, where he has mostly been since 1977. He writes that there are a large number of former PC volunteers in Bangkok, from about 30 countries. They try to maintain an organization "but are mostly free-spirit types and only manage to organize a meeting every couple of years." Jerry can be reached at ESCAP, United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Avenue, Bangkok 10200.

Frances Leo Hogan III, has moved back to the U.S. after living in Australia since 1977. He worked for Trek America, which specialized in small-group camping tours of North America for Europeans and Australians. In 1987 he left the company and worked in a car detailing/cleaning business. Leo says there are more Turks in Australia than in Turkey. Leo was unemployed as of June, and "all assistance will be appreciated." His address is . 5M,

#### **Turkey XIII**

Lillian Morse Crotteau served as secretary in the Izmir regional office. Her husband, Roy, was stationed in Izmir with the U.S. Air Force and retired in 1985. They live just outside of Sacramento.

Lillian works in the public school system, and she and her husband vow to return to Turkey after their next retirement to indulge their "passion for oriental rugs."

#### **Staff**

Len Giesecke, who served as an Associate Director in the Ankara office in 1963-65, died on April 9 of a heart attack. He was a widely respected a professor of economics at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, having been a member of that faculty since 1968. Len was in the first wave of Peace Corps volunteers, serving in the Philippines from 1961-63. He then was hired for the staff job in Turkey in which he always had a ready ear for the concerns of the volunteers of those years. He is survived by his wife Mary, whose address is in the Arkadaşlar directory.

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#### **Address Changes**

Since publication of the Arkadaşlar directory, the following new or additional information has come in. (Please continue to send such updates to Linda Scheffer, at