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Dear Friends,

The Turkic American Alliance shares its grief and sympathy over the recent bombings during the Boston Marathon. We, on behalf of the Turkic community in the US, condemn such acts of violence and strongly believe that all those who are responsible for this outrageous act will be brought to justice. At a time in the world when senseless tragedies and acts of violence, such as those we have recently witnessed in Boston, have a polarizing effect on communities, the Turkic American Alliance, and its member organizations throughout the United States, remain steadfast in the commitment to strengthen community relationships and to serve as a catalyst for positive change in the world.

In the month of April, we were quite busy with the follow up work on post convention issues. As the TAA community, we were extremely pleased to receive positive feedback from the experts, particularly as Turkic American convention generally considered the largest Turkic event in DC.

Finishing up just one major event did not stop TAA and its member Federations from organizing another one! The second US-Azeri convention sponsored by one of our federations in south, the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE), is coming up soon in Baku, Azerbaijan. Almost all of our members are currently contributing to this project by bringing a significant crowd from U.S. to Azerbaijan to make this one as another success.

Finally spring time is traditionally known for State House receptions. TAA and its member Federations have initiated State House receptions in their state capitals throughout the US as a means to enhance the partnership among local communities, State Legislators, Governors and their respective cabinet members. Please watch your email for details from our individual members to join these important gatherings in your state.

Please go over below other news that we would like to share with you. Especially, reserve your tickets to visit, if you are able, Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival, organized by Western Turkic American Council and Pacifica Institute. It is a feast for all of the five senses.

Sincerely,

Faruk Taban, Ph.D.
President

The Anatolian Cultures & Food Festival 2013

April 30, 2013

The Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival is a cultural and historical event that includes exhibitions, food, art craft, performances, dances and live music activities. More than 40,000 people from United States and around the world attend the four-day event each year.

The 1st Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival were held in OC Fairgrounds and the 2nd one at OC Great

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Park. This year, the festival comes back at the OC Fairgrounds on May 16th through ...

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Ahiska International Conference in Dayton, OH



April 28, 2013

Ahiska Turks, ethnic Turks formerly occupying the Meskheta region of Caucasus region and who have spread throughout the world after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, gathered in Dayton, OH for the International Ahiska Conference titled "International Ahiskan Social, Economic and Cultural Issues: Education and Integration for New Generation in the United States". Cumali Habibov, Chair of Board of American Ahiskan Turkish Society in Dayton, mentioned the importance of the conference to bring as many Ahiska Turks as possible.

"Today, we are able to fully represent our interests, both academically and personally," said Habibov. ...

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Turkey Central Bank Governor's Visit



April 22, 2013

Erdem Basci, Governor of Turkish Central Bank, and Murat Cetinkaya, Deputy Governor of Turkish Central Bank, visited the headquarters of the Turkic American Alliance in Washington, DC on Sunday morning, April 22.

The Governor of Turkish Central Bank and his delegation arrived to Washington to attend joint World Bank and International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings 2013. Prior to this event, Mr. Basci attended a discussion on "Balanced Growth ...

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Turkish Parliamentarians Visited TAA

April 20, 2013

Parliamentarians Mr. Sari of CHP (Republican People's Party), Mr. Bagci of AKP (Justice and Development Party), and Mr. Gunal of MHP (Nationalist Movement Party), enjoyed breakfast at the office of TAA. These honored guests, who came to Washington, DC to attend World Bank/International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings 2013, and Dr. Faruk Taban, President of TAA, had a very productive discussion regarding current US-Turkey economic and cultural relations ...



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Turkic Day at the Rhode Island Capitol



April 10, 2013

On Wednesday, April 10, 2013, an impressive number of Turkic Americans went to Providence, Rhode Island, with the intent meeting their legislator and to introduce the Turkic culture to their legislators. The "Turkic Day "was organized by Council of Turkic American Associations.

Traditional Turkic food, music, dance and cultural activities were very interested to all 50 guest who gathered at the State House, to show their support and dedication to the advancing of US-Turkic ...

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Annual 2013 Gülen Youth Platform Award Winners



April 10, 2013

The Turkic American Alliance hosted a welcoming event for the winners of the annual essay competition organized by Gülen Institute and Rumi Forum. Nearly 30 students came from different parts of the world such as Far East Asia, Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, Western Africa, Arabic Peninsula, and Northern America to attend the ceremony.

Nearly 600 student essays were submitted by more than 40 different country participants and 30 US states. This year's essay subject was ...

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CTAA's Generous Donation

April 9, 2013

Gerritsen Beach branch of Brooklyn Public Library and P.S.277 received a \$40,000 donation and from several Turkish-American organizations on Monday, including Council of Turkic American Associations, Turkish Cultural Center Brooklyn, and Helping Hands Relief Foundation. The funds will help the Library recover after Hurricane Sandy. U.S. Rep. Yvette Clarke was on hand to make the announcement. She joined CTAA President Mr. Furkan Kosar, Library President and CEO Ms. Linda E. Johnson, representatives from the donating ...

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Turkish American Legislative Reception in Annapolis, MD



April 9, 2013

MAFTAA and member organization MARTI organized the Fourth Annual Turkish-American Legislative Reception in Annapolis. Both Delegates and State Senators honored the Turkish-American community by attending the reception. It has now become a common practice and an expectation to organize this . . .

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TAA Member at the President Obama's SF Event



April 5, 2013

On April 4, President Obama visited Atherton, CA. In this Bay area trip, President Obama attended several functions including an event which took place at the houses of Mark Heising and Liz Simmons, who sits on the Board of the Bipartisan Policy Advocacy Network, and philanthropists Marcia and John Goldman.

In his remarks, President addressed several topics, ranging from education to rebuilding the US economy, gun legislation and immigration policies, and of course his second term life at the White House.

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