



## TAA Newsletter, Volume 4, Issue 6 June 2014

Dear Friends,

Here in the nation's capital, TAA hosted Congressional and Senate Staffers Appreciation Receptions on Capitol Hill, and a reception at its office headquarters to raise awareness for the floods that inundated the Balkans.

Both of the staffers appreciation receptions on Capitol Hill saw a great turnout with over 150 staff in attendance, ranging from Chiefs of Staff and Legislative Directors to fellows and interns. The events also offered a great opportunity to present to the staffers an upcoming trip to Turkey and the Kyrgyz Republic in September, in addition to the 2nd Annual Kyrgyz-American Convention in Bishkek.

For the Raising Awareness for the Balkan Floods Reception, the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the DCM and acting Ambassador of Serbia and the DCM of Croatia were all in attendance and delivered remarks about how the floods have affected their respective countries. Not only did the event provide an excellent platform from which to disseminate information about the little-covered floods in the Balkans; it also brought together communities of the Balkans that were formerly split by war and which are now uniting forces and resources to save as many lives as they can.

I was also invited to attend the United States Conference of Mayors Summer Meeting in Dallas, Texas. There I had the distinguished opportunity to speak before the International Relations Standing Committee, as well as to meet with various distinguished mayors, including the Mayor of Sacramento, California, and USCM President Kevin Johnson; the Mayor of Baltimore, Maryland, and USCM Vice President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake; Mayor Mike Rawlings of Dallas, Texas; Mayor Vincent Gray of the District of Columbia; Mayor Annise Parker of Houston, Texas; Mayor Alex Finter of Mesa, Arizona; Mayor Betsy Price of Fort Worth, Texas; and many more.

Around the country, our member organizations and regional federations have organized a number of impressive events this

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past month, including but not limited to, the opening of a brand new cultural center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; a cultural reception organized at the Massachusetts state capitol building; an annual legislative reception at the Delaware state capitol building; and a trade mission to Turkey with New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hasan organized by TUSKON and TCC New Hampshire.

In closing, the Turkic American Alliance wishes you all a wonderful summer and a happy and blessed beginning of the holy month of Ramadan.

Sincerely,  
Faruk Taban, Ph.D.  
President

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## 5th Annual Turkic Cultural Day at Massachusetts State House



**June 4th, 2014**

On Wednesday, June 4th, 2014, the Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA) hosted its 5th Annual Turkic Cultural Day at the Massachusetts State Capitol in Boston to celebrate Turkic culture and traditions. Distinguished guests included the Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, Senate Majority Leader Stanley Rosenberg, many other...[Read More](#)

## Raising Awareness for Balkan Floods Reception



**June 5th, 2014**

On the evening of June 5th, 2014, the Turkic American Alliance hosted a "Raising Awareness for Balkan Floods" reception at its office headquarters. The reception began at 6:00pm and was attended by over 30 guests from the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Embassy of Serbia, the Embassy of Croatia and the...[Read More](#)

## Congressional Staffers Appreciation Reception



**June 9th, 2014**

On the evening of June 9th, 2014, the Turkic American Alliance hosted a Congressional Staffers Appreciation Reception in the Cannon Office Building. The reception took place during 4:00pm-6:00pm. Guests ranged from Chiefs of Staff and Legislative Directors to fellows and interns, and everything in between. In total, over 140...[Read More](#)

## ATFA hosts Annual Delaware State House Reception



**June 10th, 2014**

On June 10th, 2014, the American Turkish Friendship Association (ATFA) hosted its annual reception at the Delaware Legislative Hall. Distinguished guests included Delaware Governor Jack Markell, state Representatives, state Senators and prominent community leaders. The event kicked off with remarks by the Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Federation of...[Read More](#)

## Turkish Cultural Center Opens in Harrisburg



**June 10th, 2014**

On June 10th, 2014, a Turkish Cultural Center was opened in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that brought together several political and community leaders. Distinguished guests included the Mayor of Harrisburg, Eric Papenfuss, State Senators and Representatives. Among them were Senator Michael Stack, Senator Mike Brubaker, Representative Brendan...[Read More](#)

## Senate Staffers Appreciation Reception

**June 11th, 2014**





On the evening of June 11th, 2014, the Turkic American Alliance hosted a Senate Staffers Appreciation Reception in the Russell Office Building. The reception took place during 5:00pm-7:00pm. Guests ranged from Chiefs of Staff and Legislative Directors to fellows and interns, and everything in between. In total, over 120...[Read More](#)

## TAA Participates at USCM 82nd Annual Meeting



**June 20th, 2014**

The President of the Turkic American Alliance, Dr. Faruk Taban, spoke before the International Relations Standing Committee during the United States Conference of Mayors 82nd Annual Meeting, which was held this year in Dallas, Texas, from June 20th to June 23rd. Along with Andrew O'Brien, Special Representative of Global...[Read More](#)

## New Hampshire Governor Leads Trade Mission to Turkey



**June 23rd, 2014**

On June 23rd, New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan led a group of seven state businesses and including state staff on a trade mission to Turkey in order to promote international trade and explore opportunities in emerging sectors in the country. The trip also aimed to help strengthen and increase...[Read More](#)

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