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Programs and Activities 2006-2007

EVENTS – 2006-07

- **September 12 – Meeting with H.E. Kürşad Tüzmen**
 - Turkish State Minister in charge of Foreign Trade and Customs
 - Meeting with corporate members at the ATS

- **September 18 – Breakfast Address by H.E. Abdullah Gül**
 - Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister of Turkey
 - Co-hosted with National Committee on American Foreign Policy at the Metropolitan Club

- **October 25 – Discussion with Josephine Powell**
 - Renowned photographer and expert on Turkish textile arts
 - Presentation of antique kilims and Powell's photographs at Double Knot Rug Gallery



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- **November 7 – “Foreign Palaces in Istanbul” by Tuna Köprülü**
 - Reception and book signing at the Knickerbocker Club
 - The book depicts the thirteen palace residences of the Ambassadors accredited to the Ottoman court.

- **November 17 – “World Energy Outlook & Turkey” by Dr. Fatih Birol**
 - Chief Economist and Head of the Economic Analysis Division at the International Energy Agency
 - Meeting with corporate members at the ATS



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- **February 21 – Meet the Ambassadors Series: H.E. Ambassador Baki Ilkin**
 - Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations
 - Luncheon Address at the Knickerbocker Club on "Turkey's Foreign Policy in the 21st Century"

- **March 2 – Memorial Service for Ahmet Ertegun (1923-2006)**
 - Tribute to the Society's late Chairman
 - Attended by nearly 200 people at the New School's John L. Tishman Auditorium

- **April 11 – Turkey's Monetary and Fiscal Policies**
 - A Meeting with Durmuş Yılmaz, Central Bank Governor of Turkey, and İbrahim H. Çanakçı, Undersecretary of Treasury
 - Held at Herrick, Feinstein LLP



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- **March 23 - Turkey: The New Destination for Direct Investment and Private Equity**
 - All-day conference with panels on foreign direct and real estate investments in Turkey
 - Keynote addresses by Turkish State Minister H.E. Ali Babacan and Nick Rohatyn, CEO & CIO of Rohatyn Group
 - Co-hosted with the Turkish-US Business Council (TAIK)
 - Sponsored by American International Group (AIG), Baker & McKenzie, and Merrill Lynch.
 - Attended by over 200 people at The St. Regis Hotel, New York



ANNUAL GALA DINNER

- Annual gala dinners celebrate successful U.S. – Turkish corporate partnerships
- Inaugural Gala, held on March 29, 2006, celebrated the 50-year joint venture of Ford Motor Company and Koc Holding.

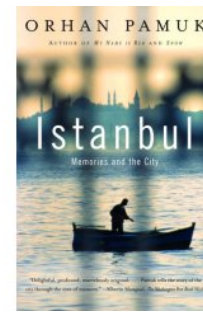
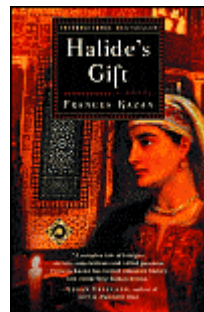
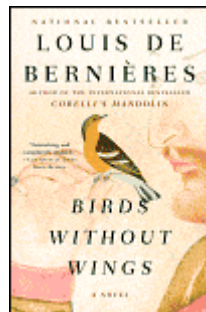
Second Gala Dinner – May 7, 2007

- Celebrated the recent partnership of Citi and Sabanci Holding in Akbank
- Honored Charles Prince, Chairman & CEO of Citi, and Guler Sabanci, Chairperson & Managing Director of Sabanci Holding.
- Senator Phil Gramm, Vice Chairman of UBS Investment Bank, as Dinner Committee Chairman, and Mica Ertegun as Honorary Chairwoman
- Included a memorial tribute to the late Ahmet Ertegun
- Attended by 350 people The Waldorf=Astoria Hotel, New York
- Raised over \$500,000



ATS BOOK CLUB

- A new program of the Society to promote a greater understanding of Turkey through book discussions and recommendations.
 - ❑ **Birds Without Wings** by Louis de Bernieres, moderated by Frances Kazan
 - ❑ **Halide's Gift** by Frances Kazan, moderated by Dr. Sibel Erol, Professor of Turkish Studies, NYU
 - ❑ **Snow** by Orhan Pamuk, moderated by Ms. Esra Akcan from Columbia University
 - ❑ **Istanbul** by Orhan Pamuk, moderated by Ms. Esra Akcan.



ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAMS

- Continued long-term support of the annual New York Turkish Film Festival and Mayfest, a month-long festival of Turkish visual and performance arts, produced by the Moon and Stars Project.
- Provided grant to *Ebru: Reflections of Cultural Diversity in Turkey*, a multi-year photography Project by Atilla Durak, which culminated in a book and exhibitions in Istanbul, Europe, and New York.
- Joined the Textile Museum in Washington D.C. in honoring Josephine Powell, renowned photographer and expert on Turkish textile arts.
- Supported a Summer Residency Program for Turkish artists at the School of Visual Arts
- Funding the Zeki Demirkubuz retrospective at the Lincoln Center Film Society, September 19-23.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Continued to support the *Global Educators Program* in collaboration with American Field Service (AFS). The program enables Turkish teachers to teach in the U.S. for one year.
- Launched the *Arif Mardin Music Fellowship* at the Berklee College of Music in honor of Arif Mardin, the late Vice Chairman of the Society. The Fellowship enables Turkish students to attend Berklee's 5-week Summer Performance Program.
- Offered a matching grant to the *Bridges of Hope Project*, a Turkish-American community initiative, to build libraries at public schools in rural Turkey.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

- The American Turkish Society prides itself on being the oldest non-profit in the U.S. reaching out to a broad spectrum of Americans interested in Turkey while also appealing to Turkish-Americans.
 - The Society is the single most important source of information on Turkey in the U.S.
 - The Society hopes to celebrate its 60th anniversary (2009) with an ever increasing roster of members, events, and programs.
 - The Society actively seeks new resources and opportunities that will help accomplish its mission of building bridges between Turkey and the U.S.
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