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Founded in 1949, The American Turkish Society is America's oldest not-for-profit organization seeking to enhance economic, political, and cultural ties between the United States and Turkey.

Informing...Discussing...Educating....

The American Turkish Society achieves its mission of promoting greater dialogue and understanding between the U.S. and Turkey by organizing discussions that bring together government officials, diplomats, business leaders, journalists, artists and scholars. These events inform the American public about issues of current importance to Turkey and U.S.-Turkish relations, as well as provide an opportunity for anyone interested in Turkey to connect and interact with each other. In the past year alone, topics discussed at The Society's event programs included U.S.-Turkish relations and Northern Iraq; U.S. Presidential elections and Turkey; Turkish monetary and fiscal policies; and entrepreneurship in Turkey.



Recent Notable Speakers

Abdullah Gül, President of Turkey

Ali Babacan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Mehmet Şimşek, State Minister of Turkey in Charge of Treasury

Kürşad Tüzmen, State Minister of Turkey in Charge of Trade and Customs

Durmuş Yılmaz, Governor of the Central Bank of Turkey

Ambassador Baki İlkin, Permanent Representative of Turkey to U.N.

Ambassador Ross Wilson, Permanent Representative of the U.S. to Turkey

Dr. Fatih Birol, Chief Economist, International Energy Agency

Dr. Kemal Derviş, Administrator, UNDP

Celebrating...Honoring...Highlighting...

The American Turkish Society's annual gala dinners celebrate successful joint ventures between U.S. and Turkish corporations, highlighting the growing business ties between the two countries in addition to their long-standing strategic alliance.



Annual Gala Dinners

Ford-Koç, March 29, 2006:
Honoring William Clay Ford Jr. and Mustafa V. Koç

Citi-Sabancı, May 7, 2007:
Honoring Chuck Prince and Güler Sabancı

GE- Doğu Group, April 16, 2008:
Honoring Jeffrey R. Immelt and Ferit F. Şahenk

Supporting...Promoting...Inspiring...

The American Turkish Society initiates and sponsors a variety of education and arts & culture programs, providing fellowships, grants and other opportunities for educational and cultural exchange between the two countries. For example, the Society partners with the *American Field Service (AFS)* to offer teacher and student exchanges between the U.S. and Turkey and supports fellowships and residencies at *Berklee College of Music*, *The Juilliard School* and *School of Visual Arts* for artists from Turkey. It also promotes the appreciation of Turkish arts and culture in the United States through grants to film series, arts festivals and exhibitions, in particular through a long-standing collaboration with the *Moon and Stars Project*.

In addition to ongoing charitable efforts in the areas of education and arts & culture, The American Turkish Society is committed to mobilizing American and Turkish communities in response to natural disasters and humanitarian needs in Turkey. The organization was instrumental in raising over \$4 million during the last major earthquake in Turkey in August 1999, through its *Earthquake Relief Fund* and close partnership with TEGV (Education Volunteers Foundation of Turkey) and other NGOs in Turkey. Today, the Society continues to provide a platform to such civil society organizations to discuss social issues and needs in Turkey and to give them opportunities to exchange ideas with their American counterparts.

Recent Grants & Collaborations

- American Field Service (AFS)
Global Educators Program
- Moon and Stars Project's* NY Turkish Film Festival and MayFest
- Zeki Demirkubuz Retrospective at *Film Society of Lincoln Center*
- Ferzan Özpetek Exhibition at *MoMA*
- Building libraries with *Bridges of Hope Project* in Turkey
- Scholarships for NYC students to *Space Camp Turkey*
- Arif Mardin Music Fellowship at *Berklee College of Music*
- Summer Residency Program at the *School of Visual Arts*
- Ahmet Ertegun Memorial Scholarship at *The Juilliard School*
- Ebru: *Reflections of Cultural Diversity in Turkey* by Atilla Durak
- Participation in Young Guru Academy's U.S. Leadership Camp
- Presentations by Turkish NGOs ACEV and Endeavor Turkey



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