



SEV Trustees Meeting

SEV Board of Trustees met on April 10, 2000, at Sabancı Center. The following text is Yaş ar Yaş er's opening speech on his feelings about being a Board School graduate and Board School graduates in general. We are leaving it in its original language, because translation might affect its style.



From left: Mustafa Aysan, Hasan Güleş ç i, Muhteş em Ekenler, Yaş ar Yaş er, Yılmaz Poda, Mehmet Gür

Sayın Mütevelliler, sevgili kardeş lerim,

Vakfımızın Mütevelli Heyeti'nin 2000 yılı birinci olağan toplantısına hoş geldiniz der hepimizi yürekten kucaklarım. Bu toplantımızda Vakfımızın normal olarak yapmış olduđu faaliyetleri Yönetim Kurulu'muz sizlere aktaracak. Ben sizlere bu normal faaliyetler dış ında, İngilizce'de "emergency" diye adlandırılan fevkalade durumlara Vakıf olarak intibakımız, uygunluğumuz hakkında bir şeyler söylemek istiyorum.

17 Ağustos ve 12 Kasım tarihlerinde Türkiye'mizin nüfus bakımından oldukça yoğun bazı bölgeleri hepimizin bildiği deprem felaketine uğradı.

12 Kasım Düzce ve Kaynaş lı depremlerinin ikinci gününde Sağlık Eğitim Vakfı (SEV) Amerikan Bord ve Türkiye Aile Sağlığı ve Planlaması (TAP) Vakfı olarak hemen deprem bölgesine hareket ettik. Düzce Kaymakamlığı'na TAC 1964 mezunu bir kardeş imiz, Mehmet Fahri Can vekalet ediyordu. Onun orada olması bizdeki yardım etme ş evkini biraz daha kamçıladi. İnanılmaz bir süratle yardım için etrafa dağıldık. Mr. McCain, Dünya Kiliseler Birliğı'nin koordinasyonu görevi ile zaten Norveç'ten yola çıkmış olan 400 kış çadırının Düzce'ye yöneltmesini ve fay hattının kırılması nedeniyle tamamen dev redişı kalan ş ehir

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su şebekesinin ıslahı için gerekli uzmanların bölgeye sevkini ve belediyedeki sorumlu kişilerle irtibatını sağladı. Biz TAP Vakfı olarak yerel sağlık personeli ile toplantı yaparak derhal iki doktorumuzu bir çadırda acil temel sağlık hizmetlerini vermek üzere görevlendirdik. (Daha sonra hemen bir mobil sağlık ünitesi imal ettirerek bölgeye sevk ettirdik. Bu ünite Düzce'de hâlâ hizmet vermektedir.)

SEV, iyilik meleği ve bölgeye sayısız seyahat yapan Şükran Çelebi kardeşimizin koordinatörlüğünde Adapazarı-Emirdağ bölgesinde harika bir çocuk yuvası inşa ettirerek hizmete soktu. Düzce Avni Akyol İlköğretim Okulu'na 5 konteyner derslik, İzzet Baysal Üniversitesi Teknik Eğitim Fakültesi'ne 1 konteyner laboratuvar alındı.

Yılmaz Poda kardeşimizin çağrısı üzerine, Gölcük civarında yıkılan dört köyümüzün, okul, sağlık ocağı vs. gibi kamu binalarının yeniden yapılabilmesi için Şevket Sabancı kardeşimiz çimentosunu, SEV demir ve tuğlasını, Yılmaz Poda diğer birçok eksiklerini tamamladı ve köylü bu yerleri imece usulü ile, kendi aralarında iş birliği yaparak, yeniden imar etti. Daha burada sayamayacağımız pek çok hizmet bu Vakıflarımız tarafından verildi.

Bütün bu harika işler için Yönetim Kurulu'muzu yürekten ve coşku ile kutluyorum. Yönetim Kurulu faaliyetlerini, toplantılarına girmekten başka da çok yakından izliyorum, onlarla beraber oluyorum ve kendi kendime "Yaşar, fazla da hayret etme bizim okullarımızdan işte böyle süper insanlar çıkar" diyorum.

Bütün bunları niçin yazıyorum? Bütün bunları göğsüm kabararak, iftiharla, şunun için yazıyorum:

Mezun olduğumuz Amerikan Bord Okulları bizlere İngiliz Edebiyatı'nı, Amerikan Edebiyatı'nı, Chaucer'i, Shakespeare'i, Emerson'u, Thoreau'yu öğrettiği gibi Atatürk devrim ve ilkelerine bağlılığı, demokrasiyi, hür ve doğru düşünme ve yazma ve doğru inandığını savunma yeteneğini, laikliğe bağlılığı, dostluğu, kardeşliği, vefa duygusunu, insanlara yardım etme bilincini ve mutluluğunu, kısaca erdemli ve kültürlü bir vatandaş olmak için gerekli her şeyi öğretti ve bu hasletleri geliştirmemizi sağladı diye düşünüyorum ve gurur duyuyorum. Sizleri tekrar en derin muhabbetlerimle kucaklar ve başarılarınızın devamını dilerim.

Saygılarımla,

Yaşar Yaşer
Mütevelli Heyet Başkanı



SEV Board of Directors (except for İlter Turan) at the Board of Trustees Meeting
From Left: Güner Baykal, Mehmet Yalıt, Aykut Toros, Şükran Çelebi, Muhteşem Ekenler, İlhan Dülger, Alan McCain (ABH General Secretary), Sevim Öztahtacı, Mehmet Gür.

Activity Report of SEV

For over a year a new administration is in charge of SEV. As SEV we continue to work side by side with the American Board for the betterment of our common affiliates, namely the Gaziantep American Hospital and SEV-YAY as well as the Board schools, and their offsprings the SEV Elementary Schools. We would like to inform you on our activities over the past year. Due to an effective control over the budgets, all of our schools ended the 1999 fiscal year in the black. We are planning to elevate this surplus for the year 2000.



Alan McCain and Ziya Köseoğlu working at the Eminönü Headoffice

Our investments during 1999 were as follows:



In İzmir,

* We purchased the last 2 pieces of land for the construction of İzmir SEV Elementary School, and started the necessary development plans as well as the architectural projects of the buildings. We foresee the start of construction by the summer of 2000.

* The construction of Fred Shepard Sports Hall was completed and opened on January 22, 2000. The building, third biggest sports complex in İzmir serves our students as well with the latest technology and equipment.

* Parsons Hall was renovated, and the gymnasium section turned into classrooms, teachers' offices, and a meeting room for the faculty.

* Sections of Junior Hall, now part of İzmir SEV Elementary School, and the Dining Hall were renovated and airconditioned.

Further renovations in the buildings and purchasing of adjacent land to the İzmir campus is being planned for the year 2000-2001 academic year.

In Üsküdar,

* An additional 600 m² space was added to Martin Hall to meet the need of extra classrooms.

* The flooring of the Sports Hall was renewed, the façades painted and the roof completely changed.

* Additional construction to Barton Hall was completed to serve the Üsküdar SEV Elementary School.

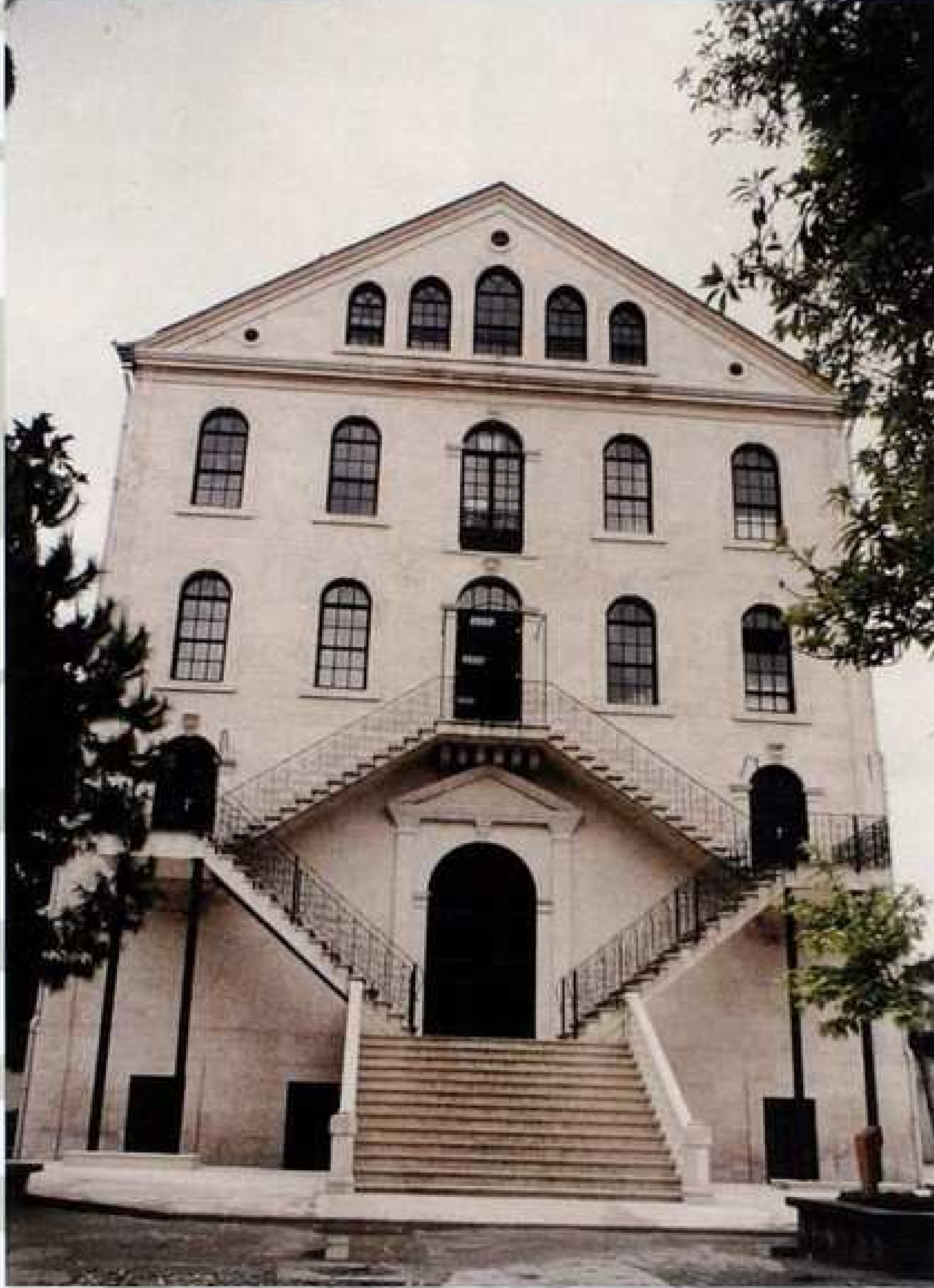
* Çalidere Cottage was transformed into a library, and the former principal's office in Bowker Hall into a

classroom. An Administration Office was built in the first floor of the new housing for the faculty.

* The project stage for reconstructing Emirkonak, Üsküdar has started. It is also planned to renovate the Auditorium and to purchase some land and buildings adjacent to the Üsküdar campus.

In Tarsus,

* The classrooms in the renovated Stickler Hall were used in the 1999-2000 academic year. The rededication of the building was on May 20, 2000.



For the year 2000, renovations in the campus, installing air conditioners in classrooms and offices, roofing Elementary School sports area and purchasing Sadıkpaşa Mansion are planned.



Samsa Karam Mehmet (TAC '65), receiving his gift from Dr. Bernard Mitchell, TAC Superintendent on behalf of Çukurova Holding's \$ 300,000 donation

In Gaziantep,

* The necessary lazer equipment for the Diabetes Center of the Gaziantep Hospital was purchased. Construction of additional operating room has started, and architectural projects for a polyclinic and Dialysis Center are being worked on.

Over the last year we also worked on amending our Charter, defining limitations to terms of the trustees and the Board of Directors members, and establishing an inner auditing system.

We have established scholarships for 11 earthquake victims and 32 university students whose status continued from last year. We have also provided support for purchasing books to five students. There is one scholarship for overseas education given to an ACI graduate this year. She is receiving the scholarship on the condition that she works for the headoffice or one of our school on her return to Turkey. Two students from Tarsus SEV Elementary Schools received 25% reduction from their tuition fees through ABH Maynard Scholarship Fund. In the 1999-2000 academic year our Foundation and schools provided a total of 980,000,000,000 TL for the scholarships.

Our earthquake relief activities are explained in detail in the following pages.

Ziya Köseoğlu
General Coordinator

SEV's Earthquake Relief Report

Our relief efforts after the August 17 and November 12 earthquakes are almost finished. As you have been following up through previous Alma Mater issues, as the Health and Education Foundation we had been at the disaster region from the very beginning. The first step of our relief efforts was to provide and distribute food, water, clothing, and hygenic materials in Adapazarı. Our next step was taken towards the "normalization and stabilization" of daily life for the earthquake victims. We realized the following actions:

- * Donated construction material (cement, roof tiles and bricks) to Karadere, Fevziye, İlyasköy, and Örencik, the villages of Yalova, for the construction of public buildings such as school and health centers.
- * Coordinated the donation, transportation and distribution of COBE haemodialysis machines from North West Kidney Center, Seattle Washington. 4 of those machines were handed over to Istanbul Gülhane Military Medical School Hospital, 24 to Cerrahpaşa Medical School Nephrology Department, 20 to Turkish Kidney Foundation, and 24 to Turkish Red Crescent.
- * Constructed a Children's Center in Adapazarı Emirdağ Tent City, which was operational since January 15, 2000 under the administration of Institution of Social Services and Child Care.



- * Donated five containers to be used as class-rooms to Avni Akyol Elementary School in Düzce and one container to be used as laboratory facility to Bolu İzzet Baysal University.
- * Directed the extra materials collected by PTAs, Students and Graduate Associations of our schools for the Emirdağ Children's Center, to the Children's Center established by TACT in Düzce Çay District Kavaklı Tent City.

The summary of our expenditures and donations to our Earthquake Relief funds are as follows:

Our Earthquake Relief Funds (\$)

SEV	181,650
American Board	5,000
FABSIT	5,000
Üsküdar Schools	7,730
İzmir Schools	3,707
Tarsus Schools	1,350
Yapı Kredi Koray	5,000
Others	2,350
Interest	550
Total	212,337

Spendings (\$)

Yalova Villages	2,650
Emirdağ Children's Center	151,500
Adapazarı Emergency Aid	8,500
6 Containers	32,500
Total Spendings	195,150
Balance	17,187



From the opening ceremony of the Emirdağ Children's Center



Muhteşem Ekenler and Şükran Çelebi giving speeches at the opening ceremony of the Emirdağ Children's Center



Yaşar Yaşer, Chairperson of SEV Board of Trustees, presenting the car keys of the minibus donated by the Üsküdar SEV Elementary School to the Emirdağ Children's Center to the authorities of SHÇEK



Minister Hasan Gemici was present for the opening ceremony



View of the Center from inside



Children who benefit from the Center



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Üsküdar American Academy and Tarsus SEV Elementary School visit Emirdağ



* Üsküdar American Academy PTA, students and teachers and alumnae, a total of 50 people visited the Emirdağ Children's Center on February 19, 2000.

* 49 Sixth graders and 6 teachers of Tarsus SEV Elementary School went to visit Emirdağ Children's center. They write:

"Gezimizin amacı; SEV Vakfınca oluşturulan bu merkezi ziyaret edip depremi tüm yönleriyle yaşamış çocuklara az da olsa moral verebilmek, aynı vakfın çatısı altındaki bireyler olarak birbirimize destek olduğumuzu göstermek ve deprem bölgesindeki insanların hangi koşullarda yaşadığını görerek onları daha iyi anlamaya çalışmaktı.

17 Mayıs akşamı yolculuğa başladık. Planladığımız gibi, 18 Mayıs sabahı Merkez'e ulaştık. Bizi Merkez Müdürü Zeynep Mutlu, öğretmenler ve diğer personel güler yüzle ve çok sıcak ilgiyle karşıladılar. Tüm yorgunluğumuz bir anda uçup gitti.

... Biz sohbete dalmışken, birden vakfın servis aracından 3-6 yaş arası 25 çocuk indi. Bizleri görünce çok sevindiler, gözlerinin içi parladı... Hepsi o kadar sevimliydi ki, evimizde, kardeşlerimizle birlikteydik sanki. Biz onlara getirdiğimiz küçük hediyeleri sunduk, onlar da bizlere öğrendikleri şarkılar ve oyunları sergilediler. Daha sonra hep birlikte çeşitli oyunlar oynadık. Misafirperver ev sahiplerimiz bize kahvaltı hazırlamışlardı. Tümümüz birlikte, neşe içinde yedik, içtik. Kahvaltıdan sonra, Merkez bünyesindeki İlköğretim okulu öğrencileri de bizlere katıldı, şarkılar söyleyip eğlendik.

Geziye katılan 6. sınıf öğrencileri ve öğretmenleri

Çiğdem Darendeli (class teacher)
Can İstif
Münevver Uçar
Gülçim Özkök
Yasemin Dağtekin
Selda Erkmen"



Dilara Sağlıkcan Kehale (ÜAA '77) After Üsküdar, she graduated from Boğaziçi University, from the Department of Business Administration in 1981. In 1991 she established her business on exportation of educational materials which also became the representative of Montessori materials in Turkey. She continues her graduate studies in Pedagogy.

Ms. Kehale is one of the volunteers of Çağdaş Yaşamı Destekleme Derneği (Association to Support Modern Life; ÇYDD) and is the Branch Head of the ÇYDD Beşiktaş Office for five years.



"After the 17 August earthquake, as the Beşiktaş ÇYDD we had provided support service in the Rotary 2000 tent city in Adapazarı. As a first step, the immediate needs of the 1000 inhabitants of the tent city were determined and distributed. We established two rehabilitation centers, two 100 m2 tents, one for the women and the other for children below 15 years-of-age.

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A 135 days of efforts. When it is put into words, it seems not so great. But please consider that every minute on the site felt like a year to us.

While working on relief projects I always felt distinguished as part of the ÜAKL and RC. My friends whom I worked side by side, tirelessly, without any complaints and until the last bits of their energy is consumed were also from these schools.

Thank you ÜAKL and thank you American Board."

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YÖRET Founders (from left: Nüket Atalay, Bilge Koloğlu, and Necla Öner)

Necla Öner (ACI '54) YÖRET (Yüksek Öğretimde Rehberliği Tanıtma ve Rehber Yetiştirme Vakfı)

The Foundation was established in 1972, but it was not until mid-1990s that it became active. YÖRET worked to improve psychological guidance and consultant services for the university students. However university youth is not their only target. YÖRET also works on the Children's Rights Project. After the earthquakes of Marmara region it also developed a project to minimize the effects of psychological stress over children, which includes a program to support parents and children on the socio-psychological level. They started the project in Gölcük in three different tents for children of 0-6 year-olds, 7-12 year-olds and 13-18 year-olds a total of 430 children. They also built a Children's Center in İzmit Doğukışla.



Atilla Dermancıoğlu (TAC '56) is part of the Ümit 2000 project whose main aim is to collect funds in France and abroad and to build a health center in Düzce. It is planned to be a small size health center (approximately 170 m² per floor, on 3 floors) The association believes that the construction of the health center will allow the training of a local team to the construction in seismic areas More details could be reached from <http://www.multimama.com/umit2000/>



Mehmet Sungur (TAC '74). Sungur is among the faculty of Ankara University Medical School. He is also the chairperson of European Cognitive and Behavior Therapy Union and Turkish Cognitive and Behavior Therapy Association. He has many rewards and publication in his area: psychiatry. He had translated a self-help book on understanding the psychological effects of the earthquake trauma and to teach techniques to deal with these effects. The book is published to contribute to the earthquake victims' efforts to recreate their lives and to help them to regain their hope, courage and power.

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* *The History of Üsküdar American Academy 1876-1996* a book by Fay Linder, former ÜAA Vice-Principal, will be published in June. Those who are interested in purchasing a copy may contact the Üsküdar Alumnae Office (216)333 52 82.

* The Annual SEV Orta 3 Math Contest was given at all three schools on May 26, to the top15 students in that particular school. The results are as follows:

School	First	Second	Third
Tarsus	Ufuk Kirik	Mine Mavi	Bilgi Aslankurt
Üsküdar	Mehmet Başoğlu	Ayten Tartıcı	Gizem Uztürk
İzmir	Yılmaz Yıldız	Duygu Ceylan	Berke Tütüncüoğlu

Overall Ranking	Name	School
First	Yılmaz Yıldız	İzmir
Second	Duygu Ceylan	İzmir
Third	Mehmet Başoğlu	Üsküdar

* Annual Knowledge Bowl and Debate Competition among three Board Schools was hosted by Üsküdar American Academy on May 5-7, 2000. Ten students from Sophomore and Junior classes from each school competed in the Knowledge Bowl (held in Turkish) in the subjects of Turkish Language and Literature, Mathematics, Science, and General Knowledge. Debate Competition was in English and the issues were nuclear weapons and whether Turkey should start nuclear armament and the university admittance exams in Turkey and whether they should be abolished.

Knowledge Bowl		Debate	
First	TAC	First	TAC
Second	ACI	Second	ÜAA
Third	ÜAA	Third	ACI

* Commencement ceremonies for the Class 2000 of the Board Schools are scheduled as follows:
ACI June 19, 2000
ÜAA June 24, 2000
TAC June 24, 2000

Announcement

Vesile Akbaba Kemahlıoğlu's (ÜAA '75) daughter Mine (ACI Lise 1 student) is suffering from Non Hodgkin Lymphoma. The treatment is carried out at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston Texas. The family needs financial support to continue with the treatment. Those who are willing to contribute can donate to Koçbank Mavişehir TL Account: 1087096 or \$ Account: 813 5274 under Vesile Ulya and Faruk Kemahlıoğlu's names. For further information contact the family at 0232 422 46 09 (home) or 0 232 478 18 68.

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Model United Nations Club in the Board Schools

Model United Nations is a simulation activity, in which the students are playing the role of the United Nations' delegations. It works as the "model" of the real United Nations with students participating in different committees and commissions where they discuss about the issues occupying the UN agenda for that year. The club exists in all three Board Schools. Turkish International Model United Nations Conference has been hosted by Üsküdar American Academy since 1995. First, it started as a national conference, aiming to prepare the Turkish students, from schools all around Turkey for the THIMUN Conference. For the last four years it gained international status. The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) is a five day simulation for secondary school students. It takes place annually at the end of January in The Netherlands Congress Hall in the Hague. THIMUN is a Non-Governmental Organisation associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information. Below is the revised report of ACI-MUN Club on their trip to The Hague.



THIMUN REPORT 2000 from ACI

The THIMUN 2000 Conference was the sixth THIMUN conference that the American Collegiate Institute participated in. After months of hard preparation, fifteen delegates were chosen from among 40 club members to represent both our school and The Republic of Ireland, the country that had been assigned to our school. Our main goals from the MUN club and the conference were to learn to do research, express our ideas objectively and improve our English and debating skills simultaneously. Looking back on the past four months, we can say that all the members and our directors Didem Erpulat and Patrice Hill accomplished these goals. All the club members searched about different facts about Ireland; politics, government, international relations, military, health, education, etc.

There were six delegates in the committees of the General Assembly, two in the Environment Committee, two in the Disarmament Committee, two in the Human Rights Committee and three in the Special Conference on "Water and Life", which was the theme of THIMUN 2000. When the members in our team were assigned to their committees, we started to research the topics that were in our own committee's agendas. Then we wrote resolutions in which we suggested solutions to either ease or solve the problems in our agenda from the Irish point of view.

On Saturday January 22, 2000 we left Izmir to go to the Netherlands via Zurich by Swissair, which is our sponsor airlines. For the first time in the ACI MUN history, our club was able to take a chair to the conference, Efe Atabay, as the deputy chair of the Disarmament Commission. He went to the Netherlands one day earlier to attend the Chair Workshop on Saturday.

The conference began on Monday, which was the official lobbying day, although the official opening ceremony wasn't until Tuesday. We tried to meet as many people as possible representing other countries in our committee and merge our resolutions with them. We pointed out our strongest clauses, talked about our ideas and tried to convince others to believe the same. For a resolution to be debated, it needs at least fifteen signatures from other nations and the lobbying and merging day is simply the day to get all those signatures. As a school, our policy was to find people who would not only give their signatures to us but also support the resolutions and our ideas if we needed them during the debates. Tuesday was the day for the Opening Ceremony. The Prince of Orange of the Netherlands gave a speech mentioning that he was also a participant of THIMUN when he was a high-school student. The mayor of The Hague, David Williams, who's the coordinator of THIMUN and many other guest speakers gave speeches.

Since the General Assembly is a very crowded meeting, it's very hard to be given the chance to speak on the floor by the chairs, but two of our delegates, Fulya and Can, were able to get recognized and they gave speeches in the General Assembly.