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Submitted by The Honorary Consulate of Hungary - Atlanta

Not exactly... but the sizeable and very active Hungarian community in Georgia, proud of the brilliant Hungarian scientists called "The Martians" who changed the world by contributing to science significantly in the twentieth century, is starting a new Atlanta tradition on February 12, 2010 with its most anticipated event of 2010, the Hungarian Carnival Ball, or *Farsang*.

The Georgia House of Representatives will declare this day an official Hungary Day in Georgia. This open-to-the-public event at the World Trade Center in Atlanta at 7 pm on February 12 organized by the Hungarian Community Church of Georgia, the Honorary Consulate of Hungary in Southeast U.S., and The Atlanta Hungarian Meetup Group caps an afternoon of business with festivities that celebrate the Hungarian Carnival Ball, or *Farsang*.

"I am proud to be a participant in the Inaugural Hungarian Ball, and I extend to the local Hungarian community my deepest appreciation for its hard work in organizing this unique event" - said Mr. John E. Parkerson, Jr. Honorary Consul of Hungary, and Director of International Programs for Clayton State University.

Thanks to Mr. Parkerson's mission, there are growing business and educational ties between Georgia and Hungary, an EU member and NATO ally country of 10 million people in Central Europe.

As a further sign of the growing connections between Georgia and Hungary, His Excellency Bela Szombati, Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, makes his first visit to Atlanta on Thursday, February 11 and Friday February 12. The commercial attaches from the Hungarian Embassy in Washington and the Director General from the Department of Bilateral Relations in the Ministry for National Development and Economy in Budapest will accompany the Ambassador.

Mr. Parkerson has been working closely with the embassy to arrange a full schedule of meetings for the Ambassador on February 11 and 12, including "Hungary Day in Georgia" proclamations from the State of Georgia (House of Representatives and Governor), visit to The Carter Center and Library, meetings with key Atlanta business and governmental officials, and assemblies at two Metro Atlanta universities: GA Tech and Clayton State University. Among his February 12 activities are the Friday afternoon business Seminar and the *Farsang* or Carnival Ball in the evening. The Ambassador will open the festivities as guest of honor; and guests will enjoy folk dance productions, live music, socializing, raffles, and doing whatever else Hungarians do when they celebrate Carnival.

"I am very excited about the event and looking forward to enjoy a 'Day in Hungary' in Atlanta" - said one of the Hungarian community members to the organizers with tears in her eyes as she has not been able to visit back to her home country for many years.

The Carnival event, simply named Hungarian Ball, of which Sarolta Tulipan and her husband Dr. Csaba Siffel, a researcher at CDC were the chief organizers, serves as a fundraising function for the Hungarian Folk Dance Group in Atlanta and future support of the colorful Hungarian cultural activities and educational programs.

Who were "The Martians"? They were genius Hungarian scientists who had an extraordinary impact on their professions and on world events in the twentieth century. Perhaps the most well-known of them were: Theodore von Karman, a world-renowned expert in aerodynamics; Leo Szilard, a physicist who both studied and worked with Einstein and who, together with Enrico Fermi, patented the first nuclear fission reactor; Eugene Wigner who pioneered the use of group theory to explore the symmetry properties of atoms and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1963; and Edward Teller who made important contributions to molecular physics,

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astrophysics and nuclear physics. They received the name from a fellow Martian John von Neumann, the designer of digital computers who jokingly suggested that Hungary was a front for aliens from Mars.

For additional information, please see: [www.hungarianballatlanta.com](http://www.hungarianballatlanta.com), or contact John E. Parkerson, Jr. at 404-213-5366, or you can also contact Dr. Csaba Siffel at 678-908 3438.

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