



Kurdish Cultural Center of Illinois (KCCI) 2021 Activities and Events:

We, the Kurdish Cultural Center of Illinois, are very grateful for having many supportive members and promoters helping our community grow. We would like to express our appreciation and give thanks for their efforts. Please see what we have been able to accomplish this past year

March 7: KCCI hosted a virtual International Women's Day celebration event dedicated to honoring and empowering women in the community. The program featured distinguished guest speakers (Arkhaman Salih, Elif Genc, Osman Cen, Zehra Serbest). The event created an inclusive platform where speakers and participants engaged in meaningful discussions, exchanged ideas, and fostered a spirit of support, empowerment

March 14: KCCI board members and community members and speakers (Alan Fattah, Bayan Sami Abdul Rahman) came together for the Halabja Commemoration held virtually in remembrance of the victims of the Halabja chemical attack.

March 20: KCCI hosted a virtual Newroz event and celebrated the main Kurdish holiday in honor of the Kurdish New year. We welcomed the coming of spring along with our guests (Bayan Sami Abdul Rahman, Lukman Ahmad and Dr. Mucahit Bilici) and singers' (Group SEL, Arash, and David). As a part of the celebration, board members sent out postcards to families and community members, also hosted an online exhibition and encouraged children to contribute their artwork, photos, or poetry to showcase what Newroz meant to them.

July 25: KCCI members and families gathered at Deer Grove for a fun Summer Potluck Picnic which everyone enjoyed and created unforgettable memories.

December 12: KCCI held its annual board meeting where past events were summarized, elected new board members, discussed financial matters and proposed a plan for finding a good location for the KCCI by early spring 2022. And also held the board election at Cumberland IL electing members for board positions.

Board Members of 2021

<u>Co-Presidents:</u> Osman Cen	<u>Secretary:</u> Ridvan Bolgi <u>Vice-President:</u> Bahadin H Kerborani Betul Serbest
<u>Treasurer(s):</u> Mustafa Renas aktas	<u>Members:</u> Dilek Ariya Serbest Ferat Imrak Gonul Duzer Ibrahim Halil Munigu Muhlis Buyukkaya Serhat Yesilmen

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We will be happy to hear your feedback to strengthen our community together. **Address:** 4217 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60641

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