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MEET AMERICAN TURNERS VEEP AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tom Bozonelos, First Vice President of the American Turners, will be a special Los Angeles Turners guest at our annual Christmas Party. This visit extends and expands the friendship between not only the American Turners and Los Angeles, but with other Turner societies around the country as well.

This is Tom's first trip to Southern California on a Turners mission and we look forward to personally making his acquaintance.



Yearly Yulefest on December 9 Details on page 4



Christina Linhardt

MEMBERS MEETING MARKS MILESTONE

On October 26 the Los Angeles Turners convened for the annual meeting of the Society. Despite the unfinished state of the Turner Center, it was the first to be held in the new home of the discus thrower, and the work-in-progress environment actually made for what will be pleasant memories when the hall is finished and functional.

The 2008 meeting was a milestone for the proportionally high turnout, and the exceptionally warm and cordial tone of the meeting. In historic ancient Rome, this new era would be hailed: "Pax Turnérica".

The meeting began with the members singing of the Los Angeles Turners Song, which was followed by a welcome from President Dennis Fredricks. Membership Director Angie Hegedus presented the LA Society's vital statistics and Treasurer Eliane Ubassy-Butler gave comfort with a strong bill of financial health. Each member also had the opportunity to review the annual financial report of the Society that was prepared by the Turners' accountant. Singers' Chair Inge Crongeyer recapped a year of choir activities and General Manager Alexander Hast gave a House report that together with architect Andreas Gritschke's contribution, explained where the remodeling of the Turner Center stands (see page 3 for details).

VP Carole Brennan presented her committee's proposals for the ByLaw amendments. After discussion, Richard Imendorf made the

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Come to the annual Turners' Christmas Party to be held again in the Emerald Room of Alpine Village. Back with an all new seasonal repertoire is Christina Linhardt, who wowed the guests two years ago with German and English holiday, cabaret and operetta fare.

The Turner Singers, the active heart of our Society, will perform and lead us in carols, and the voice of Frohsinn, Willi Jablonski, will perform a special tribute to Robert Stolz. Meet national Turners Vice President Tom Bozonelos and be there to welcome the newest Turners who will be initiated that evening. Please see details on Page 4.



Calendar 2008

Nov. 22 Herbstkonzert Frohsinn Damenchor, Alpine Village

December

- 7 Alpine Village Clubhaus, 2pm, Children's Christmas
- 7 Phoenix Club - Christmas Bazar
- 9 Los Angeles Turners - Christmas Party in the Emerald Room at Alpine Village, 6:30 pm
- 14 Phoenix Club - Children's Christmas Program



Calendar 2009

3rd Weekend in January, (Jan. 16-18) - GAMGA Gala in Las Vegas

Discussions

My dear fellow Turners,

It is hard to believe, but 2008 is slipping away from us already. By the time you receive this, you will be making your Thanksgiving plans, and reading...yes, the invitation to our Christmas party.



Our Turners year is from November 1 through October 31, as it is based on the annual meeting. The end of October is the end of the old, and the start of a new session. The 2007-2008 Turner year started with a very successful Christmas party. Then early in the year, we obtained our permits for the remodeling of the Turner Center, and after a search that makes "American Idol" look easy, Alex Hast and Andreas Gritschke secured a General contractor. Now saws are buzzing, dust is flying, and hammers are pounding on Sepulveda Eastway.

Our Singers, as always, did us proud, representing the Westcoast discus thrower at German American Day at the Cathedral and at many all-German/Austrian events. Their week-to-week dedication is the unbroken chain of Turner activity and I can only express my gratitude to Inge Crongeyer for her leadership and my admiration to all the singers for their work. Our fencers reached out to the American Turners, with the intention of instituting pan-Turner competitions. And so many of you appeared at so many public events, keeping the Turners and our entire community cohesive and vital.

Our long overdue ByLaws reform is underway, for which a toast to Carole Brennan and her committee is due. Treasurer Eliane Ubassy kept us not only financially hale, but better off than we were 12 months ago.

One shining highlight of the year was the American Turners convention in Ft. Wayne. A national meaning to the word 'fraternity', the proof that a network that extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific can achieve shared goals, the concept that hard work and hard play can go hand-in-hand, and how that idea that Ludwig Jahn started so long ago created something that could make therefor strangers into friends in 3 days, are all

indelible impressions from that weekend in August. This year, First VP of the American Turners, Tom Bozonelos, will be the special guest at the Christmas party and I know you will enjoy meeting him.

As we look ahead to 2009, the long, long road to the completion of the Turner Center remodeling will make our grand opening all the more significant and precious. With the TC complete, we will commence a slate of old and new activities to match every member's tastes, and the opportunity to offer such activities will enable us to attract new civic-minded members to grow the Turners.

Thank you for making the 2008 Annual Meeting one of the best attended in recent memory, and thank you to our Board - it is you who make our progress possible.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all, und auf Wiedersehen am 9. Dezember!

Dennis Fredricks, President

Members meeting...

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motion to accept the ByLaws as corrected. The motion was seconded by William Dinsnbacher and it passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Chair Eliane Ubassy-Butler delivered the 2008-2009

A raffle was organized by Carole Brennan to benefit the National Turners Scholarship fund, to the proceeds of which Carole added \$25 from her personal funds.

The afternoon ended with Richard Imendorf calling Karen, who had accompanied Ilse Stassart to the hospital after her fall before the meeting. The members were happy to learn that Ilse was fine and in good spirits. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 but many Turners stayed into the early evening enjoying good conversation and the pastries prepared by Carole Brennan and Inge Crongeyer.



Photo top (L to R): New board member Petra Schürmann with Dennis Fredricks, Lisa Schmitt, Hugo Bakos, who won the raffle, and Ilona Scarpidis.



Photo top right: Christian Eimer and DAV Mayqueen Lili Radulea.



2nd Photo from top right: Liselotte Crowell, Inge Crongeyer and Edeltraud Schober.



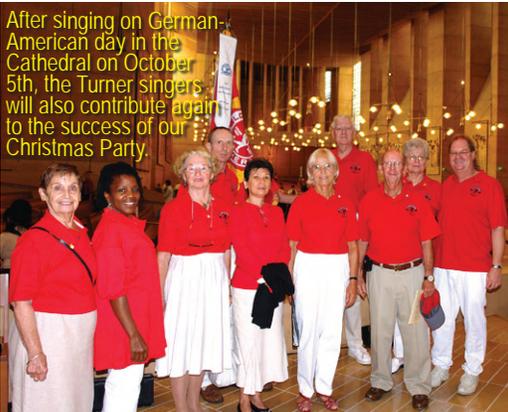
3rd Photo from top right: Richard Imendorf with Hugo Bakos and Ilona Scarpidis.



4th Photo from top right: Our Architects, Liliiana & Andreas Gritschke, show Floyd Pedersen the choices of materials for the Turner Center.

2nd Photo from top (L to R): Bill Williamson, Irma Hast, Marianne Williamson, John Crongeyer and General Manager Alexander Hast.

Photo left: Turners Dean Carl Schaefer and Frohsinger Willi Jablonski who will also contribute again to this years Christmas Party. This year Willi will sing some Robert Stolz songs.



After singing on German-American day in the Cathedral on October 5th, the Turner singers will also contribute again to the success of our Christmas Party.

nominations for election to the Board of Directors: incumbents Angie Hegeudus and Carole Brennan as well as the publisher of "German-World" magazine and longtime Turner, Petra Schürmann, the latter to fill the seat vacated by Carl Schaefer. Dennis Fredricks, three times repeated the question, were there were any other nominations from the floor. There were no other candidates. The nominees were elected by the membership by enthusiastic acclamation.

House Report

We are finally on our way. On October 24th I signed with our General Contractor Dean Wilson, who will remodel the Turner Center by May next year.

As you know, we had already received our permits for the remodeling of the Turner Center in February this year. You would think, after this important step everything else would fall in place. Not quite. After receiving the permits, Andreas Gritschke, our Architect, and I were surprised by the estimated cost for the remodeling. The first bids that we had received were higher than and close to 1.2 Million Dollars for the construction. The collapse of the housing market and the following slowing of their work finally brought several Contractors to the table, and we negotiated with 13 different General Contractors since February. The collapse of the stock market pushed the offers of the finalists over the edge into the realm we were looking for. We signed for significantly less than the mentioned amount.

I would like to thank the board of Directors for hanging in with us and



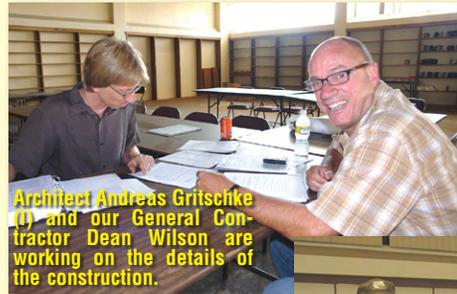
Picture top right: The stage will have a special foundation.

Picture right: The kitchen will be spacious, Bill Williamson is evaluating the changes.

covering our back for the eight months of negotiations, when both the criticism of outsiders and the frustration of some members began to get to us. In the light of the situation I want to repeat what I said at the time: "I'd rather have everybody upset now and happy about the outcome later, than vice versa."

Construction started on Monday, October 27th, and the building shall be finished within 210 days. I would like to thank Andreas Gritschke again and emphasize that we worked as a team and that we would not have achieved that much without Andreas.

Alexander Hast
Alexander Hast, General Manager



Architect Andreas Gritschke (l) and our General Contractor Dean Wilson are working on the details of the construction.

Picture right: The Singers are still rehearsing in the areas of the Turner Center that are being kept open for them.

L to R: Bill Williamson, Inge Crongeyer, Edelgard Pedersen, Carole Brennan, Angie Hegedus, and Marianne Williamson.



Birthdays

November

Janet Buccowich	Nov. 1
Uwe Russmann	Nov. 4
Richard Imendorf	Nov. 5
John Crongeyer	Nov. 7
Gerry Woodruff	Nov. 16
Andrea Felke	Nov. 25
Walter Nollac	Nov. 26
Mary Giesbret	Nov. 29

December

Christel Chang	Dec. 2
Else Lotz	Dec. 8
Angie Hegedus	Dec. 16
Ilse Stassart	Dec. 17

January

Doris Adlam	Jan. 2
Dennis F. Fredricks	Jan. 6
Hildy Symonds	Jan. 9
Gisela Heumann	Jan. 20
Arthur Angstenberger	Jan. 21
Willi Jablonski	Jan. 27

Congratulations!

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