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L.A. Turner Talk



News April - June 2011

My dear fellow Turners and guest readers:

While the horror that occurred in Japan is fading from U. S. news reports, it remains fresh in my mind and probably in the minds of most of us living in our own earthquake zone. Efforts to spearhead our own contribution to aid Japan were announced and the German American community responded. Thank you to the German-American League who led off our financial donations drive with a magnificent gift of \$5,000. Additional gifts of cash and in kind (printing) donations have been received. While our original intention was to send a container of food and warm clothing directly to Japan, as the weeks passed it has been decided to present our gift directly to the Japanese Consul General here in Los Angeles where it will be channeled into the most needy sector of the Japanese economy. Personal connections of Turners with the Japanese Import/Export Company Nippon Express opened this way to the heart of the problems.

Closer to home, Turner life and fun have shaken winter's grip on our new home. February activity blossomed like early spring daffodils. Ballroom dancing classes partner members with guests and professionals with both talented and not so talented (me) amateurs. Our Karneval party allowed us to mingle with GAMGA, German South Bay Club and Phoenix Club members and to exchange our first ever Karneval Ordens. We also got to dress in costumes and I finally had a chance to wear my red cow-person hat! A special party was sponsored by Turner friend, Harold Niehenke, who introduced our new community outreach project to charitable supporters and prospective donors. Winding up the month, a wedding reception was held in our new home. This beautiful reception for 150 guests added some rental revenue to our coffers. Quite a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers.

Dancing continued through March and, depending upon its continued enthusiastic beginnings, will go forward well into the future.

Dearest to my own heart is the return of physical activity in the form of fitness training. Once again young people will

engage in our core activity. In association with K B FITNESS, classes for youngsters ages 6 to 16 will be starting soon at our new facility. Classes will be specific for each developmental level and will address fitness, balance, agility and flexibility. K B Fitness is fully certified and licensed in Youth Fitness and is especially concerned about preventing sports related injuries in a non-competitive fun environment. Students will be from sports teams in the area, the Goethe Charter School, and open to all youngsters who wish to enroll. Please come to our Quarterly Meeting for additional details and an opportunity to meet with our Turnlehrer, Mesfin Felleke.



Our association with the Goethe Charter School does not end with phys ed, but continues with a joint presentation of a play written by the children entitled I Am Robin Hood. Our stage and hall will be transformed into Sherwood Forest on June 10th and 11th (3 performances). There will be singing, fencing, archery, many languages spoken and all in all be some really good entertainment. Tickets will go on sale soon and I'm sure you will all wish to attend.

In closing I wish to give SPECIAL THANKS to some special people. To Corneliu and Liliana Radulea for being excellent bartenders, to Lilly Gritschke who volunteers as weed puller par excellence, to Petra Schürmann for getting us into our dancing shoes, to Richard Imendorf who kept watch over some cherished memorabilia before returning it into our care, to Lisa Schmidt who brings new zest to the Turners; and last but never least, to four ever loyal, truly reliable and wonderful Turners John and Inge Crongeyer and Floyd and Edelgard Peterson who are omnipresent. Thank you so much.

With fond Turners greetings,

Carole Brennan, President

Dancing at the TurnerCenter



The dance classes are continuing. Join us for ballroom dancing twice a month on Tuesdays at the Los Angeles Turner Center in Westchester.

The next dates are:
April 26 (Tango / Jive)
May 10 & May 24 (Viennese Waltz / Rumba)
June 14 & June 28 (Foxtrott / Samba)

Time: 7 PM - 9 PM

(Doors open at 6.30 PM)

General revision of previous lessons at 7 PM. Ballroom dancing lesson with dance instructor Iris Steinlein from 8 PM to 9 PM.

Admission:
\$ 10 p.p. for LA Turner members/\$ 15 p.p. for guest members.

Please let us know by email: info@laturners.org or call (310) 880 420 if you plan to attend and also let us know if you need a dance partner.



The Quarterly Membership Meeting will be on Sunday, April 17th at 1:00 pm.



Karneval at the Turner Center

On February 5th the Karnevalistas from the Anaheim Karnevalsgesellschaft im Phoenix Club, GAMGA and German Southbay Club joined forces with the LA Turners to celebrate the first Karneval in the new Turner Center.



Calendar 2011

<http://www.germanleague.us>



April

- 16 Santa Monica Club - Dinner Dance - Express
- 16 LA Soccer Club - Western Night - BlueBirds
- 17 Turners Quarterly Members Meeting 1:00 pm
- 17 Phoenix Club - Easter Bazaar
- 26 Ballroom Dancing at the Turner Center, 7:00 pm
- 30 Damenchor Frohsinn - 60th Anniv. Concert - Alpine Village

May

- 1 Mai und Kinderfest DAV, Schulverein, Phoenix Club
- 8 Donauschwäbische Verein. Muttertag - Father Lani Hall
- 14 Santa Monica Club - Dinner Dance - Frank & Renate
- 10 Ballroom Dancing at the Turner Center, 7:00 pm
- 21 Bavarian Club - Maifest - Express
- 24 Ballroom Dancing at the Turner Center, 7:00 pm

June

- 10 Goethe Charter School Play - Turner Center at 7:00 pm
- 11 Goethe Charter School Play - Turner Center at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- 14 Ballroom Dancing at the Turner Center, 7:00 pm
- 18 RockBeerFest -Phoenix Club - Martin Gerschwitz & Friends
- 19 Santa Monica Club - Dinner Dance - Connection
- 25 LA Soccer Club - Hawaiian Dance - BlueBirds
- 28 Ballroom Dancing at the Turner Center, 7:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS

April

Liselotte Crowell	April 2
Eric Braeden	April 3
Vonda Neundorf	April 7
Floyd Pedersen	April 8
Lilly Chen	April 12

May

Sophie Adlam	May 5
George Wilfinger Adlam	May 8
Inge Congeyer	May 14
Kurt Toppel	May 14
Elise Olsen	May 15
Horst Neu	May 16
Carl Schaefer	May 17
Irma Hast	May 19
W. A. Altmann	May 24

June

John Beckner	June 9
Marianne Williamson	June 12
Jeff Gin	June 14
Edelgard Pedersen	June 17
Gisela Chausee	June 19
Alexander Hast	June 20
Carole Brennan	June 24
Petra Schürmann	June 27

Congratulations!

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