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L.A. Turner Talk



News August - October 2011

My dear fellow Turners and guest readers:

The Quarterly Meeting of the Los Angeles Turners was held on Sunday, July 17th. It was unfortunate that this date also was in the middle of the 405 freeway closure. However, attendance was better than expected and altogether better than any previous Quarterly Meetings. Sunday the 17th opened with the Women's World Cup Soccer Final being shown on our BIG screen. Attending were friends from the Santa Monica Club, some neighbors, some associates and board members as well as some potential new members. Immediately following the match, we went right into the meeting. Of primary importance during this meeting was a discussion concerning the real need for passage of some, if not all, the newly formatted bylaws – especially concerning membership.

The Los Angeles Turners will fade into oblivion if we don't get families and youngsters enrolled. To expedite, Board Member/Corporate Secretary Ellen Neu, has agreed to assist the existing by-laws review committee however needed so that voting can be ac-

complished swiftly and efficiently at our annual meeting (October 30, 2011, 1:00 p.m.).

Who are those families and youngsters? Families are young adults who have enrolled their children in the Goethe International Charter School. Our Center was opened to this school for the 5th grader's play, I AM ROBIN HOOD (photos below). The play was written entirely by the students, contained scenes in multiple languages, outshined our own mythical fencing team by performing some outrageously great fights, and was a sell-out for all three performances. This school



is located within easy reach of our new home and has interested parents and great kids just waiting to join us.

The other youngsters are neighbors who need to get moving and become part of our fitness program.

I see so many within walking distance that would benefit from our program but due to funding or lack of it their parents cannot afford it. If these children became members, we could easily include them. Our future depends upon today.

Today depends upon you, the members.

On July 6th I took some personal time and went to the American Turners Sport and Culture Festival in Aurora, Illinois.

This event, held about every 4th year, was spread between facilities at the Aurora Turner complex, Mooseheart

(a complex owned and operated by the Fraternal Order of Moose), a swim center and a couple of golf courses. Almost a thousand participants attended coming from many existing Turner clubs, private sport organizations and even two swimmers from Turnverein Hamburg, Germany (see page 2 for photos). During the golf banquet, I was approached by two Turner clubs in the Midwest who told me "we want to play golf in California. Please have a tournament."



What a great idea! I think this is something we should and can do. If you are interested in working on this project, please let me know.

We need help cleaning up old files – please let me know if you can come in to help sort things out. We need help keeping our grounds debris and weed free. If you're ready to put on gardening gloves, please let me know.

We need Turner members to support our dancing evenings. Even if you don't dance, there's enough Gemütlichkeit to make a pleasant evening. We can't plan member events if we don't know what you want.

As we are now fully legal with papers to prove our physical existence, we are planning an open house to introduce the Los Angeles Turners to our neighbors, local business and all who wish to see what we've done to the old library. Please help us represent ourselves by planning on attending between 1 and 5 on Saturday, August 6th. We will also be using this event to push for holiday rentals both private parties and office holiday party gatherings.

My phone is always "on" and my e-mails get answered promptly. If you have any questions or wish to get involved in any way, physically or financially – please do not hesitate to let me know.

With fond Turners greetings,

Carole Brennan,
President





American Turners' National Sportfest, Aurora, IL, July 2011: the young and the young at heart keeping our founder's message alive.



Calendar 2011

<http://www.germanleague.us>



August

- 6 Open House at the Turner Center 1 - 5 PM
- 21 German Day at the Phoenix Club / German-American Brass Band
- 26 Phoenix Club - 51st Anniversary Gala / Express Band
- 28 Tea Dance at the Turner Center 2 - 5 PM (Ballroom Dancing)

September

- 10 Bavarian Club - Oktoberfest / Connection
- 11 Santa Monica Club - Oktoberfest / Express Band
- 16 Phoenix Club - Oktoberfest (thru October 30)
- 17 Los Angeles Soccer Club - Oktoberfest / John Borowitz Band

October

- 1 Alemannia Music Foundation - Montrose Oktoberfest
- 8 DAV - German-American Day (Alpine Village Inn)
- 9 Donauschwäbische Vereinigung - Kirchweih (St. Stephen Church)
- 15 Santa Monica Club - Dinner Dance / Connection
- 15 Bavarian Club - Oktoberfest / John Borowitz Band
- 22 Austrian-American Club - National Holiday (Elks Club, Glendale)
- 30 Los Angeles Turners General Membership Meeting, 1 - 3 PM
- 29-30 Phoenix Club - Hauntoberfest

The loss of one diminishes us all. Uwe Russman has passed away. On June 26th Carole Brennan represented the Los Angeles Turners at his memorial service. Carole: "Co-workers spoke warmly of a man who was innovative, cooperative and always ready to enter into a new project. Neighbors told of his kindness, friendship and generosity. I told of his bold bass-baritone voice that would be missed in our continually dwindling chorus and of his dedication to our Turner family. While I was not privileged to know him for a long time, being a Turner alongside him created its own unique friendship." Auf Wiedersehen, Uwe.



BIRTHDAYS

August

Lisa Schmitt	Aug. 21
William Dinsenbacher	Aug. 26
Liliana Gritschke	Aug. 30

September

Ditta Garba-Myers	Sept. 1
Karen Imendorf	Sept. 2
Corneliu Radulea	Sept. 12
Wolfgang Sauer	Sept. 23

October

Kuno Gertz	Oct. 7
Bill Williamson	Oct. 13
Hildegard Winders	Oct. 13
Carl Spahr	Oct. 19

November

Janet Buccowich	Nov. 1
Richard Imendorf	Nov. 5
John Crongeyer	Nov. 7
Walter Nollac	Nov. 26

Congratulations!

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