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Christmas at LA Turners

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report

Here's hoping everyone had a joyous Holiday Season and that all are surviving the winter well.

The past couple of months have been pretty active. In early December I was invited to attend a 90th birthday gathering for our past American Turner Historian, Forrest Steinlage. It was held at the Louisville Turner's Gym and was an excellent celebration of Forrest's 90 years with several gymnastic and graceful athletic exhibitions. (By the way Forrest and his wife Dot are the only couple in the Turners who both are holders of the Gold Honor Key)



On more toward the middle of December I was invited to a Christmas celebration at the Los Angeles Turners with the purpose of meeting their board and members and welcoming them back into an active and enthusiastic relationship with the American Turners. As well as discussing, with their President Dennis Fredricks, the possibility amending our National Principles and Statues, a subject in which Dennis has extensive expertise and one that our National Council has directed us to follow up on. The entire trip was both enjoyable and enlightening and the L.A. Turners were remarkable hosts.

We have recently begun looking into ways of getting our organizations name and objectives out in front of the appropriate sections of the American public. As of right now we are looking at the possibility of placing ads in ethnic magazines or other web page links. Any suggestions or thoughts on publicity are welcome. Just notify the National office with positive ideas on the topic and we will get them to the Turners who are heading up this endeavor.

On a related subject, we are finding that some people who a society because of interest in a particular program or activity don't even know that they are joining a much larger and worthy organization. We get letters, e-mails, and phone calls frequently from folks who ask "Why are you sending us this Turner Topics Magazine?" we don't even know who you are. When we follow up we find out that they joined a special interest group of a Turner Society and no one explained the Turners to them. So please keep your members informed and involved in District and National affairs. We are interested in every Turner member so if there are questions or concerns forward them to the National Office and we will follow up accordingly.

Our Web Site Committee has decided to spruce up the home page of our web site. In order to do this they are going to run an All Turner Contest on web page design so please look for details in this issue of the Turner Topics or on the web site for contest rules and how to submit your entry.

As always I would like to emphasize the importance of our Turner youth. Gaining and keeping the interest of our younger/newer members, our children and grandchildren is of the utmost importance. They are our future, of course.

I would like to wish the best to every Turner for a safe, comfortable winter season and a happy, prosperous New Year to you, yours and your Turner Society.

With Turner Greetings,

Bill Severns
President, American Turners

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DISTRICT AND SOCIETY NEWS

Akron Auxiliary

Although we are no longer a National Turner entity we are still continuing our meetings and activities. Some of the things we have done this past year starting in May we sponsored a table of donated items for the ATC annual Flea Market. After our summer break we as a group in October made a trip to one of our local wineries and for November we attended the Carousel Dinner Theatre. October at our meeting we had a contest for decorated pumpkins and in November it was decorated turkeys.

December was our biggest month, or auxiliary sponsored a pancake breakfast at which we sold home made goods, cookies and candies. Our auxiliary made Christmas door wreaths from grapevines and real evergreens and decorated them with bows and pine cones and sparkles. Out of 19 we made we sold 15 to our members and friends. From the proceeds we plan to help our club out where needed. In all it was a good year for us.

Respectfully,
Ruth Vera, Auxiliary President

Louisville

Forrest Steinlage and I wish to thank everyone who came to Louisville Turners to celebrate his 90th birthday on December 1st.

There were 157 names in the guest book. They represented people from all walks of his life. His place of employment, The Metropolitan Sewer District, The Louisville Palette Art Club, The Howard Steamboat Museum, his Church and friends and relatives. It was a wonderful display of love and friendship from so many people who knew Forrest over the years he spent at Louisville Turner and with the National Organization. His many years on the Louisville Board of Directors and as a performer at their annual circus'. He was editor of their monthly magazine for over 35 years.

It was a nice surprise to have our National Turner President, Bill Severns join us along with our Central States District President, John Tozier. Other out of town Turner guest were Betty Hepner from Athenaeum Turners and Barb Riley our National Cultural Chairperson of Ft. Wayne Turners.

We had some entertainment which included hand balancing, Indian Club swinging, and two aerial acts (one was performed by Judy Steinlage Ahlborn, Forrest's daughter from Little, Co.) Everyone had a wonderful time. Forrest is enjoying all the birthday cards he received.

Thanks to the Louisville Turners for allowing us to celebrate in the gym.

Dot and Forrest Steinlage



National President Bill Severns and Forrest Steinlage at 90th birthday



Louisville Turners Gym for Forrest Steinlage 90th birthday party.



(Left) Dot Steinlage and Emcee Ann Schnurr.



Erica Pangburn sings the Star Spangled Banner.

Member At Large First Notice

Cecelia (Sue) Flowers
29528 N. Little Leaf Dr. • Queen Creek, AZ 85243

DISTRICT AND SOCIETY NEWS

Society Akron Holds Cabbage Stomp

This past fall, some of our members gathered in our gymnasium to stomp more than 2000 pounds of farm fresh cabbage. For those of us who have never seen this ritual before, it was quite amazing. After the cabbages were piled high on the gym floor, the fun started. First, the outer leaves were removed then the heads were cut into chunks and sent to the shredding machine where three members added salt and worked the machine.

The shredded cabbage was then placed in crocks on the floor in front of seated members who proceeded to stomp the cabbage with long clubbed poles. As the juices rose to the top more cabbage was added until the crocks were full. They were then taken to Don Shepherd's basement where the cabbage will mature for 6 to 8 weeks, at which time a new batch of sauerkraut will emerge and be shared by all of the stompers.

The work was followed by a luncheon of, you guessed it, cabbage and kielbasa that was prepared by Linda Paxton and Joanne Shepherd. It was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed the whole day. The German's have a word for it- Gemutlichkeit.

June Ewing



Los Angeles

Christmas in Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Turners celebrated the Yule with a festive gathering that included a visit from American Turners helmer Bill Severns, a Lifetime Service Award to the dean of the West Coast group, English and German Christmas carols led by branch's choir, a sword-swallower, theater singers, prizes, and the gift of a coffee mug to every member and guest.

Alexander Hast



National Committee News

National Bowling

The 2008 National Tournament is to be held by the Elgin Turners and the 2009 Tournament has been awarded to the Syracuse Turners.

We are now looking for a Society to host the 2010 Tournament. Your District National Bowling Committee member, or the National Bowling Committee Chairperson can answer any questions you may have.

For a set of forms to bid on the 2010 Tournament please contact:

Tom O'Hara
Nat. Bowling Committee Chairperson
Home (315) 458-1967
23 Lincoln Road
Mobile (315) 415-8817
North Syracuse NY 13213
e-mail: ohneast@aol.com

Bids for the 2010 Tournament must be postmarked by June 1st, 2008.

2008 American National Junior Bowling Tournament

The 2008 Turner National Junior Bowling Tournament will be held on or after February 15, 2008 before March 15, 2008.

The cost is \$2.00 for each entrant. There are five divisions, 156-200 average, 126-155 average, 96-125 average, 95 & under average and bumper. All but the bumper division will bowl three games with bumper bowling two games.

For a copy of the rules, entry and report forms, contact:

Terry Bodine
National Junior Bowling Chairman
12726 Schooner Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46845
Email: bodinetj@verizon.net
Ph: 260-341-4385

Please provide your Name, Address, Phone number and Email Address.

Happy New Year from the NHPEC

At the mailing of this issue of Turner Topics the holiday season will be over, but I want to wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year. Last year was quite eventful with the National Festival in June. This year I hope many Societies will participate in the National Championships for Gymnastics, Bowling, Golf and Softball.

The 2008 National Softball Championship will be hosted by Louisville Turners, to be held on July 4, 5 & 6, 2008. More information from Louisville Turners will be coming soon.

I still have not heard from anyone wanting to host a Volleyball Championship. Even if you do not have a complete Volleyball team, you can still host the competition. Phil Klabunde (philklabvb@comcast.net) can assist in finding players to complete a partial team. And remember there is funding available for a Society hosting a National event.

Once all of the Turner National Championships are done we can sit back, relax and watch our favorite sporting events and athletes compete in the Summer Olympics. If anyone is fortunate enough to see the Olympics in person, I would hope they would share their experience and photographs in the Turner Topics.

Michelle Lesperance
NHPEC Chairperson

ATTENTION CRAFTERS AND ARTISANS

You are invited to participate in the August 2008 Arts and Crafts Fair to be held at Illinois Turner Camp, Algonquin, Illinois.

Eligibility:

Participants must be minimum 18 years of age and be a Turner member, or a spouse of a Turner member, or a Ladies Auxiliary member of the Illinois District American Turners, e.g. Aurora, Eiche, Elgin, Lincoln or Northwest Turners.

Fees:

\$10.00 per table and the contribution of one representative handmade item to be raffled during the Fair. The table fees and the monies from the raffles will benefit the Ladies Clubhouse at the Illinois Turner Camp.

For additional information and to apply contact:

By phone: Gerry Malone 708-633-0713

By mail: Betty Frantz
PO Box 1355
Oak Park, IL 60304

By email: Gerry Malone Gerden59@aol.com
Betty Frantz nwtturnerbetty@yahoo.com

Mark your calendars now!
The 2008 National Convention is coming to
Fort Wayne, Indiana August 1st – 3rd.
We hope to see a good
representation from every club.
More details to come.....

Hotel Information for the 2008 National Convention in Fort Wayne, IN

We have taken the liberty of reserving rooms at three different hotels. All three are within ½ mile of each other. Fort Wayne is a “smoke free” city now and it should be known that many hotels are now going smoke free too.

These prices are good through 6 weeks prior to the event. Please, make your reservations as soon as possible.

Marriot Fort Wayne
305 East Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
\$89 per night
260-484-0411 for reservations and information

Don Hall's Guest House
1313 West Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
\$79 per night
260-489-2524 for reservations and more information

Baymont Inn – Fort Wayne
1005 West Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
\$65 per night
260-489-4579 for reservations and more information

Time to get ready for the 2008 National Convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana

August 1, 2008:

Noon – 6:30pm - The club will open at noon for registration.
3:00 - The credentials meeting
4:30 - The Nominating Committee
(Fish fry, burgers, and lasagna and sides will be available for purchase at the club)
7:30 – Opening Ceremony, reports will be presented.

August 2, 2008:

8:00 - breakfast rolls will be available
9:00 - Committee meetings start
11:00 – 1:00 Lunch is available for purchase (subs and salad bar)
1:00 – Afternoon session begins
6:00 - Dinner starts. Tickets can be purchased at registration.

August 3, 2008:

8:00 – breakfast rolls will be available
9:00 – Meeting reconvene as long as necessary

Endowment Trust Fund Donations

In Memory of Heinz Schaal

Ferdinand & Friedlinde Beinert
ATNY Senior Class
Hans & Dora Sammer
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In memory of Paul Muller

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In Memory of George Boysen

John & Marilyn Neugebauer
Frank & Janice Braun

In Memory of Ray Schnell

John & Ann Litza
Roy & Barb Hugi

In Memory of Virginia Elste

Roy & Barb Hugi

In Memory of Ed Schetter

Albert & Carol Udovich



Statistical reports will be mailed in January or early February for the year ending December 31, 2007. This is a three part form that needs to be turned in to your district office by February 1 and the National copy in the National office by March 1."

Obituaries

Chicago- Northwest

George A. Boysen 1926 – 2007

George Boysen, a member of American Turners – Northwest Chicago for over 40 years, died on November 27, 2007. George served many years on Northwest's Board of Directors both as President for three years and as Second Vice President, responsible for building maintenance and improvement. George was also active in the Illinois District and at our Turner Camp, serving on the District Council, Camp Committee, and as Building and Grounds Committee Chairman. In recent years, George served as leader of the Northwest Baers men's group and the District Pioneers which included long-time members of all five District societies, and regularly participated in the Millionaires retired men's club.

George and his wife Ruth were life-long bowlers who always participated in the Turner leagues and National tournaments. They also shared a love of singing and were founding members of Northwest's Glee Club for over 25 years. Some of George's happiest moments were on Friday nights at Turner Camp's Rathskellar, singing along as our Dorothy Janssens played the organ.

George is survived by his sister Lucille Bothfeld, his stepchildren Renee (Albert) Malik and Dr. Ross (Jeannine), nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Eiche Turners

Raymond F. Schnell

December 12, 1934 – November 17, 2007

After a three year illness Raymond Schnell passed away on November 17, 2007. Turner Schnell was a 51 year member of Eiche and past President 1962-64 and 1988-90. During his first term as President he initiated a membership drive at Eiche that brought in 63 new members.

In addition, Turner Schnell co-chaired the first Turkey Shoot and continued until his health wouldn't allow it. The event has been Eiche's top fund raising activity for 47 years. He was MC at many, many events for over 40 years, including the 100th Anniversary celebration, his wit and dry humor keeping the crowds amused.

When his health was good, he was always willing to help out chairing and serving as a member many committees, too many to mention. Ray was an active member of the Eiche men's bowling team and participated in many National Turner bowling tournaments.

Ray was a lifetime member of Stewart Ridge Church which has since become Tinley Park Community church, where he served as a deacon and trustee for many years. He was a long time member of the Kiwanis Club of Roseland. He served in the US Navy during the Korean War. He worked at the Chicago Tribune for many years and also worked at the Secretary of State's office.

Raymond is survived by his wife Carolyn, son Barry (Donika) daughter Tracy Tervin (Bob) and five grandchildren. Also a brother Richard (Dee) and a sister Barbara Hugi (Roy).

American Turners New York

Paul Muller

Paul Muller, a 71year member of the American Turners of New York, died on November 27th. He was the society's second longest term member, having joined the predecessor New York Turn Verein in 1936. He was 94 years old.

In his early years he starred on the Turner track team and moved on to compete in volleyball. As a member of the Turner bowling league, he was proud to hold a 180 average. He was along time Entertainment chairman of the society and produced numerous plays, staffed by Turners, including an elaborate show to celebrate the Club's 100th Anniversary.

Paul was born in Mannheim, Germany and immigrated to the United States thirteen years later. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Edna, two children, six grand and ten great grand children.

Heinz Schaal

Heinz Schaal, a revered member of the American Turners New York, died in November after battling diabetes and Alzheimer's disease. He was 82 years old and was a member for 64 years.

Heinz was born in Heilbroom, Germany and came to the United States when he was nine years old. He joined the New York Turn Verein (predecessor to the ATNY) when he was a junior. He was a natural athlete. In addition to being a good gymnast, trackman, and baseball player, he was nationally recognized as an outstanding volleyball player.

He was a member of the New York Turner Post having served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee. Heinz coached many N. Y. Turner volleyball teams to victories in national Turner competitions. He was justly proud to say that two of his Turner protégées, Ernie (1964 and 1968) and Rudy (1968) Suwara, became Olympians.

Heinz was voted to the USVA All American Team and received the National Leader in Volleyball award. He was a national referee and was awarded the Glen Davies Refereeing Award.

Heinz and his wife, Edie, held an annual Labor Day volleyball picnic at their home in Lebanon, N.J. for years that was eagerly attended by a large contingent of the New York Turners.

Heinz held the post of secretary of the Jahn Educational Fund of the American Turners for a decade. He loved to tell jokes and play practical jokes. He will be sorely missed by his many Turner friends.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters and four grandchildren.

American Turners 44th Annual National Golf Tournament

Hosted by Syracuse Turners

July 9th, 10th, 11th, 2008

Syracuse Turners is delighted to be hosting the 44th Annual American Turners National Golf Tournament and we thank the golfers for choosing us as the host. Preparations are well under way and we have contracts with local hotels and two golf courses.

Many of you will remember Liverpool Golf & Country Club from the last two times we hosted the tournament in 1995 and 2002. Some of the more senior players may remember Foxfire Golf Course and we are thrilled to be using that facility for this tournament. Our intentions are to alternate play with the Women's, Senior Men's and Senior Women's divisions playing their final round at Liverpool and the Men's division will play their final round at Foxfire. The final decision will depend on the number of entries in each division.

The host hotel is the Maplewood Inn, 400 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, NY, 13088. Their phone number is 315-451-1511 and we have 60 rooms reserved there at a rate of \$89.00 including a continental breakfast.

Other hotels where we have reserved rooms are:

Holiday Inn, 441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY, 13088. Tel 315-457-1122. Rate \$90.00.

Ramada Inn, 1305 Buckley Road, North Syracuse, NY, 13212, Tel 315-457-8670. Rate \$89.00.

Motel 8, 421 7Th North Street, Liverpool, NY, 13088. Tel 315-451-8888. Rate \$75.00.

Each of these hotels is within walking distance of each other and they are less than ten minutes from the club. They are about five minutes from Liverpool Golf Course and fifteen minutes from Foxfire.

This year's entry fee of \$150.00 includes golf, cart, banquet, awards, souvenirs and dinner at the club on Thursday. The rate for Senior Women and Super Senior Men Divisions will be \$80.00 and play will be nine holes each day. Registration will be at the club on Tuesday July 8th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm and will be followed by the annual meeting. All golfers must be of amateur standing, a Turner member for at least 90 days, and be at least 18 years of age.

This year we are offering the opportunity to pre-order commemorative men's and women's golf shirts at a cost of \$28.00 and there is a place on the entry form for you to mark your selection. We are also able to accept credit cards for payment of the entry fee although we cannot accept American Express. Any questions or concerns please contact Gary Allnut at 315-727-0034, Gallnut1@twcny.rr.com, or Steve Shires at 315-436-2318, Stephen.Shires@TheHartford.com. We will also be adding information to our website so check that out at <http://www.geocities.com/syracuseturners/>

Entry forms should be mailed to:

Turner National Golf, Syracuse Turners.

619 North Salina Street,

Syracuse, NY, 13208.

Name and Address	Society	Card#	Division M, W, SrM, SrW or SSM	Average Score	Size and Style (MorW) if ordering shirt	Amount Paid

M = Men **W** = Women
SrM = Senior Men (55+)
SSM = Super Senior Men (65+)
SrW = Senior Women (55+)

Please make checks payable to: Syracuse Turners National Golf.

Credit Card Details: _____

Name: _____

Visa or MC: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Security Code: _____

Endowment Trust Fund Report

In this issue of Turner Topics you will find photos of the 16 students who received scholarship grants from our American Turners for the current school year. We take great pride in being able to help all these young adults in their quest for a college degree and we certainly wish them the best for their future.

Although a scholarship is more or less a gift each of these students has earned their grant by maintaining good grades, attending school full-time and at the same time keep their Turner membership in force. You will also find the newly revised scholarship form with two pages of instructions, plus a check list of items needed to be submitted along with the one-page application.

The deadline for submitting an application for the school year starting next fall is July 1, 2008. The application in this Turner Topics may be copied for use or you may contact the National Office for blank forms and rules. This is all made possible by cooperation from the 1850 Foundation thru the Endowment Trust Fund, thus helping Turners receive additional benefit from being an American Turner! Wishing you all a great year in all respects in 2008 and remember - keep Turning!!

Ed Colton
Pres. Endowment Trust Fund



Rhonda Seppelfrick
Rosary High School
Illinois State University
Normal, IL
Majoring in Special Education



Robin Constantino
Northwest Turners,
Schiller Park, Illinois District
University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse, WI
Majoring in Physical Therapy



Megan Becker
Rosary High School
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL
Majoring in Nursing



Robyn Reuter
Northwest Turners,
Schiller Park, Illinois District
University of Illinois - Champaign, IL
Majoring in Chemistry



Allison Becker
West Aurora High School
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL
Majoring in Nursing



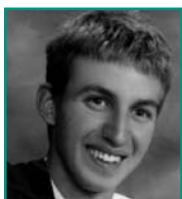
Ryan McIntosh
Louisville Turners; Cent. States District
Northwestern University - Evanston, IL
Majoring in Communication



Amanda Roe
St. Ambrose University
Davenport, IA
Majoring in Psychology



Allison Benthusen
Elgin Turners, Illinois District
Cartage College - Kenosha, WI
Double Majoring in Criminal Justice
and Sociology



Matthew Dirnbeck
North St. Louis Turners, St. Louis Dist.
St. Louis University - St. Louis, MO
Majoring in Biology



Alisa Virgens
Passaic Turners, New Jersey District
Southern New Hampshire University
Manchester, NH
Majoring in Psychology

18th ARIZONA GET-TOGETHER

The 18th Annual Arizona Get-Together will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at Martin's restaurant in Sun Village, 14300 W Bell Rd., Surprise, Arizona. Lunch will be at 1:30pm. You may order off the menu and take care of your own bill. After lunch we will meet in Zuni Village Social Hall for cards, games, conversation and gemütlichkeit. Please bring your own liquid refreshments and snacks. Also bring Turner items of interest, picture articles, etc. Reservations for both Martin's and Zuni Village are needed by March 11, 2008

For reservations or questions contact:

Rosie Bressler

Phone: 623-584-7461

Cell: 602-989-6475

e-mail: rbressler@cox.net

41st ANNUAL ALL TURNER PICNIC IN FLORIDA

We will be hosting the Annual Turner Picnic for the sixth year. The date has been set for Sunday, April 20, 2007. It will be held at the same location as last year, the Chatham Recreation Center, located in The Villages, Florida.

We will again be attempting to follow somewhat of an agenda, so we are able to fit in all the "fun" we have planned for the day! We will begin the day at 10:00 AM; and will have greeters and name tags available at that time.

We will be serving lunch at 12:00 Noon. You will be able to place your order for lunch by contacting Joan or Jerry Wiseman at (352) 750-6885 or email your order to JWis7498@aol.com . Please place your order for lunch by April 9th or 10th, if possible. Please bring your beverage of choice, and we will have ice available. Lunch will be at a cost of approximately \$6.50.

We plan a group photo at 1:13 PM. So please plan to arrive prior to this time, so we may include everyone attending in the picture. After lunch we will have a Bocci Ball Tournament. Teams for Bocci will be drawn from a hat. If you prefer, you can just spend time catching up with old friends! At about 4:00 PM we will serve coffee and (homemade) sweets.

We would love to have everyone share in this "fun" day with us, so why not plan on a vacation in Florida in April in 2007. Why not spend the night. We have Two Town Squares, with entertainment and fine restaurants, allowing "partying longer"!!!

For those interested, we would like to set up a dinner following the picnic. Please email Lilly Martin at LMartin933@aol.com or call (352) 751-5934 (home) or (847) 738-9091 (cell) for dinner reservations.

Lodging in the Villages: Holiday Inn Express (352) 750-3888
 La Hacienda (352) 750-6853
 Comfort Suites (352)751-5788 or
 The new Waterfront Inn at Lake Sumpter Landing 800-528-3132
 and down the road Microtel Motel (352)259-0184

Kansas City Turners 150th Anniversary

Kansas City Turners will be celebrating their 150th anniversary on February 14, 2008. A Dinner/Dance will be held on April 12, 2008 to honor this occasion. The Kansas City Turner Society was started by a group of immigrants from Germany who settled in Kansas City. They founded the 1st Hospital, now known as Research Medical Center, brought calisthenics and physical education to public schools and organized the 1st volunteer fire department in Kansas City.

Through the years we have occupied several locations and in September of 2006 we opened our current location which is located in Belton, MO. We continue to fulfill the purpose of "A Sound Mind in A Sound Body" by offering basic tumbling, tap and ballet. We have a bowling team that participates in both National and District tournaments.

We have dinner on Friday nights, Texas Hold'em, BINGO and social gatherings once a month. We send an open Invitation to all fellow American Turners to join us in our Celebration.

For more information contact: Jaime Michaelree, 816-348-7728 or by email- jtazdevil@aol.com.

Thank you for your support The Kansas City Turners

Effective January 1st, 2008

AMERICAN TURNERS
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO MEMBERS
OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The American Turners National Organization is offering a Scholarship Grant annually to its members that are working in a degreed program at a fully accredited College or University. Applicants who are planning to major in a Health, Physical Education & Recreation curriculum will be given preference over all other applicants.
2. Paragraph 132 of the Statutes of the American Turners provides the authority and purposes for the granting of Scholarship Awards by the American Turners. This Statute also provides that **“The Scholarship Committee of the American Turners shall develop a scholarship plan containing rules and regulations to determine the eligibility of the applicants seeking an award and a system of priorities to select the best possible candidate”**.
3. Scholarship recipients may apply for subsequent scholarships. However, they must submit a new application each year and meet all requirements to receive additional scholarships.
4. The National Scholarship Committee shall determine the number and amounts of Scholarships to be awarded each year.
5. Each Scholarship Grant shall be for one year starting with the Sophomore year.
6. The completed Application for an American Turner Scholarship must be received by the National Office of the American Turners postmarked no later than July 1st of any given year. Any applications received after July 1st will be returned to the applicant and will have to be resubmitted for consideration the following year.
7. All timely applications received, and passing initial screening by the American Turners National Office, will then be forwarded to the members of the National Scholarship Committee. The National Scholarship Committee shall review each application to determine if the applicant meets all the requirements as stated in these rules. Only the applications that qualify and are approved by the National Scholarship Committee shall be forwarded to the American Turners National Council members for ratification.
8. After an application for an American Turners Scholarship Grant has been approved, the National office will make payment of ½ of the total amount of the Scholarship Grant paid directly to the College’s or University’s Admissions Office, Registrar’s Office or Financial Aid Office as indicated on the Application For American Turner Scholarship form chosen in the name of the applicant. The second ½ of the total amount of the Scholarship Grant will then be paid at the beginning of the second semester to the respective College or University upon notification from the school that the applicant is still enrolled as a full time student in good standing, and the submission of a transcript of grades for the completed semester along with a schedule of classes for the 2nd semester.
9. Scholarships will only be awarded for Undergraduate College or University programs. No scholarships will be awarded for Post-graduate programs, Professional or Trade Schools or for Community or Junior Colleges.

Effective January 1st, 2008

AMERICAN TURNERS
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO MEMBERS
OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS
REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICANTS

Check List

- 1. The applicant must be a member for a minimum of twelve (12) months prior to July 1st of any given year and be in good standing with his or her Society; Memberships at Large included. The official membership anniversary date is the date printed by the National Office on the annual membership card.
- 2. The applicant must submit a transcript of completed grades from the prior year of the College or University he or she has attended as in the case of a transfer, or is currently attending. Additionally, the student must attain a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 grade point scale or a 3.0 on a 5.0 grade point scale. A minimum of twelve (12) credit hours or its equivalent must be maintained for the duration of the scholarship.
- 3. Applicants must secure endorsement from both their respective Turner Society President and their District President. These signatures must appear on the application form before the application is submitted to the American Turners National Office for consideration of the National Scholarship Committee.
- 4. The applicant must submit with the application form, a Fall registration schedule for the selected College or University (such College or University must be recognized and located in the United States); the school within the College or University. The same is expected for the Spring semester.
- 5. The applicant must also submit with the application form an estimated cost for tuition & books for the year. And, please submit the address and phone number of the institution's Admission's, Registrar's or Financial Aid's Office of the selected College or University where the Scholarship Grant is to be remitted.
- 6. The applicant is to submit a written essay of at least one typewritten page describing the applicant's educational goals and, if granted, what a Turner Scholarship would mean to the applicant. Also the essay should answer what 'Turners' means to the applicant and how the applicant's educational goals reflect that meaning."
- 7. ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS must be sent to the American Turners National Office and post marked no later than July 1st of any given year.

APPLICATION FOR AN AMERICAN TURNER SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

I, _____, am applying for a 1 year American Turner Scholarship Grant.
PRINT Applicant's Name

It is my understanding that American Turners will contribute an amount, to be determined (if) when this application is approved, toward the total cost of tuition and books and that I am responsible for the balance. I agree to fulfill all of the requirements as stated in the **Requirements Covering the Granting of Scholarships** attached to this application.

Signature _____ Home Address _____
Applicant's Name

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Email Address _____

American Turner Membership: Date joined ____/____/____ Official Membership card # _____

The **applicant** must be a **member** of American Turners for a **minimum of twelve (12) months prior to July 1st** of any given year and be in **good standing** with his or her Society. The **official membership anniversary date** is the date printed by the National Office on the annual **Membership card**. Scholarships are awarded to full-time students beginning in their Sophomore year.

Parent or Legal Guardian's name: _____
(Only needed if the applicant is under 21 years of age)

Name of College or University _____

Remit Scholarship Payment to the Address of:

_____ Admissions Office / Registrar's Office / Financial Aid Office / Other

Certification and Endorsement of Society, District and National Office

I have reviewed this application for a Scholarship Grant submitted by the above named applicant and find, to the best of my knowledge, that he or she meets all of the requirements. Therefore, I recommend that he or she receives an American Turner Scholarship Grant.

Name of Society _____ Signature _____
Society President

Name of District _____ Signature _____
District President

Endorsement of the National Council

The American Turners agree to contribute \$ _____ as a Scholarship for _____
Applicant's Name
while a student at _____ for a period of one year provided that he or she fulfills
Name of College or University
all of the requirements as stated in the **Requirements of Applicants (Rev. 2008)** of the American Turners.

Signature _____ Signature _____
President-American Turners Secretary-American Turners

Turner Home Page Contest

Background:

It is good practice to revise the appearance of a web site every so often to keep viewers interested. The original home page of our website has served its purpose and we feel now is the time to let our more aesthetically talented Turners take on the challenge of constructing a replacement. Since the Turners have a ready made pool of talented people who have already taken part in various artistic competitions, a contest to determine the design of a new home page seems like a logical approach. A contest would also create interest in the designs as they are displayed in a new "Contest" section of our web site.

Rules for Home Page Design Competition:

The Design is limited to the Home page.

Eligibility:

- Open to all members in good standing of the American Turners.
- Designer's name, address, Turner Society and District and shirt size must accompany the submitted design. The email address where designer may be contacted is optional.
- Maximum of 3 Designs per Turner

Design must be original.

- We cannot accept copyrighted material.
- It is up to the contestant to verify copyright status.

Required Contents:

- Title: "American Turners, Inc."
- Motto: Sound Mind Sound Body
- Turner Seal and Emblem with copyright notice
- Address and phone number of National Office
- Date of last revision
- Main menu with section titles: either vertical or horizontal format.
- A short Paragraph explaining who we are and what we do (need not be original).
- If photos are used, the subjects may not be limited to a single District or Society.
- All words must be legible when displayed on a 15" monitor

Restrictions:

- No sound
- No video

2008 AMERICAN TURNERS TOPICS SCHEDULE

March - April 2008

All copy to Craig Sniezek by February 25

All copy to printer by March 6

Page proofs to Turners by March 10

Topics in the mail by March 18

Labels needed by March 14

Email Turner Topics info. to turnertopicseditor@sbcglobal.net

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NATIONAL CALENDAR

Coming Events 2008

National Bowling - Elgin
March - May

National Gymnastics - Rivercity
June

National Golf - Syracuse
July 9,10,11

National Convention - Ft. Wayne
August 1, 2, 3

National Council - Concordia
October

2009

National Bowling - Syracuse - TBA

SOCIETY _____ YEAR JOINED _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM FOR AMERICAN TURNER TOPICS P.O. BOX 4216, LOUISVILLE, KY 40204

Member Name _____

New Street Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

IF THIS IS A CHANGE GIVE OLD ADDRESS OR ATTACH OLD ADDRESS LABEL

Old Street Address _____ Apt. No. _____



American Turners National Office
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Louisville, KY 40204

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