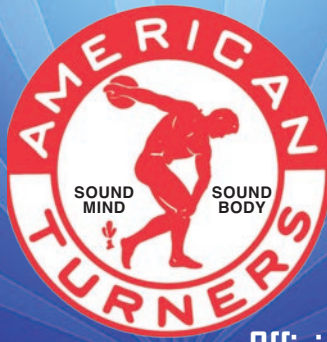


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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



My Fellow Turners,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and had an opportunity to attend some of our National Events. I was fortunate enough to stop in for a visit at our National Bowling Tournament in Aurora, attended and played in our National Golf Tournament in Syracuse, N.Y., and attended and participated in our National Festival in Fort Wayne IN. I was unable to attend the National Softball Tournament, but Kate was able to attend. All events were run extremely well and I want to thank the National Chairs and local Chairs and their Committees for all their time and efforts put into these events.

Our 2019 National Council meeting was held in Akron OH the weekend of October 11th and 12th. It was a packed agenda; one of our major discussions was to ask for an increase in our National Dues. We have held off on this for many years because we wanted to be able to present a budget showing exactly where we are with all of our finances. Our Finance Committee has had the ability to review all bank statements, and Investment accounts. We have taken steps to reduce costs, some of which are closing our National Office at a savings of over \$7,000 a year, and the National Council imposed cuts on their traveling costs by agreeing to double up on hotel stays or pay for the additional cost themselves.

We will also be planning our 2020 National Convention, which will be held in Louisville, KY, the weekend of August 7th, 8th, and 9th. Our Marketing Team will be presenting a short video as a sample of the target marketing we will be doing with members who attend or have attended past National Events. Our National Events have taken a hit the last couple of years and we need to increase attendance. We feel this targeted marketing will help us accomplish this. If you have recently attended a National Event, please share your experience with others.

We will be going live with our roll out of the Silkstart program, which will help Societies stay connected with the National Office, make renewals easier, help with local promotions, and communications within the Organization. We are live in Holyoke and Aurora. One of the key components is having help at the Society level to add member's information and preferences so the benefits can be realized. With Silkstart, the goal is to be able to target and communicate in real time with members that are interested in Our National Events and have results real time. Everything we do depends on Members who are willing to get involved and volunteer their time and talents to help us continue to exist. We need members who have some computer skills from each Society to help us build your Society's Database. The potential with the SilkStart program has many benefits, saving Societies money on current technology projects they have, such as websites. Having updated and real time information to share among Societies as to what is working to bring members into their clubs, or keeping in contact with fellow members where they have no club. Please let your representatives know of items you may feel need addressed at our National Convention in August 2020 so we can discuss and get them on the agenda.

Looking forward to seeing you at a National Event. May God Bless You and Keep you.

American Turners National President

David Liptak



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DISTRICT/SOCIETY NEWS

New England

66th Annual District Candlepin Bowling Tournament

The Holyoke Turners hosted the 66th Annual New England District Candlepin Bowling Tournament. The tournament included Adams Turner members, Clinton Turner members; and Holyoke Turner members. The competition was fierce; but in the end everyone had a great time! After all events were completed and scores tallied, a dinner was held where awards were given out.

Results posted below:

Women's Singles				Men's Singles			
DIV				DIV			
A	1st	Stacy Gigliotta	311	A	1st	Jason Gauthier	366
A	2nd	Gail Burda	270	A	2nd	Aaron Spiller	340
B	1st	Melissa Bednarz	260	B	1st	Mike Horozewski	326
B	2nd	Deb Sears	257	B	2nd	Dan Depelteau	299
C	1st	Bonnie Kennedy	246	C	1st	Tom McCarthy	289
C	2nd	Tiffany Duval	241	C	2nd	Joao Ferreira	282
Women's Doubles				Men's Doubles			
A	1st	Stacy Gigliotta Nancy Bassi	535	A	1st	Aaron Spiller Sean Sears	658
A	2nd	Gail Burda Pam Duval	498	A	2nd	Jason Gauthier Mike Horozewski	622
B	1st	Deb Sears Kim Silva	529	B	1st	TJ Langnickel Dave Dabrowski	588
B	2nd	Julie Rodovick Ginny Fuller	514	B	2nd	Dan Depelteau Dave Wilson	578
C	1st	Linda Silk-Muscola Donna Russell	481	C	1st	Dennis Milos Ed Cardin	570
C	2nd	Kim Hollenbeck Karen Fullwood	450	C	2nd	JB Dunne Barry Rodgers	553
Women's Teams				Men's Teams			
	1st	Amber Will Nancy Bassi Pam Duval Gail Burda Stacy Gigliotti	1287		1st	Sean Sears Aaron Spiller Jason Gauthier Mike Horozewski Dan Depelteau	1532
	2nd	Deb Sears Kim Silva Karen Fullwood Linda Silk-Muscola Patsy Jackson	1275		2nd	Jaime Buchanan Ed Cardin Dave Wilson Bryan Loranger Mike Sears	1455
	3rd	Julie Rodovick Ginny Fuller Kerry Wandrei Amy Gladu Pat Albareda	1189		3rd	Matt Moreau Kerry Lee Paul Devoe Glen Ares Dummy	1443
Women's Individual				Mixed Doubles			
				DIV			
	Single	Stacy Gigliotti	117	A	1st	Glenn Ares Chris Ares	580
	Triple	Stacy Gigliotti	311	A	2nd	Aaron Spiller Deb Sears	568
All Even		Stacy Gigliotti	1180	B	1st	Kim Silva Gary Silva	565
		Men's Individual		B	2nd	Andy Briggs Julie Rodovick	549
	Single	Jason Gauthier	141	C	1st	Kim Hollenbeck Dave Wilson	513
	Triple	Jason Gauthier	366	C	2nd	Lori Brodeur Ron Dawson	505
All Even		Aaron Spiller	1362				



DISTRICT/SOCIETY NEWS

Chicago NW

William (Bill) Meyer has reached a Turner mile stone in achieving 75 years of membership in American Turners.



East Side Milwaukee

The East Side Turners has almost 1000 gymnasts under its umbrella in three distinct groups.

The East Side Turners/M&M Gymnastics had its 27th Annual Spring Show. They had outgrown having it in their facility years ago and now have 2 shows in the local high school field house. There are over 1000 spectators for the event. All classes do a model drill performance. The National level athletes highlighted this year were: Cole Janz, who competed in the JO Level 10 Nationals in Reno, and Aliyah Reed-Hammond, who competed in the JO Western National Championships in Spokane, WA. The top two Level 10 gymnasts Sophia King and Payton Harris were competing on the day of the show at the JO Level 10 National Championship in Indianapolis. 14 Tumbling and Trampoline gymnasts have made their National meet. The Dance Team was also featured before they attend their Dance Nationals.

The East Side Turners/Milwaukee Flyers continue to perform demonstration gymnastics at local schools and festivals. They have been very active with the Milwaukee Bucks for half time performances. They were recently featured on our local NBC affiliate before performing at NBA Eastern Conference Championships with Toronto and the Bucks

The East Side Turners/Wildcard Gymnastics has been very active in our State and Regional AAU competitions. They have sent gymnasts to the National AAU Gymnastics Championships for the last few years.

We look forward to seeing our groups at the Festival



DISTRICT/SOCIETY NEWS

Monaca Turners

The 2018-2019 WPIAL gymnastics season has concluded for high schools in PA. Monaca Turners is the practice/host site for 4 high school teams: Central Valley HS, Hopewell HS, South Side HS & West Allegheny HS. Monaca Turners & these high schools also use NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) rules for the WPIAL (Western PA Interscholastic Athletic League) season.

Monaca Turners would like to congratulate the following Monaca Turners gymnasts who placed in the year end gymnastics championship meets for their high schools:

Judge's Bronze Invitational

Breanne Freund – 3rd Bars, 3rd Beam, 5th Floor & 3rd All Around.

WPIAL Championships

Diamond Division: Jordan Frasier – 3rd Beam, 2nd Floor.

Gold Division: Alexa Gonczi – 2nd Floor.

Alexis Heberle – 3rd Floor.

Silver Division: Madison Lehn – 2nd Vault, 2nd All Around.

Danika Sudar – 3rd Beam.

PA Classic Individual Championships

Diamond Division: Jordan Frasier – 6th Bars, 1st Beam (**State Champion**), 3rd Floor, 3rd All Around.

Gold Division: Jade Szczepanski – 9th Vault, 4th Beam, 6th All Around.

Alyssa Bruno – 1st Vault (**State Champion**), 6th Bars, 5th Beam, 3rd All Around.

Isabella Columbe – 4th Beam.

Alexa Gonczi – 5th Floor.

Sophia Kennelly – 8th Floor.

Emily Pleslusky – 3rd Beam, 8th All Around.

Alexis Heberle – 8th Bars, 4th Beam, 4th Floor, 5th All Around.

McKenna Wass – 3rd Bars.

Silver Division: Madison Lehn – 2nd Vault, 12th Beam, 12th Floor, 5th All Around.

Isabel Beede – 7th Vault.

Danika Sudar – 12th Vault.

Kelsey Watt – 4th Vault, 9th All Around.

Kali Burke – 11th Vault, 4th Bars, 9th Beam, 6th All Around.

Bronze Division: Breanne Freund – 3rd Beam, 4th All Around.

PA Classic Team Championships: South Side High School (all turners gymnasts) won silver division state team title!

DISTRICT/SOCIETY NEWS

Submitted By: Terri Gazda

Monaca Turners Head Gymnastics Coach
Central Valley HS Head Gymnastics Coach
Hopewell HS Head Gymnastics Coach
South Side HS Head Gymnastics Coach
West Allegheny HS Head Gymnastics Coach
WPIAL Individual Gymnastics Coach (Ambridge HS & Beaver HS)
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Toledo Turners

Well, another Turnfest has come and gone. We would like to compliment Ft. Wayne on a job well done (Turner clap)! I believe our Society had more participants in the Phys. Ed. competitions than we have had in over 4 decades! I know our young gymnasts had lots of fun and the competitors represented our Society well.

We had several members participate in the Culture Competition, as well. Our folk dancers did our Society proud by bringing home the Blue Ribbon. It has been many years since they traveled to a Turnfest. This group has been invited to perform at many local and regional events.

Hannah Schultz, our Toledo Turner Princess, also represented us at the National Princess Contest. Hannah is the daughter of Guy and Susan Schultz and very active in our local Society. She is a member of our Gymnastics Team, a Junior Bowler, a G.A.F. German Summer Camp counselor and a member of the Bavarian folk dancers.

Several of our members had other entries in the Culture Competition, too. We brought home ribbons of many colors. Congrats to all of them!

DISTRICT/SOCIETY NEWS

Locally, our Society is getting more diverse in our offerings. After adding Junior Bowling and promoting our dance group, we also now offer our Toledo Trail Riders, a motorcycle club. They have traveled to various cycle events in our area. The photos show they are enjoying themselves!

As to our Junior Bowlers, one of our youngsters finished in First Place this year! Congrats to Zane Deitering, Division 3. We again hosted our Mini Summer League and had 13 children participate. The littlest ones seem to have the most fun. All bowlers were invited to pop and pizza after bowling.

The Toledo Turners just finished working at our German-American Festival. This was our 50th year and the biggest yet! We saw over 40,000 visitors during the 3-day event. Opening Ceremonies on Friday evening included a parade, in which our turner flag, color guard, President Ed McGee, Princess Hannah Schultz, our folk dancers and other members participated. Many worked various shifts. Our Deutsche Volkstanz Gruppe performed several times throughout the weekend, too.

Our Toledo Turner Gymnastics classes are all back in full swing. Our classes fill up fast! We rate our program #1 and we were honored to have been nominated as one of the best programs in the area.

That's all for now. Enjoy the rest of Fall.

Sabine Croley



OBITUARIES

Aurora Turners

Joan Shirley Jacquin

Joan S. Jacquin, 84, of Rockford, IL, passed away on May 4, 2019. She was born on August 2, 1934 in Buffalo, NY, to George and Annie McSherry. She married her loving husband, Jerome, on July 16, 1955 in Buffalo, NY. They made their home in Wheaton, IL, where she worked for the Wheaton School District. They moved to Punta Gorda, FL in 1997 and resided there until they moved back to Illinois in February, 2018 to be closer to their family.

Joan was an avid bowler and loved to knit, but above all she loved spending time with her family. One of her greatest joys was spending her summers surrounded by her family and friends at Illinois Turner Camp. Joan is survived by her husband, Jerome, Rockford, IL; daughter, Kim (Tim) Brooks, Belvidere, IL; daughter-in-law, Dyan (Michael) Bryskier, Palatine, IL; sister Louise Pascell, Rushford, NY; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews as well as other beloved friends and family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Phyllis, Brother Ed, and beloved son Jerome T. Jacquin.

She is loved by all and will be missed by many.

Baltimore Turners

Debra Ann Mitchell

Debra passed away March 26, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. She was currently the Secretary-Treasurer of Baltimore Turners. She is the daughter of Richard (Dick) Mitchell, President of Baltimore Turners. She is survived by family and lots of Baltimore Turner family.

OBITUARIES

Covington Turners

Fred Terry, Sr.

60 + Year Member of Covington Turners

If the silhouette of Jerry West is the NBA Logo, then the silhouette of Fred Terry could be American Turners' Logo. Fred Terry embodied the Turner Creed of "Sound Mind, Sound Body" as well as anyone. Fred was born in 1937 and passed on September 27, 2019 after having been a Turner Member for over 60 years. In those years, Fred participated in District and National Softball, Basketball, Golf, and Volleyball Tournaments.

He orchestrated our youth basketball program for 47 years while coaching multiple teams each year and directing our annual Christmas Basketball Tournament. He coached Turner Youth Baseball Teams for several years. He played in our Tuesday Night Mens Basketball League as well as several week night softball leagues for Turners. Fred was the vocal leader of the great Dixie Novelty Softball Teams that won multiple District and National Softball Tournaments throughout the 60's, 70', and early 80's. If you ever saw those teams, then you surely heard Fred. His booming voice was unmistakable on the softball field and also while coaching basketball in Turners' gym.

Fred was a fixture at National Golf Tournaments until his health interfered. Fred Terry was a feisty, fiery, spirited competitor who gave his all to every practice or game he ever played or coached. He positively affected the lives of the nearly 1500 kids that he coached over the course of 47 years. He was a role model, a mentor, a teacher, and a friend to these kids and many more. Thank you Fred, and the Terry Family, for all you gave to the youth of Covington Turners. You are truly a Turner Legend!!

Submitted by Dan Trame

Covington Turners



Launching the new website! The time has arrived! Be on the lookout in your email boxes for the registration link into our new member portal! You'll be able to register for National Events, locate societies with an interactive map and so much more! Soon, our Societies will be building their websites too! As they do, you will be able to enjoy online membership cards, local event and volunteer registrations, notification choices and eventually paying Dues online. See what other societies are doing to keep a "Sound Mind Sound Body"! Make sure we have your email address to be included in the launch process! You can give it to your society, email the nationaloffice@amturners.org or click on the Turner Topics page on our current website and fill out the bottom info to Go Green! We're looking forward to reaching into the future with all of our members!

NATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWS

National Bowling Committee

The 2020 National Tournament is to be held in Syracuse, NY and the 2021 National Tournament will be held in Akron, OH.

We are looking for a Society to host the 2022 Tournament. Your District National Bowling Committee member or the National Bowling Committee Chairman can answer any questions you may have. For a set of forms to bid on the 2022 Tournament please contact:

Craig Sniezek

National Bowling Committee Chairman

1440 Crestwood Dr

Aurora, IL 60506

PH: 630-399-4736 (cell)

Email: cvs4209@sbcglobal.net

Bids for the 2022 Tournament must be postmarked by June 1st, 2020

National Golf Report

Our 2019 Annual National Golf Tournament took place in Syracuse NY on July 10th, 11th and 12th. Final standings can be found in the "Turners National Tournament" article. Great time was had by all as usual and the hospitality provided by the Syracuse society was first class. Our annual Top Hat Award was presented on Friday night at the banquet and this year's winners were, Steve Shires and Sue Shires from Syracuse and Jim Haller from Rochester. Congratulations on this most prestigious award.

We all look forward in heading to Aurora next July!

Chris Groger

National Golf Chairman

National Health & Phy. Ed. Report

WOW – that was a phenomenal National Festival in Ft. Wayne. I hope everyone that attended had a great time. Those that didn't attend really missed a fabulous event. Thanks to Ft. Wayne Turners for their warm hospitality, incredible entertainment and for hosting the Festival. I want to send a big THANK YOU to all the people that volunteered their time during the week, both from Ft. Wayne and other societies. Because of all the volunteers, this Festival was a huge success. In particular, I'd like to thank the following Turners from the NHPE Committee for their time and expertise:

Jim Markland (Ft. Wayne) – Festival Co-Chair

Fred Sontag (Clinton) – Registrations and data entry (and much more)

Jessica Hanson (Holyoke) – Awards and Gymnastics (and much more)

MaryJo Bursig (Long Island) – Swimming and Track & Field

Paul Schneider (Detroit) – Track & Field

Phil Klabunde (AT of Delaware) – Volleyball

Jim Schuette (Concordia) – Volleyball

Nick Barts (NW Chicago) – Pickleball

In addition, I'd like to thank the following people from Ft. Wayne Turners: Nick Johnston, Danielle Burns, Greg & Sue Miller, Ted Pappert and Kim Coak that helped make all the athletic events successful! I'd also like to thank Joy Bodine, DJ Wagner, Patsy Johnson and everyone else that spent time at North Side High School, the Natatorium, Lions Park or at Ft. Wayne's Club – your dedication is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all!

NATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The final results have been mailed to all the participating societies and is also posted on the American Turners web site for everyone to view. The culmination of all of your hard work ended with the Society trophies being awarded at the banquet. The results are:

Group 1 (large societies):

1st Clinton, 2nd NW Chicago, 3rd Monaca

Group 2 (medium societies):

1st Concordia, 2nd Eastside Milwaukee, 3rd Eiche

Group 3 (small societies):

1st Michiana, 2nd Long Island, 3rd Sheboygan

Also, at the banquet the following people received their special Festival pin for attending and competing at the National Festival...

...4 times: Nick Barts, Erin Beck-Lau, Lucy Deblitz, Elaine Floyd, Jessica Hansen, Pam Lau, Elgin Manalang, Stephanie Smith, Fred Sontag, and John Wamser

...8 times: Rudolph Florreich and Mary Zoermer

...12 times: Judy Alborn, Marion Oppelt and Marianne Markus

...13 times: Dorcella Burke, Tracy Woehrle, Bill Woehrle, Dennis Zeller, and Sandy Zeller

...14 times: LaVerne Rodgers, Al Udovich and Frank Wedl

...15 times: Carol Udovich

...16 times: Ralph Markus

And in incredible 18 times: Velma Miller

There were so many memorable moments at the Festival, including watching the exciting Model Drills (wow, those Eastside boys can "fly") or our oldest gymnast at the age of 90 performing her gymnastic routines, or seeing the happy faces of the youngsters receiving an award, or the fireworks at Ft. Wayne Turner club on Friday night. Good job to all, whether young or old, you made the 55th National Festival a great event.

Thank you again to Frank Wedl and the Jahn Fund for providing a large donation to the Festival Transportation Fund. 278 members have received travel assistance from this fund.

Now that the Festival is done, it's time we start thinking about our annual National Gymnastics Meet and National Volleyball Tournament. If anyone is interested in hosting one of these competitions in 2020 please let me know.

The 2020 National Golf tournament will be hosted by Aurora and National Softball will be hosted by Covington. Don't forget to make plans to participate in one of these events and to take a trip to Louisville for the National Convention August 7-9, 2020.

Stay active in Turners and continue living our motto of a Sound Mind in a Sound Body.

**With Turner Greetings,
Michelle Lesperance
NHPEC Chairperson**

2020 American Turners National Golf Tournament

The 2020 American Turners National Golf tournament is being hosted by Aurora Turners. The practice rounds will be Monday and Tuesday, July 6 and 7, with competition on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 8, 9 and 10, respectfully. All golf activities will be at Orchard Valley Golf Course on Orchard Rd. in Aurora. Please start to plan your trip to Aurora to play and enjoy the atmosphere of the tournament.

Entry forms, hotels and club info will be in the next issue of the Topics.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Cultural Corner

I want to thank everyone who participated in the National Festival in Fort Wayne, In. It was an awesome festival and thank you Fort Wayne.

The Cultural participation was awesome. We had 21 societies with over 700 items. The gym was full of cultural items with many award-winning items. There was a large group of 18 and under entries and this was especially good to see our youth getting involved in cultural. I would like to mention the special awards and winners:

First is the society winners:

100 and less Michiana with 37 points

101-300 Concordia

301-over Fort Wayne

Individual winners are:

Best of Age	under 9 Brooklyn Easley	Eastside
	Junior (9-13) Alexander Watkins	Northwest
	Teen (14-18) Cassidy Webb	Northwest
	Adult (19-59) Pam Lau	Northwest
	Senior (60+) Judy Reuter	Northwest

Best of Show-

Sara Palmer	Jo ^e Heatman	Fort Wayne
1st best of show	Tom Turner	Northwest
2nd best of show	Ma ^{ry} Zoerner	Northwest
3rd best of show	Mark Schwieger	Eiche

Barbara Riley Award (best oil)	Roxanne St. Pierre	Sheboygan
JoAnne Mueller Award (best of class 1,2&3)	Julia St. Pierre	Sheboygan

Great job by everyone who competed. No rest for the good as it is time to start preparing for the next Festival in four years. If your society didn't enter this year, please consider entering in four years.

Sue Knisley

National Cultural Chair

Junior National Bowling Tournament

The dates of the tournament are February 15 – March 15, 2020. Bowling is at any Bowling Alley of your choice. Ten pin bowling only.

The Rules (read them carefully), Entry and Report forms are on the American Turners website at: <http://www.americanturners.org/JuniorBowling>.

Send or email all entries to me by March 1st. Remember that the bowler's average is their average as of January 1, 2020, bowling averages are not necessary, if the child does not bowl in a League.

Gail Goetz, Junior National Bowling Director
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Jamaica, NY 11432-1331
347-610-0363 or gmg4296@gmail.com

REPORT FORM

American Turners
National Junior Bowling Tournament

Average as of January 1st

Groups 156-200, 126-155, 96-125, 95 & under
3 games for 10 pin bowling

BUMPER BOWLING

2 games Actual score 8 & under as of Aug. 1

SOCIETY

Contact person	Address
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Email	Phone#
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PLEASE SEPARATE BY AVERAGE DIVISION

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ENTRY FORM

American Turners
National Junior Bowling Tournament

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Groups 156 – 200, 126-155, 96-125, 95 & under
3 games for 10 pin bowling

BUMPER BOWLING

2 games Actual score 8 & under as of Aug. 1
Please indicate Y or N in Bumper Column

SOCIETY _____

(added)Contact person _____ **Address** _____

Email _____ **Phone #** _____

PLEASE SEPARATE BY AVERAGE GROUPS

Name	Boy or Girl B or G	Y= Parent is a member N= In a class	AVG	Bumper Y/N

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78th AMERICAN TURNER NATIONAL CONVENTION



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

August 7-8, 2020 Louisville, KY

<i>FRIDAY</i>	
12:00-4:00pm Registration	
3:00-4:00pm Credential	
4:00-5:00pm Nominating	
5:00-6:30pm Dinner	
6:30-7:15pm Opening Session	
7:15-8:45pm Bowling	7:15-8:45pm Jahn Fund, ETF & Scholarship Fund

<i>SATURDAY</i>		
8:30-9:45am NHPEC	8:30-9:45am Cultural	8:30-9:45am Finance
10:00-11:30am Marketing, Social Media, Silkstart & Publications		
11:30-12:45 Bylaws		
12:45-1:45pm Lunch		
1:45-6:00pm 2nd Session		
6:00pm Happy 1/2 Hour		
6:30pm Dinner & "Gemütlichkeit"		

BIG NATIONAL NEWS!

The National Office is closing! The National Council has voted to NOT renew the lease for the storefront office in North Aurora in some big cost cutting efforts. As of **NOV 1** all mail will be sent to our new PO Box!! Please update your records now! All business will continue as usual and the National Administrative Assistant will be working from home to have accommodating hours for our societies and be available for travelling for training and communications.

**American Turners
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ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

Congratulations to Audrey and Renee Haderlein as 2019 recipients of the William R. Meyer Honorary Scholastic Award!



"Hello, my name is Audrey Haderlein. I am currently a student at northeastern Illinois University majoring in Physical Education. With this degree I plan on being a Physical Education teacher. I have been going to Illinois Turner Camp my whole life. There I have participated in the participates in the district volleyball tournament for the past 10 years. I have also participated in, helped set up and organize the district golf and bowling tournaments. I have been playing volleyball with the Lincoln Turners since I was 13 and joined Lincoln Turners in 2013. I also attend most Lincoln Turner events throughout the year."



"Hello, my name is Renee Haderlein. I am an active member of Lincoln Turners involved in numerous society activities and events. I have represented Lincoln Turners in many American & Illinois Turner events such as district bowling, volleyball and golf and national bowling. I am studying Physical Education at Northeastern Illinois University and plan to teach in the Chicago Public Schools."

2019 FESTIVAL REPORT

It all started with “we need someone to host the National Festival in 2019”. Time went by and an idea came from Joy Bodine that Fort Wayne Turners might be interested and able to host the Festival. She contacted Jim Markland and wheels started turning. NHPEC was contacted and more wheels turned. Volunteers were asked to come forward. Venues were contacted, necessary insurance was evaluated and a formal bid was presented and approved.

The National Festival dates were set for July 24 through July 27th, 2019. Registrations and payments were all taken on line. Thanks to the expertise of Fred Sontag. And then it happened. Participants started arriving on Tuesday July 23, 2019 and checked into the hotels and picked up their registration packets. The princess contest was held that evening with 7 young ladies from seven Societies encompassing six States. They all appear to be our future in Turnerism.

Wednesday noon started the physical competition, track and field, gymnastics, volleyball, swimming, pickle ball (new this year), golf and cultural. Thankfully this year the first aid crew had little to do, except for the first race one of the young men dove for the finish line (except he was a little too far away to make it). I think we older generation are finally learning to respect our age. And there are exceptions to the rule (take Carol Udovich and Velma Miller, one without and one with a walker with wheels running down the 50-meter track). Competition went smoothly during the week since the NHPEC was well organized and volunteers stepped forward. The weather was fantastic all week (80 degrees, no humidity and a slight breeze).

If you weren't there on Friday evening for the FIREWORKS you missed the climax of the festival. Thanks Fort Wayne Turners. Many Societies would not have been able to put on this display. Maybe Fort Wayne Turners jumped through some hoops or knew some of the higher beings in the city. Regulations for fireworks displays would have hampered a display like this.

The end of the celebration was the banquet on Saturday evening with good food and fellowship and the awarding of Festival Pins to a number of participants for 4 Festivals, 8 Festivals, 12 Festivals and each Festival thereafter up to 18.

Many, many thanks to Michelle Lesperance (who even made time to compete) and her under-study Jessica Hansen and their NHPEC crew for a job well done. Thanks to Joy and Jim and Fort Wayne Turners for their many months of preparation for this event. Congratulations to the first time Festival attendees (young and older) and we know you will be returning to the next Festival in four years. The National Festival is a Family Reunion every FOUR YEARS. WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2023 in an unknown city at this time.

**Dennis Zeller,
1st National Vice-President**



NATIONAL COMPETITION

2019 American Turners National Competitions

American Turners National Bowling Tournament

The tournament was hosted by Aurora Turners during the April and May of this year. Participation continues to decline in this tournament. We had teams from Ft. Wayne, South Side Turners, N. St. Louis, Akron, Rochester, Beaver Falls, LI Turners, ATNY Turners, Syracuse, Elgin, Chicago NW, Lincoln and Aurora. We had two women's teams that tied for first in team event which is a rarity.

The winners were Men's singles- Cory Litza-Chicago NW, doubles- Rich Burns//Chris Osterhout-Ft. Wayne, Team-Rochester #3 and All-events-Mike Gill-Aurora. The Women's winners are singles- Theresa Buehler- LI Turners, doubles- Tara Pranskey/Rochester and Sue Knisley/Aurora, Team-Bulldogs from Aurora-Linda Martin, Laura Mendoza, Carol Karthiser and Sharon Johnson and Lucky Strikes from Syracuse- Ellen Weiten/Aurora, Laurie Dineen, Judy Bacon and Heather Hess of Syracuse and All-events – Tiffany Schmitt- Akron.

The 2020 American Turners National Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Syracuse on the last two weekends of April and first weekend of May. Please consider participating in the tournament next spring.

American Turners National Softball Tournament

Ft Wayne Turners Indiana Tech Captures 2019 National Softball Title

The 2019 American Turners National Softball Tournament was played in Ft Wayne on June 29. This year's tournament consisted of 6 teams representing Aurora, Covington and Ft Wayne. The hosts led the way with four teams, Indiana Tech, Family Mowing, JB3 and DGH (Don't Get Hurt). Aurora sent Aurora A and Covington sent Goodtimers II.

The rain stayed away but the heat did not with temperatures in the 90's all day. All games were played on the main diamond which has a fair amount of shade and it's close to the "all important" air conditioned bar. This also allows for player comradery which is hands down my favorite part of this tournament.

Aurora, the 2 time defending champ, and Indiana Tech met in the championship of the winner's bracket with Aurora winning 26-13 sending Tech to the loser's bracket where they disposed of Family Mowing 20-12. This set the finals between Aurora A and Tech with Tech have to beat Aurora A twice which they did 28-16 and 28-15.

Final results were:

- Indiana Tech
- Aurora A
- Family Mowing
- Covington Goodtimers II
- JB3
- DGH

Please consider joining us for the 2020 tournament!

NATIONAL COMPETITION

American Turners National Golf Tournament

We would like to thank all of our fellow Turners that made the trip to Syracuse for the National Golf tournament. We truly appreciate all of you and hope you enjoyed your time with us! A special thank you to so many of our fellow Turner Societies for taking out ads in our program book! Here are the final results of the golf tournament:

Men's Division

Championship Flight

Chris McGrath	Cleveland East
Jeffrey Hung	Cleveland East

First Flight

Bill Bois	Keystone
Jeff Sytar	Aurora

Second Flight

Steve Spurgeon	Keystone
Charlie Gibbons	Clinton

Third Flight

Kerry Lee	Clinton
Joe Facendola	Clinton

Super Sr. Men Division

Tim Croy	Monaca
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Ladies Division

Championship Flight

Darla Medernach	Aurora
Rose Alvis	Aurora

First Flight

Kay Craven	Covington
Kim Flesch	Covington

9 Hole Women Division

Susan Shires	Syracuse
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Senior Men's Division

Championship Flight

Jim Haller	Rochester
Billy Tsai	Holyoke

First Flight

Steve Shires	Syracuse
Dave Fryberger	Akron

Second Flight

Jerry Majzlik	Monaca
Dan Moran	Syracuse

Third Flight

Joseph Morris	Monaca
B.J. Armstrong	Fort Wayne

Fourth Flight

Martin Morrison	Monaca NW
Mike Ruefer	Davenport

Senior Women Division

Championship Flight

Janice Ashton	Akron
Deb Croyle	Monaca

First Flight

Judy Jones	NW Davenport
Heather Hess	Syracuse



International Deutsches Turnfest Leipzig 2021

Attending an International Turnfest should be on every Turner's Bucket List! This Quadrennial Festival which is held every 4 years in Germany brings together Turners from around the world for friendly, and for some, very competitive competitions, Gala's, and Gemuetlichkeit!

As American Turners we gather together for National Competitions, but we are always competing for our own Society or District. The difference in Germany is that we are participating as ONE UNIFIED AMERICAN DELEGATION and together we will march behind the American flag, and what an honor that is! In Berlin we were greeted by the local German Citizens chanting USA! USA! It was an experience no one will forget! And not to be overlooked is the friendships that are forged among fellow American Turners.

Sounds like fun? Then don't miss out on the next Turnfest which is being hosted by Leipzig, Germany May 12-16th, 2021. This Turnfest has been condensed to 5 days making it less of a time commitment, or..... an opportunity to extend your stay and cross off other European Bucket List destinations.

Leipzig is located in the eastern German State of Saxony about 2 hours South of Berlin or 4 1/2 hours from Munich and the State of Bavaria. The famous composer, Johann Sebastian Bach is buried in the Gothic Church of St. Thomas known for its famous Boys' Choir. Another well-known Church, St. Nicholas was the site of "Monday Demonstrations" which led to the 1989 overthrow of Communism. The well known German Politician and Writer Goethe (Faust) left his mark in Leipzig. Many sites of Martin Luther's Reformation took place in the surrounding area. And if all this history hasn't caught your eye, the wonderful food and beer halls will delight your palate's.

To make it easier to plan your Turnfest trip Petra Croneigh (Petra@petra4travel.com) will be putting together a Group Turnfest Package deal and will be available to personalize your travel plans to/from Leipzig as well as pre/post travel plans if you so desire. If you would like to be kept informed of the group plans as they develop send an email to Pam Lau at plauquilts@sbcglobal.net and you will be updated as things are finalized. Please note, that you are not required (although it is a lot more fun to stay with fellow Turners) to stay with our group, **EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS PART OF THE AMERICAN TURNER'S DELEGATION!!!!** And speaking of the registration process, we will be requiring everyone to complete their registration shortly after it becomes available to do so (Probably Oct/Nov. 2020). This will insure that everyone will be able to get tickets to the events of their first choice. Late Registrations will still be accepted; however, we will not be able to guarantee the availability of tickets.

In 2017 we had about 60 Turners attend from across the country, it would be wonderful to see many more Turners join us for Leipzig 2021!

Any Questions feel free to contact Pam Lau at 847-875-4951



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NATIONAL CALENDAR

2020 Events

National Bowling - Syracuse - April 18-19, 25-26, and May 2-3

National Softball - Covington - June 27-28

National Golf - Aurora - July 8,9,10

National Convention - Louisville - August 7-8

National Council - Louisville - August 9