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National Golf & National Softball
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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

To our Turner Friends,

Much can be written and much cannot be written. We cannot tell you all of our Societies are back and running one hundred percent. The bars are open with limited hours and social distancing. Team sports have been suspended. On the

brighter side, the gymnastics part of many of the organizations is up and running. For the most part they are not up to 2019 speed, but a number of the societies are back in competition, even though some are virtual.

Akron Turners hosted the National Bowling Tournament on the last weekend of April. Aurora will host the National Golf Tournament on July 14-15-and 16 and the National Softball Tournament a short time later. Aurora will also host the National Council meeting on September 24th and 25th. Just a reminder that all of the District Reports and Committee Reports should be in to the National Office by the time you receive this copy of the Topics. This will be an in-person meeting. We will have a full agenda beginning Friday evening and all day Saturday. A reminder for all Societies, we will be voting on the host for the National Council Meeting in 2022. If you are interested be sure your District President or Representative has a letter of invitation for the National Council Meeting.

Last year the National Council Meeting was very abbreviated with it being a virtual meeting. This year the personal interaction will be back. The agenda will be as normal as years past.

As this article is being written most restrictions are being lifted. Privately owned businesses can still require masks within their business if they wish. On the lighter side and not pertaining to Turners, parents are saying children are trading masks because they like another child's better and the next day they are trading with someone else.

We are in the process of building a new web page. It has been determined SilkStart has been very costly for the National Organization and very little interest on the part of the Societies as a whole. Many Societies have their own web site. It is very important that Society information is kept up to date with the National Office. That is the reason for the National Directory to be completed by each Society at the first of the year or as soon as their new Society Officers and Committee Chairs are elected or appointed. This holds true for each of the District Offices also.

With Turner Greetings,

Dennis Zeller, National President

DISTRICT/SOCIETY NEWS

Akron Turners

Pivoting Due to COVID Restrictions

The Akron Turners held our Annual Meeting this year with a few changes, due to COVID restrictions. We didn't combine it with our "Soup Fest" as we usually do, so there would be no communal sharing of food, and we offered our members "Vehicle Voting"—an opportunity to vote from the comfort (and isolation) of their cars if they chose. We had one member inside who marked the ballots as nominees accepted or declined to run, and those ballots were delivered to the members in their cars and then collected to be counted.

The meeting was less well-attended than it has been in the past, as expected, and only eight chose the option of voting in this way. For members who were older or more at risk due to some other factor, this was a welcome deviation from the norm in this scary situation we now find ourselves facing.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jeannette Gaynor and
Bill Severns**

NHPEC Chairperson Needed

Michelle Lesperance has graciously volunteered to continue on as NHPEC Chair until a new chairperson can be found.

The National Council is looking for a replacement for Michelle. Per the National By-laws Michelle is not eligible to continue on as the NHPEC Chairperson. Therefore, we are asking for a volunteer member willing to step-up and accept the position until the next National Convention in 2022.

If interested please contact President Dennis Zeller at dzeller1@centurylink.net, Vice President Craig Sniezek at cvs4209@sbcglobal.net or National Executive Assistant Kate Payne at nationaloffice@amturners.org.

Editor's Corner

For many years as well as recently, I have struggled to receive enough articles and information to publish Turner Topics in a timely manner. Therefore I am asking every District and Society to encourage someone to be responsible to submit article(s) to be published. These can be milestones reached, acknowledgement of members anniversaries, birthdays and obituaries. Past, present or future activities, fundraising events, volunteering in community outreach programs, etc. are just a few examples.

This is a great opportunity to market or 'sell' your District and/or Society to not only the current membership but also to potential new members.

**American Turners 56th Annual
National Golf Tournament
Hosted by Aurora Turners
July 14th, 15th, and 16th 2021**

Aurora Turners is proud to host the 2021 National Golf Tournament. The golf course to be used for the tournament will be **Orchard Valley Golf Course**, 2411 West Illinois Ave, Aurora, IL 60506.
Phone **(630) 907-0500**

Tournament fees (includes cart, Wednesday night pasta dinner, Friday night banquet, gifts and prizes):

18 hole--\$150

- Men-Open
- Senior Men 60+
- Women-Open

9 hole--\$90

- Women-Open
- Senior Women-55+
- Super Senior Men-65+

The entry deadline is June 15, 2021.

- Registration will take place at the Club on Tuesday, July 13 from 5:00 pm--7:00 pm.
- The National Golf meeting will take place at 7:30 pm.

Make all checks payable to:

Aurora Turners National Golf

Please send completed entry with payment directly to:

Aurora Turners, Attn: Darla Medernach,
1335 Mitchell Rd., Aurora, IL. 60505

SPECIAL COUPLES EVENT:

A couple's golf tournament in memory of Rick and Jan Gee, Aurora's longtime golf ambassadors, will be held on Tuesday, July 13.

Teams must be a man and a woman and the format is an 18-hole scramble. Scorecards can be turned in at the club Tuesday night. The results will be announced at the banquet on Friday.

PRACTICE/COUPLES EVENT TEE TIMES:

Practice Round and Couples Event pricing of \$30, including a cart, has been negotiated at Orchard Valley Golf Course. Golfers are responsible for making advanced tee times and is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. Please mention Turners National Golf when calling the course to receive the special pricing for Monday and Tuesday, July 12th and 13th.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Please mention "Turner Golf" when calling to make your reservations. To ensure negotiated rates, reservations must be made by **June 6, 2021**

Holiday Inn Aurora-Naperville

(2 miles to course, 4 miles from club)

2424 W. Sullivan Rd., Aurora, IL. 60506

(630) 806-2600

- Rate \$109 for king or 2 queens
- Newly remodeled restaurant, bar, rooms and lobby, indoor pool.

Hampton Inn & Suites

(2 miles to course, 4 miles from club)

2423 Bushwood Dr., Aurora, IL. 60506

(630) 907-2600

- Rate \$129 king or 2 queens
- Indoor pool, breakfast included

Comfort Inn & Suites

(4 miles to course, 2 miles from club)

308 S. Lincolnway St., N. Aurora, IL. 60542

(630) 897-7695

- Rate \$104 king, \$114 2 queens
- Indoor pool, breakfast included

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

(4 miles to course, 2 miles from club)

111 N. Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505

(630) 896-2800

- Rate 1 king w/sofasleeper \$119(2 adults)
- 2 double beds \$119
- Hot breakfast included, close to Hollywood Casino
- Rate (\$119) good for July 11-15, rate (\$149) for July 16. Additional adults \$10 apiece.

Covid-19 protocols are in place at all hotels

The kitchen will be open for food Monday--Saturday from 11:00 am--8:00 pm.

Any questions or concerns please contact:

Darla Medernach at
dmedernach_308@yahoo.com
630-308-9169

**American Turners 56th Annual
National Golf Tournament
Hosted by Aurora Turners
July 14th, 15th, and 16th 2021**

Fees: \$150 (18 holes w/cart daily) for Men, Senior Men, Women
\$90 (9 holes w/cart daily) for Women, Senior Women, Super Senior Men

Make check or money order to:
Aurora Turners National Golf

Entry Regulations:

1. The members entered below agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Turners and the USGA. Violations will result in the loss of prizes and awards.
2. Only National Turner Members in good standing in the National American Turners, local districts, and societies are permitted to participate in this tournament. At Large members may participate in the tournament, however, their scores cannot be used for a society's score in a team event.
3. Participants must be members of a society of the American Turners at least three months prior to the tournament. Membership card must be available for presentation at registration.
4. Societies who do not permit members until age 21 are permitted to enter golf members(s) from age 18 by certification of the President of the society. The entry must state the age of the golfers(s) under this provision.
5. Any applications received after the deadline of June 15, 2021, may be accepted by the host society only if there is space available. The application must be accompanied by an additional \$10.00 processing fee. All applications sent to the host society must be filled out completely and include the full entry fee.

Divisions: Indicate below which division each player will be competing in.

Men=M

Senior Men=SM

Super Senior Men=SSM

Women=W-18 or W-9

Senior Women=SW

Full Name, Address, Phone, Email	Society name	National Card Number	9/18 hole score average	Division

OBITUARIES

Akron Turners

Angie Johnson

On January 25, one of our fun-loving Auxiliary members passed away. Angie was a 45-year member and served as our Auxiliary President in 1980, 1981, 1993 and 1994. She also was a member of the Akron Turner Club for 45 years. Angie Johnson enjoyed socializing and doing whatever was asked of her for the betterment and support of the Akron Turners. She had fun doing it and she made us laugh along the way. Angie was a retired Akron Metro bus driver and shared many funny stories including learning how to drive one of the BIG busses. She was a joy and we will miss her very much.

-June Ewing and Ruth Vera

American Turners New York

Robert (Bob) Rohlf



Robert (Bob) Rohlf passed away peacefully on September 16, 2020 in Florida. He was born in New York City on June 20, 1939. He graduated from Tuckahoe High School in 1957 and Florida Southern College, Lakeland FL in 1961.

Bob worked for a food broker, owned a 'white glove' restaurant in Palm Beach and went back to New York to work as comptroller for a fish restaurant chain. He also worked independently doing accounting services for small businesses. He resided in Eastchester for many years.

Bob enjoyed golf, played in Scotland, Ireland and Portugal and attended many championships. He also played volleyball and travelled to Texas and Hawaii to compete. He was MVP his freshman year at Florida Southern. He will be remembered by his golfing buddies on Wednesdays in The Villages and in Eastchester at Lake Isle.

Bob was a Turner member since 1959. He joined the Mt. Vernon and New York Turn Vereins. And when they merged he became a member of the American Turners in Throggs Neck NY. A Turner for 62 years! Bob was the head accountant of ATNY and also the Treasurer of the NYTV 1850 Foundation Inc., affiliated with the Turners. He is survived by his brother Peter, (Peter's wife Lynn), a sister Donna, two nephews, Peter Hans Rohlf (Tammy), (their children Brynn and Zachary), Gregory E Rohlf (Najia), (their children Yasmine and Alexander) and Donna Rohlf's daughter, Beth Geller. *-Rest in Peace Bob.*

Louise Horn



Louise Horn, member of the Turner Club since 1956 has passed away Oct 12, 2020. Louise was born Jan 13, 1937. She was married to Rupert who was President of our Club for many years. She was mother to Erich and Anita, mother in law to Sharon and Larry, grandmother to Erich, Kyle, Amanda and Caitlyn and was the daughter of Anna and Erich Hundreiser who were also long-time members of our organization. She was a cousin by marriage to Barbara and Ed Horn.

Many of you will remember Louise for her contribution of swimming both in our club swimming races as well as participating in the Interclub Swim Meets well into her senior years.

Louise also was a competitor in Volleyball competing against the Mount Vernon Turners, Long Island Turners and the New York Turn Verein.

Louise taught gymnastics to our young ones until the gymnastics program ended and was a huge contributor to the Hallenfest where she won many awards for her embroidery and crocheted items that she entered.

Louise participated in many Turnfests as well as carrying banners at the New York City Steuben Day Parade and the Throgs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade

Louise carried on the Charter of Morrisania Yacht Club and continued the In to Commission and Out of Commission Ceremonies every year in the position of Commodore.

She always had a smile, a story to tell, and a kind word for everyone. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

-Rest in peace Louise.

OBITUARIES

Robert (Bob) Steiner



We are incredibly saddened to report that Turner Bob Steiner has passed away. Bob was a member of ATNY since 1963. He loved the Turners and he will truly be missed. Please keep Rosemary, Anne, Bobby JR, Jennifer & Jase in your thoughts and prayers.

Robert (Bob) Steiner, of Riverside, CT passed away January 5, 2021, at age 77. He was born June 5, 1943 in the Bronx to Frank and Dorothy Steiner. Robert worked for over 48 years as a Plumber with the UA Local Union No.1 in NYC. He was a member of the American Turners of NY for 57 years. Robert is survived by his loving wife, Rosemary (nee Campbell) and cherished children, Robert Steiner (Jennifer) and Anne Steiner. He is the dear grandfather of Jase and brother of Donald.

Rest in Peace Bob.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWS

National Bowling Bid Request

The 2021 National Tournament was held in Akron, OH and the 2022 National Tournament will be held in Syracuse, NY.

We are looking for a Society to host the 2023 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 2023 Tournament please contact:

Frank Jones
National Bowling Committee Chairman
2805 Creekside Ct
Aurora, IL 60502

PH: 630-479-1282 (cell)
Email: franklindj@aol.com

Craig Sniezek
Vice President
1440 Crestwood Dr.
Aurora, Ill. 60506

PH: 630-399-4736 (cell)
Email: cvs4209@sbcglobal.net

National Health & Physical Education Report

Hello fellow Turners. I am hoping this issue of Turner Topics finds all of you healthy and safe. We struggled through 2020 but finally made it into 2021, with societies starting to get back to normal (or close to it).

Milwaukee Eastside hosted the first ever "Turner Virtual Gymnastics Invitational". There were 212 gymnasts entered from 5 Turner societies – Buffalo, Clinton, Monaca, River City and Milwaukee Eastside/Wildcard /M&M. Videos of routines were submitted and viewed by a USAG Judge between February 15 and April 15. At the end, all the scores were compiled and awards were mailed to the gyms for distribution to their gymnasts. While this was not considered an American Turners National Championship, it did give our gymnasts a chance to perform their routines with a chance to win an award. Thank you to Turner John Wamser for organizing and hosting this event.

There are national events coming up this summer that we look forward to. Aurora will be hosting the National Golf Tournament and the National Softball Tournament in July. Whether you start swinging your golf clubs or softball bats, get yourself ready for a fun time in Aurora.

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

JUNIOR NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The dates of the tournament are
October 15 – November 15, 2021. 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 November 1st. Remember that the bowler's average is their average as of September 1, 2021, bowling averages are not necessary, if the child does not bowl in a League.

Gail Goetz, Junior National Bowling Director

80 14 170th Street

Jamaica, NY 11432-1331

347 610-0363 or gmg4296@gmail.com

2021 ETF DONATIONS

IN MEMORIAM

Louise Horn – NYTV-ATNY

Donor: Anita Klaboe

Donor: New York District of American Turners

Donor: Peter & Carolyn Rohlf – ATNY

Robert (Bob) R Rohlf – ATNY – 61Yr Member

Donor: Peter & Carolyn Rohlf

In Memoriam of Robert Steiner – ATNY

Donor: Peter & Carolyn Rohlf

MONACA TURNERS GYMNASTICS

Monaca Turners, Monaca PA is the host gymnastics site for 3 Turners (NFHS rules) & Xcel competitive teams plus 4 high school teams (Central Valley, Hopewell, South Side & West Allegheny). The MT program had a complete gymnastics season (even with COVID) and ended up hosting the PA Classic this year. Central Valley High School won the 2021 W.P.I.A.L. Gymnastics Team Championships & finished Runner-Up Gold Team at the 2021 PA Classic Gymnastics Championships.

MT Gymnasts who placed @ W.P.I.A.L. Championships (top 3):

Gold Division:

Alyssa Bruno – 3rd All Around
Alexa Misselwitz – 3rd Bars

Silver Division:

Alexandra Biela – 3rd All Around
Olivia Sedlacek – 3rd Bars, 1st Beam, 2nd All Around
Kali Burke – 2nd Vault
Sydney Svihla – 2nd Floor

MT Gymnasts who placed @ 2021 PA Classic (top 3):

Gold Division:

Sophia Kennelly – 2nd All Around

Silver Division:

Alexandra Biela – 3rd Vault, 3rd Beam, 3rd All Around
Danika Sudar – 1st Beam (State Champion)
Sydney Svihla – 2nd Floor

Bronze Division:

Emma Ferricks – 1st Vault (PA State Champion)
Mia Marchionda – 2nd Bars, 1st Beam (PA State Champion), 3rd Floor,

All Around (PA State Champion)

Mia Santilli – 1st Bars (PA State Champion)

MT Xcel teams qualified 18 gymnasts to the 2021 Xcel Pennsylvania State Championships.
Xcel States (1st Place State Champions in their age group):

Platinum Division:

Sydney Svihla – 1st Vault

Silver Division:

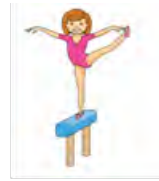
Sophia Braun – 1st Beam
Maddie Williams – 1st Floor
Jenna Zurynski – 1st Vault, 1st Floor

Submitted by:

Terri Gazda (MT Head Gymnastics Coach)

Did you know...

AMERICAN TURNERS



YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

The benefits of being a Youth Member:

- National Tournament participation
- Subscription to Turner Topics newsletter
- Participation at National Festivals
- Reimbursement for travel to National competitions
- Help your Society receive grant monies for qualified instructors and new equipment



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Gymnastics



Track



Bowling



National Festival Princess Contest



Volleyball



Hurl Throw



Ninja



Competitive Stacking





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NATIONAL CALENDAR

2021 EVENTS

National Golf - Aurora - July 14-16

National Softball - Aurora - July 24-25

National Council - Aurora - September 24-25

National Jr. Bowling - October 15 - November 15

2022 EVENTS

National Bowling - Syracuse - Dates TBD

National Convention - Louisville Turners - TBD