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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

To our Turner Friends,

We recently held our National Council Meeting "in person". What a nice change from the last one. Many thanks to Aurora Turners for hosting this event. A good time was had by all.

A little bit of history is always interesting. American Turners had a drum that was on display at a museum in Louisville until the National Office was moved to Aurora. It was reported this was a civil war drum used during Lincoln's inauguration. There is no paper documentation to support this, and the drum was checked thoroughly and it was determined the value of the drum in its present condition to be \$500. It was refurbished by Turners Ed Colton and Forest Steinlage a number of years ago. This drum has been sold to New Ulm Turners for a donation of \$500 and will be on display in their museum. If you wish to see it first-hand please attend and participate in the 2023 National Festival in New Ulm, Minnesota. For more information on this drum, check out our new website "amturners.org".

Speaking of the new website, we are reaching out to all Societies for information. We need contact information to post on the web page. Your information is also needed to provide information on up-coming events—such as the bowling tournament in Syracuse in 2022. Let's build these tournaments to the point of 3 or 4 weekends and larger as it had been in years past. There is other important information that we need to correspond to you. Besides the website your Turner Topics has a wealth of information. It would have more if each Society or District sent in a small blurb about the happenings locally. I would be remiss if I did not mention and thank Turner Dan Hoisington for building this website for us.

Be sure to check the offerings of the Endowment Trust Fund (their article will also appear in this edition of the Turner Topics). They offer scholarships, gym equipment grants, payroll grants and more. This is all posted on the website. Please take advantage of their offerings.

In addition to the scholarships offered by the Endowment Trust Fund, college juniors and seniors should check out our scholarship program. Forms and instructions are available on the website.

Some deadlines to keep in mind for the upcoming year—April 1 District and Society directories are due to the National Office. June 30 is the deadline for reporting your membership and sending your National Dues (Per Capita Tax) to the National Office. Don't wait until the deadline, it can be done beginning on January 1st. July 1 through October 31 is the time to report reinstatement of members and new memberships that were not taken care of previously.

One more note to the Districts, if you have not done so, please appoint a representative to the National Health and Physical Education Committee and the National Cultural Committee. And to our Societies and Districts, please plan and promote functions locally and you will be ready for the annual National Events.

There will be at least three printings of Turner Topics for the upcoming year.

With Turner Greetings,

Dennis Zeller, National President

DISTRICT/SOCIETY NEWS

ILLINOIS TURNER CAMP IS BACK IN ACTION!



I asked one of our young campers if she was having a good summer and her response was. "This is the Best Summer Ever!" So, I followed up that response with a "Why?" To which she said "Turner Camp is the same! Nothing has changed!" What a beautiful response from young Frankie Bialk. It totally melted my heart and sums up the summer at ITC. Nothing has changed. Even after losing the summer of 2020 to Covid we were able to return to our dear old Turner Camp to find that nothing had changed!

The ITC Youth were welcomed back on June 14th to a great big "Welcome Back Campers" sign on the A-Field and under the leadership of MacKenzie Boress (Field) and Madison Dahm (Pool) our youth program picked right up where they left off in August of 2019. If absence makes the heart grow fonder, then missing the Summer of 2020 only made the Summer of 2021 more special! The 2021 Staff did an awesome job (as usual) leading our Youth in field and pool activities and the Rock Concert, Water Show, and Final Show did not disappoint. The support of cottage owners at these traditional productions was awesome, but not surprising because we Love our ITC Youth and the future of Turnerism that they represent!

We really relied on Volunteerism this year since we couldn't require everyone to do assigned duties due to Covid. But everyone stepped up and we were able to keep the Rathskellar and Candy Store open throughout the summer. And it was a very busy summer at the Rathskellar with Record Sales! The line for the Fish Fry some nights was out the door! It just felt good to be back home in Turner Camp. I think everyone was just happy to be among family and friends again that no matter how long the line, it was worth the wait because we were together again!

Anyone who has ever been associated with Turner Camp will probably understand how special Founder's Day is. It is the day when we remember the Turners who forged the way before us and built Turner Camp. So, the first Saturday in August was especially memorable this year as we gathered to celebrate 107 years since the Camp was founded. Turners from 0 to 90+ gathered for the parade through Camp to the A-Field where our Youth Program demonstrated some of the gymnastic skills they were working on all summer. Some of our Turner Leaders spoke and thanked the many volunteers who make everything happen each summer. A dinner in the Rathskellar was served to round out the day.



The Final Show is always a bittersweet ending to each summer. This year was no exception. The Youth put on a wonderful final show based on a "Night at the Museum." Each summer, following the Final Show, the youth have their own dance upstairs in the Dining Hall. It's a time to say goodbye to Turner friends who have to leave and fly home or go back to school the next day. It is also a celebration of what it means to be a Camper at Turner Camp. And as the dance came to a close the ITC kids formed an all-inclusive circle with arms linked around one another to sing "Country Roads Take Me Home to the Place where I belong....." Because, to these kids, Turner Camp is their home and this is their generation's theme song.

So as our young Camper noted..... Nothing has changed and Turner Camp was just as wonderful as in years past! And a big shout out of Thanks to everyone who stepped up and made it happen!

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The Holyoke Turners hosted the New England District golf tournament on Saturday, August 21. The Adams, Clinton, Holyoke, and Syracuse Turners all participated in the event. It was held at Southampton CC with a Dinner and awards following back at that Turners Club.



2021 American Turners National Golf Tournament

We would like to thank all of our fellow Turners who made the trip to Aurora for the National Golf Tournament. We truly appreciated all of your support and hope you enjoyed your time with us! A special "Thank You" to the Turner Societies who took out ads in our program book. Here are the final results of the 2021 golf tournament:

MEDALISTS

Women—Joleen Gottwald	Ft Wayne	78
SR Women—Janice Ashton	Akron	50
SSR Men—Don Kline	Aurora	40
SR Men—Mitch Zehr	Ft Wayne	80
Men—Brian Gottwald	Ft Wayne	71

Ladies' Division

Championship Flight

Libby Moses	Covington
Joleen Gottwald	Ft Wayne

First Flight

Julie Carlson	Eiche
Kelly Conner	Covington

Second Flight

Mary Kaye Keith	Ft Wayne
Sandy Smith	Aurora

Senior Women Division

Championship Flight

Janice Ashton	Akron
Bette Weaver	Aurora

Men's Division

Championship Flight

Brian Gottwald	Ft Wayne
Chris McGrath	CEST
Jeff Hung	CEST

First Flight

Matt Kressley	Keystone
Fran Reagan	Syracuse

Second Flight

Joe Romaine	Aurora
Steve Shires	Syracuse

Third Flight

Jeff Sytar	Aurora
Steve Spurgeon	Keystone

Fourth Flight

Bob Carlson	Eiche
George Malleris	Aurora

Super Senior Men

Championship Flight

Ken Kaiser	Keystone
Don Kline	Aurora





NATIONAL HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT

Hello fellow Turners. Here we are again heading into another Holiday season and looking toward 2022. I sincerely hope 2022 is the year we all get back to a normal lifestyle.

We are planning on having national events in 2022 - Monaca Turners will be hosting the National Golf Tournament, Ft. Wayne Turners the National Softball Tournament and Syracuse Turners the National Bowling Tournament. I also want you to look a little farther into the future and start planning for the American Turners 56th National Festival at New Ulm Turners in 2023! New Ulm is a wonderful little town in Minnesota, rich in Turner history. I invite everyone to join us for all of the friendly competition, gemütlichkeit and New Ulm Turner hospitality.

On the subject of the next National Festival, there are some changes to the Festival Rulebook.

- Start competition on Wednesday morning. Evenings will just be used for Princess Pageant, Model Drill and Mass Drill competitions and social events at the Turner hall.
- New age groups for Pickleball – 18-29, 30-49, 50-69 & 70+
- Volleyball divisions – eliminate the Sr. Women 50+ and the Sr. Men 55+ due to lack of participation. Players in those ages still can play on Women 14+, Men 14+, Co-ed 18+ and/or Sr. Co-ed (women 50+ & men 55+)
- Eliminate team trophies/plaques for volleyball. Instead of giving ribbons to the players, give medals to all players of the top 3 winning teams in each division.
- Reduce the volleyball team sizes to 8 players plus 2 alternates. An alternate can only play if it is determined before a match starts that an alternate is needed.
- All-around medals will be given to everyone in the events of Gymnastics and Track & Field (all ages).
- Change the 4x50 running relay for Seniors to a 4x100, like the other age groups.
- Men's gymnastics, ages 7-29, will compete all 6 events for an all-around score.
- Competition levels for Women's gymnastics, ages 7-29, will now include the USAG Development Program levels 3-10 and all Xcel levels.
- Entry fee for athletic competitors at the National Festival will be raised to \$25 per person.

Make sure you read future Turner Topics from front to back to catch all the Festival news. Also, check the American Turners website for any additional information as it becomes available. As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me at nhpechair@amturners.org

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

Michelle Lesperance
Acting NHPEC Chairperson

ENDOWMENT TRUST

Dear Turners,

The Endowment Trust Fund is one of the financial arms of American Turners. The ETF is funded through endowments and memorials. The Endowment Trust carries out the organization's mission of a Sound Mind, Sound Body through offering various gymnastics and physical education grants, scholarships, and donations provided to Districts and Societies within American Turners. The Endowment Trust Fund is managed by six Trustees and the American Turner's National President following rules and regulations found in its Declaration of Trust. The Endowment Trustees are open to new ideas and suggestions as to how we may best serve the membership of American Turners and perpetuate "A Sound Mind and a Sound Body"

On behalf of the Trustees, I'm please to inform you of the following changes of the Endowment Trust offerings which take effect **January 1, 2022**. These are:

1. Elimination of the loan program which had been on hold for the past 2 years.
2. An increase of the maximum amount payable by the Endowment Trust to \$3,000 for the Society Payroll Reimbursement Grant.
3. An increase the maximum amount payable by the Endowment Trust to \$2,000 for the 50/50 Physical Education Equipment Grant
4. New First Aid/CPR/AED Grant

REMINDER: A requesting Society must have a minimum of 50% of their competitive team members, under the age of 18, or be a Youth Member or a child of a member of American Turners. Youth Members are required to renew their membership annually.

New Edwin E. Colton Honorary Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a 'grass roots' or foundation level member that has sacrificed their time and talents at their Society and/or District. This individual must have demonstrated qualities of humility, integrity, vision, tenacity, loyalty to the American Turner's cause and has possessed a strong work ethic for many years in keeping their Society and/or District functioning. The nominee shall possess a 'True American Turner Spirit' as emulated by Edwin E. Colton. A maximum of three (3) awards will be presented during each calendar year with no more than one (1) per District awarded annually.

Lastly, a reminder to send any memorial donation(s) directly to:

**Endowment Trust of American Turners
c/o Thomas R. Bozonelos, President
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Respectfully & With Turner Greetings,

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BREAKING NEWS:

2023 NATIONAL FESTIVAL

The American Turners National Festival is coming to New Ulm in the summer of 2023. On September 23, 2021, the Turner National Council accepted the New Ulm Turners' bid to host the event -- the oldest continuing sports festival in the United States. The first Turnfest was held in 1851 in Philadelphia. Known as "The People's Olympics", the event is held once every four years, giving Turners the opportunity to compete in sports and cultural events. Although the New Ulm Turnverein is one of the oldest and most significant clubs in the United States, it has never hosted the National Festival.

One contribution of the Turners to American life has been the organization's advocacy of fitness and physical education. Their efforts encouraged the adoption of physical education into the curriculum of school systems across the country, advocating for classes for both boys and girls.

Reflecting the Turners' motto, "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body," Turnfest is divided into two areas of participation. The physical competition includes men and women's gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, tumbling, track and field events, swimming, diving, volleyball, golf, tennis, mass drill and model drill exhibitions. Cultural exhibitions and events include more than 100 categories from scrap books to fine art to solo and group music, speech, and dance performances. The Turners have always been a family organization and participants range from nine years of age to ninety.

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Daniel J. Hoisington

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 EDWIN E. COLTON AWARD HONOREES

Edwin E. Colton – Aurora Turners; Illinois District
Carol-Mae Udovich – Sheboygan Turners; Wisconsin District
Irmgard Maloni – ATNY; New York District



Edwin E. Colton

Carol-Mae Udovich



Irmgard Maloni

OBITUARIES

ATNY

William W. Hildreth

William Wallace Hildreth passed away on June 18, 2021 after a long battle from Parkinson's Disease. Bill was born in Teaneck, New Jersey to Elmer and Isabelle Hildreth. He was predeceased by them and his brother Richard. Bill was educated in Mount Vernon, New York schools and was then trained as a watchman at Bowman Technical Institute in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He worked for Benrus until he joined the family business, E. Hildreth and Sons in Mount Vernon, New York where he worked till they closed. He then worked and totally enjoyed employment at Hertz Rental Corp at the airport in White Plains, New York.

Bill was member of American Turners, New York for over 55 years and enjoyed his time sharing with his fellow Turners on the volleyball court or in the gym. He was also a member of Pleasantville Hiaowatha Lodge F&AM for nearly 60 years and Echo Bay Yacht Club, New Rochelle, NY. He leaves his wife, Janet and adult children, William Jr.(AnneMarie), John Hildreth (Barbara Sawin) and Richard (Tammy) Massa and Christopher Massa(deceased). Bill was the proud grandfather of Troy Libby, Kristen, Nicole, Joseph and Alison Hildreth, Jennifer and Ethan Massa and great grandfather to Mallory.

Bill was always ready with a smile and a quip. He loved his friends and family and will be missed by all who knew him.

-Janet Hildreth

Kansas City

Kenneth "Kenny" Lee Whisler



Kenneth "Kenny" Lee Whisler, 79, Lee's Summit, MO, went home to God on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Born November 27, 1941 to Elvin and Anna "Ruth" Whisler in Kansas City, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Gerald "Jerry" Whisler, and his brother Ronald "Ronnie" Frederick, and stepson Mark Wilson. He is survived by his wife Nancy Whisler, two brothers Walter "Bud" Whisler and Mike Whisler, and two sisters Geneva Corum and Mary Jo Chase; three children, Kenneth "Buster" Whisler, Katherine Hunter, and Mindy Whisler as well as two step children, Laurie Grant and Kristin Leaver. He was loved by a large family of grand children as well, Anna Hunter Staffeil, Lydia Hunter, Tori Hunter, Abby Clevenger, Amy Clevenger, Joey Whisler, Logan Leaver, Ellie Leaver, Jesse Street, Dustin Street, Katie Sands, Lindsay Becker and Lauren Norris.

Kenny was loved by many he touched in life and had a servant's heart of giving his time, talent and treasure to many organizations.

Kenny spent his lifelong career at Superior Bowen and retired as their Superintendent of Plant Operations overseeing several asphalt plants located throughout the region. He was known as the heavy equipment operator specialist and prided himself in his skill of being able to get the most efficiency out of any piece of heavy equipment.

He volunteered for Raytown Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) in their food pantry and facility maintenance. He managed the construction of their current facility that was finished in 2009 with a team of all volunteer builders. Erecting the building for REAP with the team of volunteers was one of Kenny's most valued achievements. The Truman Heartland Community Foundation recognized his efforts with REAP and honored him in 2010 as Citizen of Year.

He had a work hard play hard philosophy with many years of being an athlete. He spent years on the board and volunteered at Kansas City Turners, a German social club. He helped coach the gymnastics teams and participated in softball, bowling, gymnastics, and track and field as well as volunteering his time on facility improvements and upkeep. He and his wife, Nancy, also competed in several National Turnfests.

Kenny was blessed to attend the 1994 Kansas City Royals Dream Week in Florida and loved every moment of playing baseball as an honoree Kansas City Royal.

He played softball for many years in the Senior Softball USA organization on the Goodtimers senior travel teams as he and Nancy traveled the US with the team. He received numerous awards throughout the years including Strongest Throwing Arm, Iron Man Award, Most Games Played, Great Teammate, Co-Team Offensive Player, Excellent Defensive Versatility and was known to be one of the speediest players on his team and routinely was tagged in as a pinch runner.

Kenny spent decades in the volleyball community as well. He was a player, volunteer, and youth coach through USA Volleyball's Heart of America Region (HOA)

OBITUARIES

St. Paul Turners & Eastside Milwaukee Turners

"As long as you are remembered, you are alive."

RUSSELL WESLEY GOODMAN

June 10, 1934–May 18, 2021



Russell Goodman was active in Turner's Gymnastic Society, believing in Sound Mind-Sound Body from birth to death, a philosophy he modeled until he died. He was renowned for his one-armed lever, which to date, I've never seen anyone else do! His last competitive Turnfest was in Fort Wayne, Indiana in July 2019, when he was 85 years old. While his skills diminished over the years, he still showed up and did what he could. He loved the camaraderie at Turners, especially the "Turnfests", where he'd tell us that the only muscles that hurt were his jaws from laughing. He was easy to be with, an enjoyable person who knew the value of a good laugh and never hesitated to provide one.

During his years at Turners, he served on the board of the St. Paul Turners, ultimately as its president. He also served on the national board where he fought for and won the right for women to be full members. He was very proud of that achievement.

Russell tried to live the values he learned from his parents.

He thought all people were important & deserved respect. He lived fearlessly, imaginatively with curiosity and amusement. This inquisitiveness created many opportunities for him to be an innovator on social justice issues and in his 30-year career as a social worker for the State of Minnesota. Russell told his daughters,

I've tried to live my values. All people are important and deserve respect. It is important to be fair and take risks. I lived life without fear, not recluse, but fearless, imaginative.



His granddaughter recently said, "grandpa had a way of taking the weight off you". He did. He was able to listen to your most complex problem—one you surely thought you couldn't survive, simplify it, and in so doing, lift the weight of the world off you. Russell was always willing to learn, to grow, to put himself in uncomfortable places in order to discover new things, to become a better human being, to talk things through with anyone who had issues with him. He welcomed the discussions.

From the time that Russell learned that he was dying, he talked about it with inquisitiveness and delight—never fear. He often told his daughters how amazing the experience was and reminded them that he had never done this before. He informed them that after he died, he would get his voice back so he could speak again, something he excelled at in life, and his strong body would return allowing him to do a giant on the high bar or a pole vault—things he had enjoyed in his younger years.

Russell enjoyed his Turner friends so much and appreciated the love and concern he felt as he went through the process of dying. When he died, he was a grateful man at peace with himself. This was exemplified by the friends he made along the way. He believed that "I am here for a purpose" and he lived his life consciously exploring how he could best serve that purpose. Upon retirement, he became a personal trainer and used his skills to train the elderly to be strong enough to live the lives they chose. He believed in social justice, volunteering in ways that helped make this community and our world a better place.

Russell was preceded in death by his wife Valeria & his daughter Cheryl (Scott) Sandrock. He is survived by daughters Laura (Michael Paymar) and Wendy; sons David (Patty) and Daniel, 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Laura Goodman
Lifetime Member, American Turners



George Rhoades Hartzell

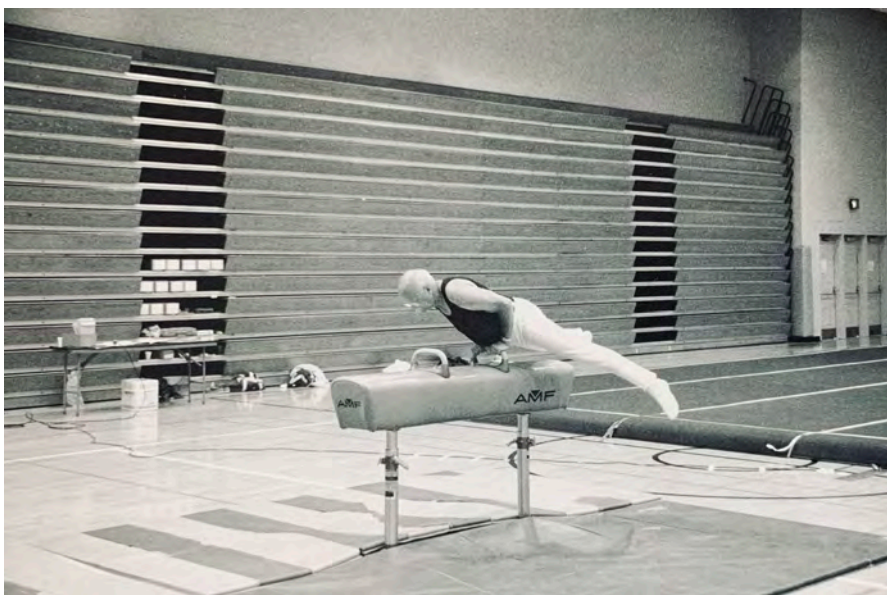


George Hartzell was born on February 22, 1923 and was an active Turner member all of his adult life. He fell in love with gymnastics when he learned it at a boy's club as a youth. He was an award-winning gymnast and captain of his team in high school. He competed all-around and once won first all-around and first in parallel bars at the Northwest Gymnastics meet where there were over 500 competitors. He served in the US Army from 1943-1946, but he didn't allow his military duties to dampen his love of the sport. Even there, he practiced hand-balancing with fellow servicemen out behind the barracks. He was nicknamed "the Handstand King".

After the service, George joined the St. Paul Turners. He was an athletic competitor at over 12 National Festivals (Turnfests) and won many ribbons and medals through the years. He was especially happy, winning the gold in gymnastics at his last competition in Springfield, Massachusetts in 2007, when he was 84 years old. He performed routines worthy of a much younger competitor. Pommel horse and parallel bars were his specialties as a senior gymnast. George modeled the Turner motto of "a sound mind in a sound body", setting the example of how to remain active as one ages. When any of we younger members felt like gymnastics was getting too tough at our age, we looked to George's skill and dedication and were inspired to continue.

He served on the St. Paul Turners board as a Building Trustee. During George's tenure as Building Trustee, the job included additional duties, managing a rental property next door to the old Turner hall in the historic fire barn on the West Side of St. Paul. Turners procured this adjacent house with an eye on future expansion. He also presided over the building fund, which eventually allowed the St. Paul Turners to build a new building in Mendota Heights, MN. This new facility was a state-of-the-art gymnastics facility.

George was a 30-year employee with the State of Minnesota. He loved to laugh, eat a good steak, play cribbage and bridge, and watch old western movies. George passed on June 13, 2021 and is survived by Beverly, his wife of 71 years; daughters Robyn (Steve Loop) Hartzell, Jennifer (Jim) Brau and Jody (Mike) Huba; grandsons Samuel, Elliot and Colin. George was preceded in death by his twin brother Vernon, also a gymnast and Turner member, and brothers Eugene and Howard.



Turner William Meyer



The American Turners lost one of its esteemed members on October 19, 2021. Former National President and Honor Key recipient, Turner William (Bill) Meyer, quietly passed away on that day in his home in Cary, IL in the company of his wife of 72 years and other family members. Bill was diagnosed earlier in the year with metastatic prostate cancer that had spread to his bones. He was in hospice treatment at the time of his passing.

Bill was born in Chicago to Turner Ernest Meyer and his wife, Erna, on July 30, 1926. He was survived by his wife, Dolores (94), three of his sons, Kurt (67), Karl (65) and Kenneth (55), and his daughter, Heidi (62). He had 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, William Meyer Jr.

Bill attended gym classes at the Chicago Turgemeide aka CTG (1933), Vorwaertz Turnverein aka Forward (1934-1956) and American Turners Northwest Chicago aka Northwest (1957-1973), in Chicago, and participated in the youth program at Illinois Turner Camp in the summer months. He competed in numerous athletic tournaments earning 3 gold medals in track and field at the Illinois District Junior competition and attending 13 National Turnfests between 1948 and 2003. He also medaled in Track and Field at the International Turnfest in Munich Germany in 1973. He played on 5 Illinois District Champion Volleyball teams between 1944-1962 and played on many District Basketball teams. He won the national singles competition at the National Bowling Tournament in Toledo Ohio in 1970 for highest series (733). He was awarded the Five Star District Physical Education Award in 1955.

Bill joined the Forward Turners as soon as he was of age to do so in 1944. He served at the society level in many capacities from the time he joined and ultimately as society President from 1954-1956. He served on the Forward Turners Finance and Building Committee from 1947-1954 and as Chairman of the Committee formed to complete the acquisition of the land (1954) on which the Northwest Turner Hall was ultimately built. He served as Chairman of the Joint Committee for Turner Consolidation (1954-1956) that culminated in the merger of the Swiss, Social and Forward Turners to form the Northwest Turners. He subsequently served on the Northwest Board of Directors and on various special committees.

At the district level, Bill served as a board member in some capacity from 1952-1962, including as Chairman of the Youth Committee (1955), Ways and Means Committee (1956-1962), Turner Camp Bar and Restaurant Committee (1957 & 1958) and Treasurer (1956-1962). He served as District Auditor from 1963-1970. For many years he was a member of the All Turner Committee, Treasure of the Memorial Swimming Pool Fund and Chairman of the committee created to seek real estate tax adjustments in 1964 and 1972. The district successfully obtained reduction in the taxes in both years. When he retired from the Illinois District Board, he continued to represent the Northwest Society as a delegate to the Illinois District Convention until 1984.

Bill also served as a delegate to most National Conventions since 1964 and served on the National Council in many capacities including:

- National Council Representative for Region 5, 1966-1968
- First Vice President, 1968-1970
- President, 1970-1974
- Past President 1974-1978
- Treasurer 1974-1977
- Endowment Fund Trustee, 1968-1976 and again 1979-2010
- Endowment Trust Treasurer 1970-1976
- Endowment Trust Secretary/Treasurer, 1988-2005
- Endowment Trust Auditor 1979-1987
- Assistant to Treasure 2005-2010
- Treasurer on the National Turnfest Committee for 6 Turnfests
- General Chairman for the American Turners entrée and travel to the International Turnfest held in Munich Germany in 1973
- Chairman of the New National Scholarship Award Committee, 1997-2005

Turner William Meyer (continued)

As National President, Bill was instrumental in bringing the Elgin Turners into the national organization and while serving on the Endowment Trust Board he was instrumental in acquiring the land adjacent to the Turner Camp to serve as a buffer to the camp and for potential expansion of the camp in the future. He was awarded the National Honor Key in 1973 and awarded a 50-year honorary membership card in 1994.

A celebration of life event was held in honor of Bill on November 13, 2021, where many who spoke mentioned the indispensable leadership he brought to the Turner Organization at all levels. Former National President and Honor Key recipient Ed Colton remarked that a major challenge to the organization moving forward will be finding members who can offer the kind of leadership and commitment Bill provided.

Apart from his service, Bill was regarded by all who knew him as one from whom they could always expect a pleasant greeting and hearty laugh. When not subsumed in family or Turner business or helping a friend, he could be seen enjoying the fellowship of his many Turner friends either at the Turner Camp, which he dearly loved, or a Turner function of some kind. He was loved by people of all ages, and he will be sorely missed by the many people whose lives he touched. So, wherever Turners may congregate across the land, nothing would bring him more pleasure than to hear a hearty singing of "Ein Prosit" rising up from the earth below to make him feel part of us again. Please keep him in mind as you do that, as well as in your prayers.

Thank you, Bill, for all you have done for the Turner organization, your family and your many, many friends. May you rest in peace.

The family has asked that those wishing to recognize Bill's contribution to the organization send a check made payable to "Memorial Swimming Pool Fund" to Barbara Zweifel, 5555 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60640.

2021 ETF DONATIONS

IN MEMORIAM

Dearly departed Eiche Turner Members & Friends – IL District

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NATIONAL CALENDAR

2022 EVENTS

National Bowling - Syracuse - April 23-24 & April 30-May 1

National Golf - Monaca - July 13,14,15

National Softball - Ft. Wayne - TBA

National Convention - Louisville Turners - August 5-6(Tentative)

National Council - Louisville - Sunday August 7-(Tentative)

2023 EVENTS

National Bowling - Elgin - TBA