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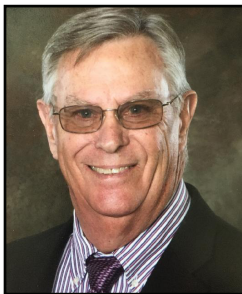
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# THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

*To our Turner Friends,*

It was fun and enjoyable attending the 2022 National Bowling Tournament in Syracuse. On Saturday evening after dinner, "Night at the Races" was held which was enjoyed by everyone. Start making plans for the 2023 Tournament to be held at Elgin Turners in Elgin, Illinois. You won't want to miss out.

This summer the National Golf Tournament will be held in Monaca Turners in Monaca, PA. The National Softball Tournament will be held in Ft. Wayne Indiana on July 23 & 24. Only three Societies have been participating in the past several years keeping this National event from extinction. Let's join together in getting more Societies to participate in keeping National Softball alive and well.

We hope everyone is getting ready for a busy summer and plan to do a little vacationing in Kentucky while attending the National Convention as a delegate. It would be nice to have all 148 delegates present for this convention. The convention will be held on Friday August 5th and Saturday August 6th. The National Council meeting will be held on Sunday August 7th. Then visit Churchill Downs and the horse farms in Lexington. What a grand sight!

Be sure to check the offerings of the Endowment Trust Fund (their article will also appear later in this edition of the Turner Topics). The ETF provides a variety of offerings that include: the William R. Meyer Honorary Scholarship, the Edwin E. Colton Honorary Award, Physical Education Equipment and Society Instructor Payroll Compensation grants, etc.

American Turners offers scholarships to its members for undergraduate juniors and seniors that are working in a degree program at a fully accredited College or University. Applicants who are planning to major in a Physical Education, Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Recreational Therapy curriculum will be considered as well as students who have been involved over several years in American Turner programs.

All ETF and scholarship info available on American Turners website, listed below.

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.

On a sad note, we lost a National Past President, Jerry Jacquin. Jerry was a 75 YR Gold card member and a National Honor Key member. Our sincerest condolences to the Jacquin family and to all of the American Turner members that have left us to join the Turnverein Everlasting!

With Turner Greetings,

**Dennis Zeller, National President**

# ***FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE PRESIDENT***

Hopefully everyone is in summer mode now that the weather has turned warmer. Along with the summer comes some events on the National level namely National Golf in Monaca Turners in Pennsylvania, National Softball at Ft. Wayne in July and the Bi-annual National Conventional in Louisville. At the National convention there will be a few things being presented to be acted upon.

First is increase of National Membership fees from the current \$8.25 to \$12 per member per year or annually. The last increase in Membership fees was about 10 years ago. As with our lives over the last ten years costs have increased. The National council has taken several actions to cut cost namely- doing virtual conference calls, closed a store front office and have our National council meeting following the Bi-annual convention at Louisville Turners to save travel expenses. You may ask do we have money to keep going with out this proposed increase and the answer is NO. We have nothing in reserve to fall back on. A budget is enclosed in this issue to present our case for an increase.

Second, we need someone to step up to the plate and run for the National Health and Physical Education chair. Michelle Lesperance has graciously stayed on as the current chair although a successor should be found. Please ask around to see if someone is interested.

Third, we will need a new National Bowling chair as Franklin Jones who was elected at the last convention passed last July due to an illness. I have volunteered to do the chair but we need a new chair to take over moving forward. The chair needs to be USBC member and have some working knowledge of the bowling rules. I am planning to run for Vice-president this year again so your support would be appreciated.

Craig Snizek  
Vice-President

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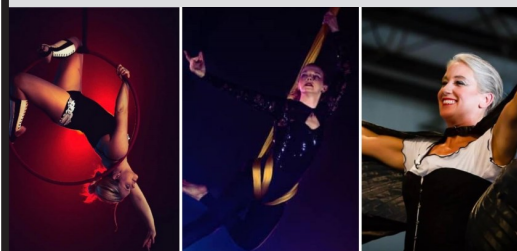


 <b>2022-2023-2024 Budget</b>							
Income				Current Dues for 2022		Proposed Mandate-for 2023	Proposed Budget for 2024
	Dues Amount			\$ 8.25		\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
			Gross income	\$ 82,500.00		\$ 114,000.00	\$ 108,000.00
Adult Members per year				10000		9500	9000
			National dues	\$ 65,000.00		\$ 97,375.00	\$ 92,250.00
			Youth transportation	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,375.00	\$ 2,250.00
			Scholarship fund	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 4,750.00	\$ 4,500.00
			Festival Fund	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
			Adult income	\$ 82,500.00		\$ 114,000.00	\$ 108,000.00
Youth members per	40	National Dues		40		100	40
				\$ 330.00		\$ 825.00	\$ 330.00
			Total membership	\$ 82,830.00		\$ 114,825.00	\$ 108,330.00
			Office income	\$ 65,000.00		\$ 97,375.00	\$ 92,250.00
<b>Expenditures for 2022</b>							
	National Administrative Assistant						
			Wages, gross	\$ 39,000.00			
			Insurance-Medical	\$ 1,800.00			
			Office reimbursement	\$ 1,500.00			
			Retirement	\$ 1,200.00			
			Total	\$ 43,500.00		\$ 44,700.00	\$ 46,000.00
			Internet & phone				
			Metronet	\$ 1,807.48		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,100.00
			National Council mtg	\$ 6,500.00		\$ 7,200.00	\$ 8,000.00
			National Committee Meetings				
		NHPEC	10	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
		Bowling	6	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,600.00
		Cultural	5	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00
		Total	21	\$ 20,500.00		\$ 22,200.00	\$ 23,800.00
		Postage		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,100.00
		NHPE USAG Mtg		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,650.00
		Subscriptions					
		Adobe		\$ 383.00	\$ 383.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 500.00
		Logmein		\$ 361.00	\$ 361.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 430.00
		Norton		\$ 112.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 130.00
		Sendinblue		\$ 235.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 275.00
		Zoom		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 180.00
		1 and 1		\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
		Total		\$ 1,265.00		\$ 1,384.00	\$ 1,539.00
		Topics-Printing -Jahn fund to re-imburse					
		National cards-printing		\$ 900.00		\$ 925.00	\$ 950.00
		National Gold cards-500		\$ 2,500.00			
		Awards		\$ 800.00		\$ 850.00	\$ 900.00
		Insurance					
		Borowiak-Bond	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00		\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
		RLI	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00		\$ 180.00	\$ 200.00
		West Bend	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 1,568.00		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,650.00
		Liberty Mutual	\$ 348.00	\$ 348.00		\$ 375.00	\$ 400.00
		Total		\$ 2,097.00		\$ 2,180.00	\$ 2,280.00
		Weber & Assoc.	990 service-2022	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,100.00
		Office Expenses-misc		\$ 500.00		\$ 600.00	\$ 650.00
		National event reimbursement		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
		National Convention		\$ 10,000.00		No Convention	\$ 10,000.00
		Grand total		\$ 95,869.48		\$ 87,239.00	\$ 91,569.00
		Profit or lost		\$ (30,869.48)		\$ 10,136.00	\$ 681.00

# TURNERS NATIONAL CONVENTION LOUISVILLE 2022



**AUGUST  
5-7  
2022**



**Friday:** Bowling, Dinner + Cocktails

**Saturday:** Lunch + Dinner, Circus performance in the evening, DJ or Live Music at the pool after

**Pool open all weekend**

## **Hotel Information**

All rooms blocked under American Turners

**Ramada by Windham Louisville North** 1041 Zorn Ave, 40207 (within walking distance to Turners)  
(502) 897-5101 \$119/night for 1 nt/\$99/ for 2

**Candlewood Suites Louisville**  
1039 Zorn Ave, 40207 **(502) 953-6153**

Currently NO group rate discounts but it is a new hotel within walking distance to Turners

**Holiday Inn Louisville Downtown—IHG**  
101 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, KY 40202  
(502) 916-2900 15% off best available rate

**Hampton Inn Downtown Louisville**  
101 E. Jefferson St, 40202 (502) 585-2200  
\$139 up to May 1, 2022

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# 79<sup>th</sup> AMERICAN TURNER NATIONAL CONVENTION



**August 5-6, 2022    Louisville, KY**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	
12:00-4:00pm	<b>Registration</b>
3:00-4:00pm	<b>Credential</b>
4:00-5:00pm	<b>Nominating</b>
5:00-6:30pm	<b>Dinner</b>
6:30-8:00pm	<b>Opening Session</b>

<b>SATURDAY</b>		
8:30-9:30am <b>Bowling</b>	8:30-9:30am <b>Cultural</b>	8:30-9:30am <b>Finance</b>
9:45-11:30am <b>NHPEC    &amp;    Bylaws</b>		
12:00-1:00pm <b>Lunch</b>		
1:15-5:00pm <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Session</b>		
5:00pm <b>Happy 1/2 Hour</b>		
6:00pm <b>Dinner &amp; "Gemütlichkeit"</b>		

# American Turners 57<sup>th</sup> Annual National Golf Tournament

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

Hosted by Monaca Turners

**Monaca Turners** will be the proud hosts of the **2022 National Golf Tournament**. Monaca has hosted the tournament in 1983 and 2014. We are looking forward with great anticipation to making many new friends as well as bringing together old ones.

The tournament will be held at **Black Hawk Golf Course**, 644 Blackhawk Road, Chippewa, Pennsylvania 15010. The course phone number is (724) 843-5512. Black Hawk has thirty-six holes so everyone will be at the same location.

The three-day 18-hole tournament fee will be **\$150** for: Men-Open, Senior Men 60+, Women-Open.

The three-day 9-hole tournament fee will be **\$90** for: Women-Open, Senior Women 55+, Super Senior Men 65+.

Your tournament fee includes 3 days of golf, carts, Wednesday night pasta dinner, Friday night event banquet, gifts and prizes.

Entry deadline is Monday June 21, 2022.

Make all Checks payable to: **Monaca Turners National Golf**

Please send completed entry form with payment directly to:

**Monaca Turners, Attn: Tim Pettibon, 1700 Old Brodhead Road, Monaca PA 15061**

Registration will be at the Monaca Turners in our banquet hall on Tuesday July 12 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. National Golf meeting will take place at 7:30pm. Wednesday 7/13 golf at Black Hawk and the free pasta dinner at Monaca Turners that evening. Thursday 7/14 golf at Black Hawk and dinner available for purchase at Monaca Turners. Friday 7/15 golf at Black Hawk GC and full banquet dinner and awards that evening. A reminder the club is located on 1700 Old Brodhead Road, Monaca PA 15001.

## Hotel Information

We have booked rooms at three local hotels from July 11<sup>th</sup> thru July 16<sup>th</sup> and all are less than 2 miles from the Monaca Turners and less than 12 miles from the golf course.

### Fairfield Inn & Suites

1438 Broadhead Road  
Monaca, Pennsylvania 15061  
(724)888-2696  
Rate:\$79 for single or double  
Res. Code **NATS**

### Hampton Inn

202 Fairview Drive  
Monaca, Pennsylvania 15061  
(724)774-5580  
Rate:\$81 doubles only  
Res. Code **NAT**

### Hilton Garden Inn

2000 Wagner Road Extension S  
Monaca, Pennsylvania 15061  
(724)728-2070  
Rate:\$119 king, \$124 2/queens  
Res. Code **TRN**

## Special Couples Event

An informal couple's golf tournament will be held on Tuesday July 12th in memory/honor of past and present service men and women who serve and protect our country. Teams must be a man and a women 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 Round/ Couples Event

Practice round and the couples event green fees with a cart have been negotiated with Black Hawk Golf Course at a cost of \$31. Golfers are responsible for making advanced tee times and it is highly recommended to do so! Please mention the Turners National Golf when calling the course to receive the special pricing for Monday and Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> & July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions or concerns please contact either:

Tim Pettibon at (724)480-8011(Call or Text) or Jerry Majzlik at 724)987-2342(Call or Text)

American Turners 57th Annual  
National Golf Tournament  
Hosted by Monaca Turners  
July 13th, 14th, and 15th 2022

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:  
Monaca 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



# 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**



# NATIONAL COMMITTEE NEWS

## National Bowling Committee

The 2022 National Tournament was held in Syracuse, NY and the 2023 National Tournament will be held in Elgin, IL.

We are looking for a Society to host the 2024 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 2024 Tournament please contact:

Craig Snizek  
Acting National Bowling Committee Chairman  
1440 Crestwood Dr.  
Aurora, IL 60506

PH: 630-399-4736

Email: cvs4209@sbcglobal.net

Bids for the 2024 Tournament must be postmarked by June 1st, 2022.



*Happy Spring!*



## From the National Health & Physical Education Committee

Here is the line-up for this summer's National events:

**National Softball Tournament** – hosted by Ft. Wayne Turners, July 23-24, 2022.

Get your teams together. It'll be a fun weekend.

**National Golf Tournament** – hosted by Monaca Turners, July 13-14, 2022.

Start swinging your clubs now to get ready for a great event.

Our **National Festival** is only a little over 1 year away! Have you started your fund raising yet? Give it a try to help encourage more participation at the Festival. New Ulm Turners is hosting the National Festival in July of 2023. If you haven't been to New Ulm Turners, this is a great time to make the trip. They have a wonderful club located in a great little town and we will have access to excellent venues for the Festival. They are planning a grand event!

In keeping with our German heritage, one of our Track & Field events is the Hurlball. I recently had some people question where they could obtain a hurlball to practice. As far as I know, they are not sold in the United States. It has to be ordered on-line. A few years back I purchased some for the American Turners through the company Sport-Thieme. Their website is [www.sport-thieme.com](http://www.sport-thieme.com) and they are called "Sling Balls". Another company, Kubler-Sports, also sells them and they call them "Slingshot Balls". Their website is [www.kuebler-sport.com](http://www.kuebler-sport.com) (yes, the company name is spelled slightly different than the website name) At the National Festival we use a leather hurlball with a weight of 1500g, but they are offered in other weights too. So if you want to get back in the groove of throwing a hurlball, or have new members that don't have a clue what to do with a hurlball, you can order one of your own. Just remember you are ordering from Europe, so it will not arrive in 2-3 days like Amazon.

As I mentioned in our last issue of Turner Topics, Pickleball will have more age groups: 18-29, 30-49, 50-69 & 70+. It will still be played as doubles with no gender requirements. It was also mentioned in my last article that we dropped the Sr. Men and Sr. Women Volleyball divisions. The NHPE Committee discussed it further and we have decided to keep all the divisions as we had in the previous Festival. It is our hope that we will

get more entries in the Senior Volleyball divisions at this Festival. The swimming pool does not have starting blocks, therefore everyone will start by standing on the edge of the pool to dive in. There is one more change to diving. We will not have access to a pool with a diving board, so we will not be offering diving at this Festival. However, New Ulm has an interesting replacement. In their pool area, they have a Water Ninja course. We will offer the Ninja course as a separate swimming event. It will be very different and a lot of fun. More information will be coming later.

Keep looking at all the Turner Topics from now until July of 2023 for the most up to date information on the Festival. Or better yet, attend the National Convention at Louisville Turners in August to get all the updates, including a copy of the revised Festival Rulebook and the Marching and Mass Drill routine.

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

Michelle Lesperance  
Acting NHPEC Chairperson

## Wildcard Turners

Wildcard Turners has applied to become a new Society in American Turners. This Society would be included in the Wisconsin District. A membership list, By-Laws/Statutes accompanied with an application has been received by the National Office. As stated in the By-laws of American Turners in accordance with the rules for accepting any new Society, a notice of proposed membership in American Turners, needs to be published twice in Turner Topics. This issue will be the first notice. If anyone has any reason not to accept Wildcard Turners as a new Society, they need to send a written letter dated and signed stating why to the National Office at the address listed on the inside cover within 30 days.

## NATIONAL FESTIVAL 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

# 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 pleased to inform you of the following changes of the Endowment Trust offerings which took effect **January 1, 2022**. These are:

1. An increase of the maximum amount payable by the Endowment Trust to \$3,000 for the Society Payroll Reimbursement Grant.
2. An increase of the maximum amount payable by the Endowment Trust to \$2,000 for the 50/50 Physical Education Equipment Grant
3. New: First Aid/CPR/AED Grant
4. New: Edwin E. Colton Honorary Award

**REMINDER: A requesting Society must have a minimum of 50% of their competitive team members, under the age of 18, be a Youth Member or a child of a member of American Turners to qualify for #2 and #3 above. Youth Members are required to renew their membership annually.**

Lastly, a reminder to send any **Memorial Donation(s)** directly to:

**Endowment Trust of American Turners  
c/o Thomas R Bozonelos  
324 S. Buell Ave.  
Aurora, IL. 60506-4628**

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Respectfully & With Turner Greetings,

*Thomas R (Tom) Bozonelos*

President

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# 2022 ETF DONATIONS

## IN MEMORIAM

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Terry Bodine – Fort Wayne Turners

Donor: New England District  
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Russell Goodman – St Paul & Eastside Turners

Donors: Timothy Doherty & Constance Kupferschmidt  
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George Hartzell – St Paul & Eastside Turners

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Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# OBITUARIES

## Aurora Turners

### Jerome "Jerry" Jacquin



Jerome R. Jacquin was born July 24, 1934, to George and Mary Jacquin, in Buffalo NY, where he was raised with his older brother John (Jack), his best friend.

Jerry had many adventures while growing up in Buffalo, and it was there he met the love of his life, Joan. They moved to Indiana for Jerry to attend Normal college at Indiana University (IU) studying Physical Education. He later earned his master's degree at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, IL. They lived in married housing in a small trailer where Joan helped him study and get thru school. After graduation, they moved to Warrenville, Illinois.

They later bought a house in Wheaton where Jerry became a football and gymnastics coach at Wheaton Central High School where he taught for many years. He had several students win gymnastics competitions and a few that went on to train for the Olympics. His most famous students at the school were the Belushi brothers John and Jim. He told many stories of John always getting into trouble with his clownish antics during football practice. Jerry was later inducted into the Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame. He left teaching to become the Executive Vice President at Clarke Mosquito

Control, where he later retired in 1997. A little-known fact about Jerry, he worked for WGN, Chicago and did live broadcasts for sports segments— during the black and white tv era!

Jerry was a very good gymnast and won many competitions. One of his specialties was on the rings. In later years, he was inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame for his contributions to the sport and received a special ring which he always wore with pride.

Joan and Jerry had two children, twelve years apart – Jerry Jr. and Kim, and raised them in their home on Illinois Street in Wheaton. He was a wonderful man and father, very patient and warm. He was also a great handyman, always tinkering and fixing things in his very organized workshop. Jerry welcomed his daughter-in-law Dyan and son-in-law Tim into the family with open arms. He instantly became their second father and was very close with them both.

Jerry was active and extremely passionate in the American Turner organization. He first joined the Buffalo Turners in 1957, following in his father George Jacquin's footsteps. He then transferred to Aurora Turners when they moved to Wheaton, IL. Jerry coached gymnastics for several years at the Aurora Turner Hall. He was the Illinois District President from 1985 to 1987 and National President from 1998-2002. Jerry participated in 15 National Festivals, his last being in 2015 in Aurora, IL. He also received the American Turner Hall of Fame for Athletics in 1983. He was a 75-year member and Gold Key recipient in 1996. He was National Health and Physical Education chair in 1990. Joan and Jerry had a cottage at Illinois Turner Camp in Algonquin and spent every summer there. They loved their time at camp and were well-known to all. Jerry was a very gregarious guy and one of the kindest men you'd ever meet. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and was always there to give advice, explain Turner history or just lend an ear. Turner Camp was a big part of his life. Jerry taught many a kid, and adult to dive at the pool and play volleyball in the Sugar bowl. He is also remembered for dressing as a clown and doing crazy antics and silly dives during the water show each summer.

He was an amazing volleyball player and not only played in weekly tournaments, but also played in the Senior Olympics in Utah. He competed every four years in the National Turner Olympics in gymnastics, swimming, diving and volleyball. He went as far as to have a reverse shoulder operation and knee replacement so he could continue playing volleyball into his 80s. Jerry was also a wonderful dancer and leader, even if you had two left feet, he could sweep you across the dance floor as if you'd be doing it for years.

Jerry & Joan had four grandchildren – AKA – his "Big Kids", Peter & Jeanna who called him Gramps and then later, Abbie & Dylan, who called him Papa, as well as two great-granddaughters, Eshaya and Brooklyn. Their kids and grandchildren were their pride and joy and the loves of their lives. They were the best parents and grandparents ever, spending as much time as possible with their grandchildren, having sleepovers, playing games, putting on skits and shows, having pillow fights, making them their favorite foods and showering them with their love, time and affection. They were very silly and so much fun.

After the tragic death of their son Jerry Jr, a deep sadness kicked in and Jerry Sr.'s health started deteriorating. Kim and Tim moved their parents to Illinois to be close to them for their final years. The day before he passed, he lay in bed, arms pointing to the sky as if reaching for Joan, waiting from the heavens above.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Kim (Tim) Brooks Belvidere, IL; daughter-in-law, Dyan (Michael) Bryskier, Palatine, IL. Four grandchildren, Peter Jacquin, Jeanna Jacquin, Abbie (Waden) DelosSantos and Dylan Brooks. Two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews as well as other beloved friends and family members. Jerry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joan S. Jacquin, Parents, Brother Jack, and beloved son Jerome T. Jacquin.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many people at Lincolnshire Place in Loves Park, IL and in the last few weeks and months – Transitions Hospice of Northern Illinois. We are so thankful, that he was so well cared for. We miss you and love you, Dad!

A Celebration of life is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th at 2pm  
Illinois Turner Camp - Rathskeller  
51 Parkway St.  
Algonquin, IL 60102

# OBITUARIES

## Elgin Turners

### Louise Koenig

Louise Koenig of Huntley, IL passed away peacefully at home on July 27, 2021 at the age of 92.

Louise grew up on a farm in Union Grove, WI. She met her husband, the late Rudolph Koenig, Jr., at Illinois Turner Camp in Algonquin along the Fox River. In 1952 they were wed. They lived and worked together on a dairy farm in Crystal Lake, IL. On the farm, Louise helped out wherever she was needed and managed the bookwork for the entire dairy farm operation.

Her proudest accomplishment was being a mother to her four children: Barbara, Susan, Ronald and Ann. Louise believed in the importance of physical fitness and was a long-time member of Elgin Turners. Many Tuesday and Thursday nights were spent driving the family to the Elgin Turner Hall for gymnastics classes. All the children were very involved in extracurricular activities and Louise attended many years of school music concerts. Her dedication to children and children's activities was unsurpassed.

Louise loved spending time at Camp in the cottage built by her grandfather. She enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, and boating. In the winter she would go cross-country skiing with Natalie Valentine, her dear Turner friend. They sometimes saw a family of deer and Louise would say, "It doesn't get any better than this". Louise was involved with the Ladies' Auxiliary for over 25 years and was a big supporter of their annual fundraiser, the Ladies' Card Party. Louise was also very involved with the Memorial Swimming Pool Fund from 2003-2018.

Louise was an avid reader and traveler. She was interested in learning about new places, new people, and always enjoyed striking up a lively conversation. She was happy to offer words of encouragement and had a way of bringing out the best in the people she met. She will be missed by all.

Please send correspondence to Annie Koenig Lingner at her new address: 11113 Reed Road, Huntley, IL 60142.

If you would like to honor Louise's memory by making a donation, please make your check payable to: "Memorial Swimming Pool Fund" and send to Barbara Zweifel, 5555 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60640.

## Springfield Turners

### Walter H. Groll

Our Dad, Walter H. Groll passed away on January 29, 2022 at the age of 88.

He was a lifelong member of the Springfield Turnverein, as were many members of our family.

He was very proud of his heritage and was the youngest member in its' history.

Dad served on many committees and sang in the men's choir.

There are no words to express the sentimental value the Turnverein had for him, from meeting the love of his life for 55 years, to the many Octoberfests, dances and family celebrations.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



(Walter in green hat)



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## **NATIONAL CALENDAR**

### **2022 EVENTS**

National Golf - Monaca - July 13,14,15  
National Softball - Ft. Wayne - July 23 & 24  
National Convention - Louisville Turners - August 5-6  
National Council - Louisville Turners - Sunday, August 7

### **2023 EVENTS**

**National Bowling - Elgin - TBA  
National Festival - New Ulm - July 25-29**