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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

President's Message

The 2023 American Turners National Festival is now in the history books. The festival attendance was less than the 2019 Festival but that was due to the location, New Ulm, MN. New Ulm did a great job with all the facilities, events held at the club, opening ceremony and of course the Gemütlichkeit. Everyone that attended had a great time, enjoyed the competition and the friendships, either renewed or started new.

The 2023 American Turners National Council meeting was held at Aurora Turners on September 15 & 16. The council reviewed many subjects. Most stayed the same, but some were changed. The 2024 American Turners Bi-Annual Convention will be held on Friday August 2nd and Saturday August 3rd followed by the National Council meeting on Sunday August 4th at Aurora Turners.

The American Turners National Tournaments for 2024 are bowling is in Louisville, April 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th, golf is in FT. Wayne July 12th thru 14th and softball is in Aurora in late July. Please encourage your members to attend one of these events.

I would like to recognize Tim Remsen of the Hub-Remsen Print Group, located in Rochelle, IL, who has gone over and beyond for American Turners for many years in the layout, publishing and printing of Turner Topics and other publications such as our annual membership cards, fliers, final results book of the 2023 American Turners National Festival, Scholarship pamphlets and other documents for American Turners.

We are going to try and come up with some way to show our appreciation for all his efforts promoting American Turners. More to follow.

I would encourage all societies to promote their societies and the activities that you put on for your members which should help to increase membership. Membership renewals are right around the corner for the 2024 year. Let's try and increase our national membership by 5 to 10 % next year.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf myself and the American Turners National Council.

Craig Snizek

American Turner President

2023 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Kaitlyn Sievers – Keystone Turners

"My name is Kaitlyn Sievers. I have been involved in my local Turner Hall for as long as I can remember. I am dedicated to improving mental health and developing intellectually, as shown through my GPA, as well as maintaining a sound body through extracurricular activities like Iowa State Varsity Marching Band's Color Guard. This activity requires a surprising amount of strength and physical endurance.

My family loves the Keystone Turner Hall and has been deeply involved in its success over the years. My father served as the president of the board for nearly two decades, my uncle works at the establishment, and my grandparents donated rebuilding money after the old building burned. I attended Children's Day throughout my childhood and was even Kid's Day Queen when I was three. Once I was older, I worked games during this event, sold pop and tickets during Barbecue Roundup, and wiped tables during various fish fries and the testicle festival. After graduating high school, I worked as a bartender during school breaks for approximately two years. I plan to continue volunteering at events for many years to come. The Turner Hall is an integral part of my life and community, a fact I hope continues well into my life.



While I am not in the specific major listed on the scholarship, I am in a closely related field. I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with minors in Statistics and English. The name of this scholarship is "Sound Mind in a Sound Body," and my field is directly related to creating sound minds. My dream job would be to become a professor at an accredited university conducting research in cognitive psychology and neuroscience. I want to help map our mental processes onto the structure of the brain. With this information, we could better understand mental illnesses, safer methods of brain surgery, and treatments for patients with brain damage.

In addition to achieving a 4.0, I have been greatly involved on campus beyond the classroom. I am a member of the Iowa State Varsity Marching Band Color Guard and will be a guide (essentially their term for a captain) next fall. Research has always been a passion of mine, so I have worked in three different labs on campus. First, an educational psychology lab where we looked into the exclusion of students with learning disabilities in psychological research. More recently, I have worked in the Navigation and Social Cognition Labs, looking into motion sickness from virtual reality and emotional needs fulfillment through narratives, respectively. To relate this work to the scholarship's purpose, creating an adequate understanding of how students with learning disabilities absorb information is important to their success. Virtual reality has become a tool for simulation types of therapy, especially among veterans, and discovering how we can use media to increase satisfaction in life is important for public well-being. Additionally, I am in Winterguard, Psychology Club, and I taught an introductory course in the Honors program my sophomore year.

I believe that my involvement in my local Turner Hall, dedication to success, and career goals that align with the purpose of this scholarship, make me an outstanding candidate. This organization is very important to me, so I hope to continue to be a part of it all my life.

*Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Sievers*

2024 Jr. National Bowling

Junior bowling for 2024 will be from February 15 thru March 15.
For more information contact Gail Goetz at gmg4296@gmail.com

Turner Topics Editors Corner

It seems that getting articles for the Turner Topics is getting to be a challenge again.
Please submit articles about activities in your society or your district to the
Turner Topics editor listed on the inside cover.



AMERICAN TURNERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

American Turners offers scholarships to members entering their Junior and Senior years of higher education. A Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and makes the final decision.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Special consideration will be given to applicants in one of five fields:

- ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Sports Medicine
- ☐ Physical Therapy
- ☐ Occupational Therapy
- ☐ Recreational Therapy



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DISTRICT EVENTS

Ft Wayne JB3/EPCO Captures 2023 Central States Softball Crown

Ft Wayne Turners played host to the 2023 Central States Championship on June 24. Societies represented were Ft Wayne and Covington. There were a total of 8 teams participating. The host led the way with 6 teams followed by Covington with 2.

Play began at 9:00AM Saturday morning, and teams walked off the diamond around 8:00PM Saturday evening. There were some epic battles played throughout the day, but after the dust settled Ft Wayne JB3 successfully defended their crown. They defeated Ft Wayne Wrigley Field in the iffy game. These 2 teams met in the championship of the winners bracket earlier in the day with Wrigley Field coming out on top sending JB3

to the losers bracket where they disposed of Ft Wayne Sonic setting up the re-match with Wrigley Field with the task of having to beat them twice to defend their title, which they did in 2 outstanding games 20-19 and 24-23. Ft Wayne Sonic finished 3rd in their first ever Central States District tournament.

I would like to thank all of the coaches who assembled teams to participate in this great event. Dan Trame and Scott Trame from Covington along Alec Ruille, Jared Harvey, Kenny Thomas, Nate Connor, Tommy Guin and Shawn Schroeder from Ft Wayne.



12th Annual New England District Golf Scramble Tournament

Held at Forest Park Country Club 8/19/23 - Adams Turners Host Society

On a cool and cloudy day for golf the 12th Annual New England District golf tournament was held at Forest Park Country Club in Adams. The Adams Turners wish to thank all 52 of the golfers who participated and made this event great fun.

There were 4 teams each from the Holyoke and Clinton Turners, 2 teams from Syracuse, and 3 teams from Adams.

Clinton and Holyoke took home the prizes, Clinton with first and second, and Holyoke with 3rd and 4th place.

The contests on the course went one to each society:

Long Drive Men – Paul Grant – Clinton

Long Drive Women – Kerry Wandrei – Adams

Closest to Pin Hole #3 Women – Judy Bacon – Syracuse

Closest to Pin Hole #5 Men – Ed Cardin – Holyoke

A great time was had by all, and we are looking forward to lucky #13 in Clinton next year. The Adams Turners Facebook page has photos of each team.

*WTG,
Virginia Fuller - President
Adams Turners*



CENTRAL STATES DISTRICT CULTURAL COMPETITION 2023

The American Turners Toledo hosted their Oktoberfest on October 7th. The event consisted of live music, dancing, a European car and bike show, food, drink, and Gemütlichkeit for all who attended.

At the National Festival in New Ulm, Toledo members got excited about hosting the Central States District Cultural Competition at the same time as their Oktoberfest, so planning started quickly and we only had a month to advertise to Central States District societies.

We offered more possibilities with entries including an emailed photo of their item, but the entry could not have won an award at the National Festival. There were over sixty entries for the contest from three different societies in the district. Child, junior, and teens had 24 entries, receiving 16 First Place, 7 Second Place and 1 Third Place ribbons. Adults received 7 First Place and 3 Second Place ribbons. Seniors received 17 First Place, 8 Second Place and 3 Third Place ribbons. First Place "Best of Show" awarded to a Toledo Teen. Second Place "Best of Show" awarded to Toledo Senior. Third Place "Best of Show" awarded to Toledo Teen.

Many Oktoberfest eventgoers stopped by the cultural exhibit to view the different items our members had created. Overall, there was a good turnout for the contest being held the same year as the National Festival. Toledo plans on hosting their Oktoberfest again in 2024, along with the Cultural Competition. So, get busy with the cultural activities to keep a Sound Mind and Sound Body.

In addition to the typical cultural contest, we would like to hold a Miss American Turner Central States District contest for girls ages 14 through 19. Look out for details regarding the next contest.

Thanks to all who participated and I hope to see more next year!

- Hannah Schultz (American Turners Toledo)



NATIONAL BOWLING

BIDS OPEN for 2026 NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 2024 National Tournament is to be held in Louisville, KY and the 2025 National Tournament will be held in Cincinnati, OH.

We are looking for a Society to host the 2026 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 2026 Tournament please contact:

Craig Sniezek

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Acting National Bowling Committee Chairman

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Aurora, IL 60506

Bids for the 2026 Tournament must be postmarked by July 1st, 2024.

CULTURAL CORNER

I would like to thank New Ulm for hosting a wonderful National Festival. The facilities were great, the food was awesome, people were friendly and the entertainment was superb. Tom Romaine and Tom Edwards were my closest friends during the festival and helped greatly in setting up the display and making sure it happened without too many glitches. I would also like to thank YOU for either attending the festival or sending in your cultural items. Diamond art was a big hit at this festival, and it will continue to the next. It was also nice to see a lot of kids' entries and special thanks to the parents for helping.

I would like to mention some special awards that were given. The first is the society awards:

Winner Group 1 – Michiana

Winner Group 2 – Concordia

Winner Group 3 – New Ulm

Individuals:

Barbara J Riley Award

Audrey Manalang

Concordia

JoAnne Mueller Award

Roxanne St. Pierre

Sheyboygan

Best of Class

Cynthia Potthast

Lincoln

Best of age (Child)

Felicia Minister

East Side Milwaukee

Best of age (Junior)

Cecilia Rose

Concordia

Best of age (Teen)

Reagan Payne

Aurora

Best of age (Adult)

Matthew Bursig

Long Island

Best of age (Senior)

Mary Zoerner

Northwest Chicago

Thank you to everyone who entered the cultural exhibit. Start working on entries for the next festival.

Sue Knisley, Cultural Chairperson

NHPE NATIONAL FESTIVAL REPORT

The National Festival in New Ulm is behind us now. I hope everyone that attended had a great time. Those that didn't attend really missed a wonderful event. Thanks to New Ulm Turners for their warm hospitality, great 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 New Ulm and other societies. Because of all the volunteers, this Festival was a success. In particular, I'd like to thank the following Turners from the NHPE Committee for their time and expertise:

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
Jim Schuette (Concordia) – Volleyball
Nick Barts (NW Chicago) – Pickleball
John Wamser (Eastside) - Tumbling
Jim Markland (Ft. Wayne) – wherever we needed him

In addition, I'd like to thank the following people from New Ulm Turners: Andrea Boettger, Tom Romaine, Tom Edwards, George Downs, Kortney Peterson, Tom Schmitz, Jeff Bertrand, TJ Campbell and Mary Koch that helped make all the events successful! I'd also like to thank everyone else from New Ulm Turners that spent time at the venues during the festival – your dedication is greatly appreciated. Kate Payne, our Nat. Admin. Assistant, also deserves a big thank you for countless hours assisting me with a lot of prep work. Thank you to all!

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 your hard work ended with the Society trophies being awarded at the banquet. The results are:

Group 1 (large societies): 1st NW Chicago, 2nd Aurora, 3rd New Ulm
Group 2 (medium societies): 1st Concordia, 2nd Eiche, 3rd River City
Group 3 (small societies): 1st Eastside, 2nd Michiana, 3rd Long Island

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

...4 times: Glen Barts Sr., Abigail Carlson, Ally Carlson, Katrina Carlson, Kayla Carlson, Emma Hansen, Sarah Hansen, Nina Hugi, Erica Janicki, Zachary Jonak, Audrey Manalang, Gabriel Manalang, Leigh Manalang, Maximillian Manalang, Alex Minster, Stephanie Minster, Deborah Rose, Garrett Rose and Steve Rose

...8 times: Maureen Boylan, Heidi Carlson, Todd Carlson, Laura Goodman, Connie Kupferschmidt, Suzanne Muntaner, Karen Murphy and John Wamser

...12 times: Deb Martin, Jim Schuette and Mary Zoerner

...13 times: Judy Ahlborm, Laurie Krominga and Marion Oppelt

...14 times: Dorcella Burke, Tracy Woehrle, William Woehrle Jr., Dennis Zeller and Sandy Zeller

...15 times: LaVerne Rodgers and Frank Wedl

...16 times: Carol Udovich

And an incredible 19 times: Velma Miller (according to the records kept since the inception of this special pin award, this is the most anyone has ever received)

We also presented a new award at this Festival... The American Turner National Festival Lifetime Achievement Award. Velma Miller (Michiana), Carol Udovich (Sheboygan), Frank Wedl (ATNY) and Laverne Rodgers (Concordia) received this award. The requirement to receive this award is to have attended and competed in at least 15 Festivals.

Thank you again to Frank Wedl and the Jahn Fund for providing a large donation to the Festival Transportation Fund. 208 members have received travel assistance from this fund.

NHPE NATIONAL FESTIVAL REPORT CONT.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to lead the Nat. Health & Physical Education Committee. There have been several committee members who have been by my side the entire time... MaryJo Bursig, Jessica Hansen and Fred Sontag, and also Paul Schneider (who could not join us in New Ulm) and Phil Klabunde – God rest his soul. Thank you so much for your time and dedication to American Turners and the NHPE Committee. We are a great team! I also want to thank Nick Barts, Jim Markland, Jim Schuette and John Wamser for joining our team a few years ago to make it complete.

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

I'll see you at the next National Festival (or maybe sooner). Feel free to contact me anytime at mwlproperties1@gmail.com or 920-980-8593.



Michelle Lesperance

2023 AMERICAN TURNERS NATIONAL JUNIOR BOWLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Following is a list of the trophy winners from all participating Societies. Trophies were provided by the Endowment Trust Fund and a check written to the Society for 1st place winners in all Divisions, provided by the Jahn Education Fund, in the amount of \$100, to be used to promote Junior Bowling.

The National Junior Bowling Tournament for 2024 will be held from February 15th to March 15th. We will be doing scratch scoring, in age groups, as most of the participants do not have established averages.

Thanks to all who participated.

Gail Goetz, Jr. Bowling Director

Division I (156 –200) -	NO ENTRIES	
Division II (126- 155)	HANNAH SCHULTZ - Toledo	1st Place - 464
Division III (96 – 125)	KAINE KOERNER - Akron	1st Place - 372
Division IV (95 & under)	BRAYDEN SCHMIDT - Syracuse	1st Place -394
	NYA SCHMIDT - Syracuse	2nd Place - 322
Bumper	JAXSON WESTFALL - Akron	1st Place - 176

	Total # of entries	126-155	96 – 125	95 & under	Bumper
Akron	16	0	3	8	5
Rochester	1	0	1	0	0
Syracuse	6	0	0	5	1
Toledo	15	1	0	11	2
	38	1	4	24	8

2023 AMERICAN TURNERS NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Covington Turners

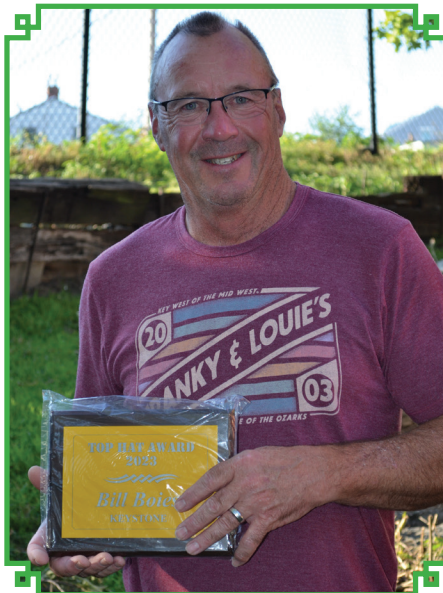
The 2023 National Golf took place in Covington on July 12,13,14. We had 110 participants from 15 different societies.

Our Annual Top Hat Award Winner this year was Bill Boies from Keystone, The Men's Champion Landon Finn was from Covington and the Runner Up was Mitchell Schilling also from Covington.

The Women Champion was Libby Moses from Covington and the Runner up was Kelly Conner also from Covington.

The Senior division saw Senior Men's Champion Todd Lubbe from Covington and the Women Senior Champion was Sue Shires from Syracuse.

Good Turner time had by all and we are all looking forward to going to Fort Wayne in 2024.

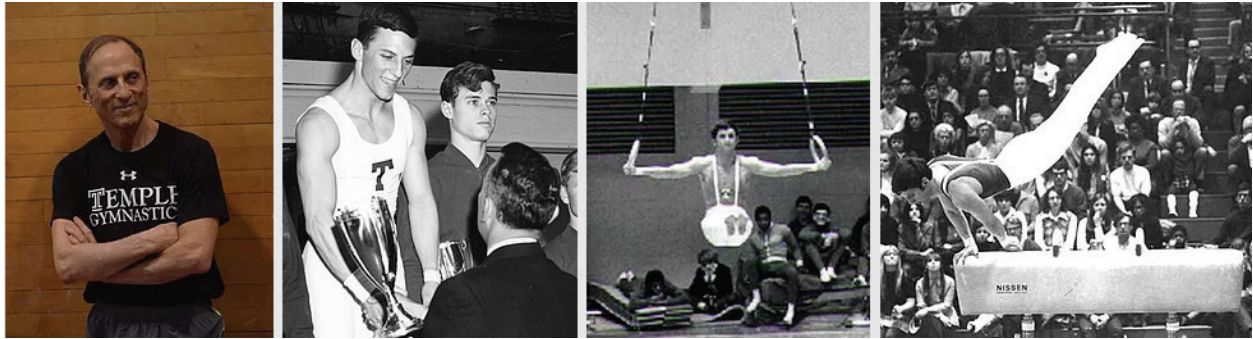


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APPLICANT FOR MEMBER AT LARGE

2nd Notice



Hello American Turner members! My name is Fred Turoff. I'm a native Philadelphian seeking to become an American Turners Member at Large. I am married to Diane Eigner and have one adult child, Evan. I hold a Master of Education in biomechanics am an avid scuba diver and enjoy underwater photography.

My life-long passion has been gymnastics. My career began in the Philadelphia junior public league, where, until my family relocated to Connecticut, I competed with the Mannettes and the Philadelphia Turner Society which is no longer in existence. I served as the head coach of the Temple Owls Gymnastics Team for 41 years.

I started Philadelphia Boys' Gymnastics in 2003 as Temple University Boys' Gymnastics Team at Temple and moved the program to our current facility in 2015. Today, I am a program director devoted to "promoting the sport of gymnastics by offering life-changing opportunities for area youth so that they can realize their individual potential by developing in a safe, professional and challenge-seeking environment."

More information about me and my years of passion for gymnastics can be found online at: <https://www.philadelphiaboysgymnastics.org/about/fred-turoff/>

Thank you for your consideration in me becoming an American Turner Member at Large.

*Respectfully,
Fred Turoff*

THE AMERICAN TURNERS AND AMERICAN DREAMS

On November 17, 2023, the House of History Baden-Württemberg is opening an exhibit entitled American Dreams: A New Life in the United States. "Many people from Baden and Württemberg set out for the United States," the exhibit states. "They fled poverty or persecution and wanted to save their lives. Or sought success and adventure. They all had and have their own American Dreams."

Following the failure of the revolutions of 1848, many Turners fled to the United States. They included leaders in the founding of Turnvereine in this country, such as Friedrich Hecker, Franz Sigel, Carl Schurz, and Wilhelm Pfander. Among them was Adolf Cluss from Heilbronn. Settling in Washington, D.C., Cluss helped to organize a local club on July 17, 1852, along with Biergarten owner Joseph Gerhardt. Cluss was named secretary and attended the Baltimore Turnfest in the fall of that year.

Both men made a great contribution to their new homeland. Gerhardt became an important figure in the new Republican Party, serving as a delegate to the Chicago convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln. When war broke out, he organized the Turner Rifles to defend the nation's capital. He was later placed in command of the 46th New York Volunteer Infantry, rising to the rank of brevet brigadier general. A skilled draftsman, Cluss worked for the Ordnance Department of the Washington Navy Yard. After the Civil War, he was named City Engineer for the capital city. As an architect in private practice, he designed almost ninety buildings, including four major structures on the National Mall. Among them was the Arts and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institute.

The American Turners own two banners from the Washington, D.C., Columbia Turners, the club organized by Cluss and Gerhardt. When developing the American Dreams exhibit, the curators at the House of History wanted to feature Cluss and requested the loan of one of the banners. It was recently transported to the museum in Stuttgart.

When the Columbia Turners closed their doors during World War I, one member, Alvin Meissner, saved several items, including the banners and the Turner Rifle drum, and gave them to the American Turners for safekeeping. Meissner served as the chief designer at the Federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing for several decades, managing the design of all U.S. stamps. This included the stamp issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American Turners in 1948.

The New Ulm Turners loaned two items to the exhibit. Turner August Schell came from the Baden-Württemberg village of Durbach. His brewery, the second oldest family-owned one in the United States, is represented by a wooden Schnitzelbank sign from the Rathskeller. The other object on display is a photograph montage of the New Ulm Turner Frauenverein, created in 1915.

American Dreams will be open until July 28, 2024. Turners can be proud of their heritage and their role in United States history.

Daniel J. Hoisington
National Historian



AURORA TURNERS CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

As has been nearly a 30-year tradition, the Aurora Turners hosted their annual family-fun-raiser, the Haunted Trails the final two weekends of October. More than 2,000 people – club members, volunteers and the general public alike – participated in the event this year, which brings a highly “spirited,” engaging and often thrilling time to the family, friends and community of Aurora.

Work for this year's trails commenced in early August, as volunteers were sought from the club and its surrounds. Area high schools contributed their creatives in droves, providing the Club with an enthusiastic batch of designers, builders and scare actors. Connections with the Batavia Honors Society and the West Aurora Horror Club proved outstanding, and numerous volunteers commented throughout the experience that they were having such a great time that they intended to participate every year.

Since the trails are a literal walk through the woods, scenes, sets and props spend the entire off-season open to the elements, necessitating ongoing repairs, revamps and in some cases complete rebuilds. This year proved no different, but rather than letting storm damage dampen spirits, volunteers instead sought inspiration to bring all new scenes to life, building off the remnants of the prior year's bare bones.

Materials for the elaborate building projects are nearly all donated by local businesses as well as individuals. Much of the fun is borne from coming up with creative uses for some of the strangest cast-offs!

One section of the trail was completely overhauled into a scene from Alice in Wonderland, featuring a 12-foot tall, 25-foot long caterpillar. Artful volunteers utilized donated paint, empty cardboard barrels, drain tile tubing, Styrofoam, craft batting and agricultural fabric to build the caterpillar's enormous frame and then used aerosol foam and spray paint to bring it to life. Three panels of donated plywood and a bucket of black paint became a dizzying backdrop for the scene:

The designing and building of the entire scene took place off-site by volunteers who worked with commendable dedication, four nights a week for several weeks. Once complete, the set pieces were transported to the Club and installed in the woods, where fog and bubble machines were used to create the feel of the finished scene.

As building was taking place off-site, so too was some serious heavy-lifting directly in the woods. A church was built, a graveyard and mausoleum erected, and a taste of Haddonfield was brought to the trails in the form of the façade of the Michael Myers house from the holiday favorite, Halloween.

In all, more than 40 volunteers comprised the design and build team, and together they worked several hundred hours and ultimately created nearly 30 scenes of creepy-crawly, eerie, scary, haunting and frightening fun for all who ventured inside.



Opening night brought nearly 450 scare-seekers to the Club, despite rather chilly weather. More than 625 came the following night, and more than 650 attended the final night of the event, which was Saturday, October 28th. Due to weather-related safety concerns for guests and staffed volunteers alike, a last-minute decision led to the Trails being closed for Friday the 27th. In all, more than 1,725 people attended this year! Fun-seekers arrived at the Club and climbed the hill where they were able to buy tickets for the Trails, order hot food from the concession stand, and entertain their children both on the playground and in the Kids' Pavilion, where children are entertained with games and crafts. On the final night of the trails, a Trunk-or-Treat was held in the Club parking lot and hundreds of area children came out to participate. Childcare is offered in the Kids' Pavilion for those parents who are interested in a walk in the woods, but know their kids are not quite ready for the tour. Costumed walkers are encountered throughout the grounds, bringing a festive feel to every part of the Club.

Those who choose to venture into the woods take the long walk behind the ballfield where they encounter the Candy Van and the bonfire. Line-waiters are entertained with a wide range of music and a spectacular laser light show that is cast onto the fog-filled outfield.

Guides clad in burlap sashes or tunics and carrying lanterns suspended from coils of rope greet guests at the entrance, and following a short spiel on the rules, usher groups into the experience. Screams are routinely heard by line-waiters who close in on the entrance, as the scares begin from moment go.

The walk is nearly a quarter mile long, with switchbacks and tunnels and of course the occasional chainsaw. This year's volunteers crafted and acted in nearly 30 scenes – each bringing a unique brand of Halloween flavor to the guests they encounter throughout the four hours the trails are live each night.

New and veteran volunteers alike dedicate themselves to the nights of the trails with impressive perseverance, often enduring plummeting temperatures, chilling winds and as was the case this year, rain. Spirits never dampened despite the challenges encountered this year, and the nearly 100 volunteers who arrived each night never failed to bring 110% of their talent, skill, creativity, flair and excitement to this event.





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Tom Clinton

Tom Clinton was a life member of the Rochester Turners since 1979. During his tenure with the Turners he served as Vice President and Club Steward and father-in-law to the current president, Allen Frederick. Thomas J. Clinton of New Sewickley Twp. was called home Tuesday September 5th, 2023. Tom was born June 30, 1935 in Pittsburgh, PA. Son of the late Frank Clinton and Amelia Schweitzer. Tom was preceded in death by the love of his life, Betty Jean Finch Clinton in May of 2015. Tom moved to Beaver County in 1950 and attended Rochester High School where he graduated in 1953. In 1955 Tom joined the United States Air Force, a year later Tom and Betty were married and one year later started their family together. Tom was employed with Hydril Corporation in Rochester, PA for almost 30 years, until they shut down in the 80's. He

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Tom is survived by three daughters and their spouses, Joni (Wayne) Richards of Conway, PA. Kim (Allen) Frederick of New Sewickley Twp. and Tina (George) Petrik of Rochester, ten grandchildren Robert, Brian (Nadine), Jennifer (Jason), Tommy (Kara), Johnny (Kristy), Heather (Josh), Eddie (Courtney), Michelle, Danielle, BeJay; fifteen great-grandchildren, Logan, Maddie, Tyler, Breanna, Brayden, Phoenix, Maverick, Austin, Scarlett, Ellianna, Amelia, Allie, Madi, Alexis, Haylie; and Brother and Sister In Law James and Esther Miller of Freedom. He is also survived by his 'brother from another' mother Joe Biddle and his special friends The Hovancik Family, as well as his fur buddies Jewel and Diesel!

In addition to his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter Sherree Richards and step father Theodore Traskos.



Dennis "Crow" Grant

Dennis "Crow" Grant held many offices during his tenure with the Rochester Turners. On top of being a life member he held the positions of Vice President, Recording Secretary and most recently was part of the Entertainment Committee.

Dennis C. "Crow" Grant, 75, of Rochester Twp., passed away September 19, 2023 at his home. Born October 26, 1947 in Rochester, he was the son of the late Kenneth H. and Evelyn Garen Grant. He was a retired employee of the former Westinghouse Corporation, currently the Eaton Corporation, Vanport. He was also an Army Veteran, who served in the Vietnam War, a life member of the Rochester Turners, and was Lutheran by faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith L. Ebersberger Grant in 2021. He was also preceded in death by a son, Mark E. Grant in 2013. He is survived by three sons and one daughter in law, Louis Paul (Sharmane) Campisi, Rochester Twp., Jeffrey F. Grant, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Matthew J. Grant, Ambridge, nine grandchildren, Emilee, Madison, Audrey, Megan, Harrison, Alyssa, Jordan, Alex, and Kenny; six great grandchildren; special friends, Dee and Jeff Anderson, Rochester; a brother and sister in law, Gary (Lisa) Grant, Florida, in addition to numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to give special thanks to Dee and Jeff Anderson and the hospice nurses of Three Oaks, and also thanks to the caregivers, Peggy, Cathy, and Chloe who sat with Dennis, giving him care and comfort.

He will be greatly missed.



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National Golf-Ft. Wayne
July 10, 11 and 12
National Softball-Aurora
TBD
National Convention-Aurora
August 2 & 3
National Council-Aurora
August 4