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Aurora Turners is hosting 2024 National Softball and Convention.



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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Welcome to 2024 and a new year for American Turners. I hope all had a great Holiday season. Those of us in Aurora have enjoyed very mild weather for this time of year considering it's winter season. With the new year comes some new challenges.

We will be having our bi-annual convention in August at Aurora Turners on the 2nd and 3rd. The convention info will be available shortly providing hotels in the area. A schedule is posted in this issue so you can see what is going to happen. We will be electing all officers at this convention. I do plan on running again as your National President and would appreciate your support.

I would like to report on an issue the National Council and executive team have been dealing with for a few years. I would like to report that the "Trademark Logo" has been approved till sometime after 2030. This the original logo; not the one we use on everything right now. Some issues have come up with getting the United States Trade and Patent Office to accept the "Updated or modern" looking logo. The National Council has decided not to pursue this any more as we don't think the auditor will approve it. I will report more on this at the National Convention.

Memberships continue to come in for 2024. Last year, 2023, we saw a slight increase of membership over 2022 of about 200 more members. Let's try to improve on this number. Please encourage your youth members to renew their memberships even though it is not a Festival year.

As for the 2023 American Turners National Festival, it came in under budget by about \$17,000 from what was proposed. Also, on the financial front, we moved some of our money market money into our investments to gain a bigger return on our moneys.

The American Turners National Tournaments for 2024 are bowling in Louisville, April 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th, golf in FT. Wayne July 12th thru 14th and softball in Aurora on July 27. Please encourage your members to attend these events.

I would like to cover the number of issues of the Topics that will be printed this year. I continue to struggle to get articles from societies to put in the Topics. The current issue will be in the mail by end of April. That being said there will only be three (3) issue s this year, Jan/Feb/March/ Apr/May/June/ July, Aug/Sep and Oct/Nov/Dec.

Craig Sniezek
National President

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2024 AMERICAN TURNERS NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 2024 American Turners National Bowling tournament ended the weekend of April 13th & 14th hosted by Louisville Turners in Louisville, KY. The society did a good job running the tournament with some new ideas that have not been tried in the past. One was the men and women bowled together on the lanes. This is the first time that this has been done. Normally the men bowl together, and the women bowl together. The bowlers really enjoyed this method of bowling and would like to see it used in the future tournaments.

Congratulations to Chad Cook of Beaver Falls who bowled a perfect 300 game! Chad will receive a ring from USBC since this was his first 300-game. This is only the 9th 300 game bowled in this tournament.

The results of the 2024 Bowling Tournament are expected to be available by May 31st posted on the American Turners and Louisville Turners websites. Next year's tournament will be held at Cincinnati Turners the weekends of March 29 & 30, April 5 & 6, and 12 & 13. Information on next years tournament will be available later this year.

Craig Sniezek

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

*PH: 630-399-4736
Email: cvs4209@sbcglobal.net*

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

CULTURAL CORNER

I'd like to start out with an apology to Cynthia Potthast for misstating the Winner of the Sara Palmer award (Best of Show). The winner of this prestigious award goes to Cynthia Potthast from Lincoln Turners, Illinois District. Congratulations Cynthia for all the work you did.

These are quiet years since there is not a National Festival, but the cultural committee will be working on the red book cleaning up language and making sure dates are the same between the physical application and ours. You have a little over 3 years to get your latest items ready for the festival in 2027.

*Sue Knisley
National Cultural Chair*

NHPEC NEWS

Bowling – National Tournament is being hosted in Louisville the weekends of April 6th and April 13th. We had a great registration turnout and look forward to both weekend festivities. Look for pictures and results in the next Topics edition.

Golf – One application from Fort Wayne was received for the National Golf Championship. It will be held weekend of July 12th. Look for more details and registration information coming soon.

Softball – The Softball National Tournament will be held in Aurora this year weekend of July 27th. Look for more details and registration information coming soon.

With warmer months approaching we remind everyone to stay hydrated. Hydration is a very important part of our health that is overlooked. We should be drinking half our weight in ounces of water every day. More on hot days and when exerting energy.



80th AMERICAN TURNER NATIONAL CONVENTION



August 2-3, 2024 Aurora, IL

Tentative

<i>FRIDAY</i>	
12:00-4:00pm	Registration
3:00-4:00pm	Credential
4:00-5:00pm	Nominating
5:00-6:30pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Opening Session

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

HOTELS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION 2024

Holiday Inn Express and Suites
111 N. Broadway, Aurora
630-896-2800
\$169.00/night

Holiday Inn
2424 Sullivan Rd, Aurora
American Turners Convention Booking Link
\$109.00/night

Comfort Inn and Suites
308 S. Lincolnway St. N. Aurora
630-897-7695

Call the hotel and mention the group or use the link.

Mention: National Convention Group

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/WO23K5>

\$139.00/night

AMERICAN TURNERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dear Turners,

Are you aware that American Turners offers a scholarship award to all members entering their junior or senior year of college that are enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited university or college?

For more information, please see the flyer in this publication. For those of you that have smartphones, scan the QR code located on the bottom left-hand side of the flyer. Here you'll find an application form and the requirements to be considered to receive an American Turners scholarship award.

Scholarship information can also be found on the American Turner's website at location:
<https://americanturners.org/scholarships>

Questions can be directed to either the National Office by email at nationaloffice@amturners.org or to myself via email at trb@amturners.org.

Note: An application and all required documents must be either received or postmarked by July 1, 2024.

Respectfully & With Turner Greetings,

Thomas R (Tom) Boxenels

National Scholarship Chair
American Turners
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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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AMERICAN TURNERS 59TH ANNUAL NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FORT WAYNE TURNERS
3636 PARNELL AVENUE, FORT WAYNE, IN 46805

GOLF DATES: JULY 10TH, 11TH, 12TH

Fort Wayne Turners is honored to host the National Golf Tournament in 2024.

River Bend Golf Course

7207 St. Joe Road
260-485-2732
18 HOLES - \$180.00

Men - Open
Senior Men - 60+
Women Open



Colonial Oaks Golf Club

8218 Huguenard Rd.
260-489-5121
9 HOLE - \$110.00

Women - Open (Optional)
Senior Women - 55+ Super
Senior Men - 65+

THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2024

Registration will be held at Turners on Tuesday, July 9th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. The National golf meeting will take place at 7:30 PM. Please make all checks payable to Turners Golf. Please send the completed form to the following address: Patsy Johnson, 8929 Orchard View Ct. Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Hyatt Place Fort Wayne Northwest

111 W. Washington Center Road
260-471-8522

15 Doubles - 15 King Size
Rate \$99.00 - Booking Deadline
6/16/2024

Amenities:

- Pet Friendly (Dogs Only)
- Free Wi-Fi and Breakfast Buffet
- 24 Hour Fitness

Quality Inn / 1734 West

1734 W. Washington Center Road
260-489-5554

Mention Turners National Golf
Rate \$109.45 plus tax

Amenities:

- Free Wi-Fi
- Continental Breakfast

https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/indiana/hyatt-place-fort-wayne-northwest/fwazn?corp_id=G-TGTG

AMERICAN TURNERS

59TH NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**JULY 10TH, 11TH AND
12TH**

FEES: \$180.00 – THIS INCLUDES 18 HOLES WITH CART DAILY FOR MEN, SENIOR MEN, AND WOMEN
FEES: \$110.00 – THIS INCLUDES 9 HOLES WITH CART DAILY FOR WOMEN, SENIOR WOMEN, SUPER SENIOR MEN

MAKE ALL CHECKS OR
MONEY ORDER TO: TURNERS GOLF

Entry Registrations:

- 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.
- 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.
- Participants must be members of a society of American Turners at least three months prior to the tournament. Membership cards must be available for presentation at registration.
- Societies who do not permit members until age of 21 are permitted to enter golf member from age 18 by certification of the President of the society. The entry must state the age of the golfers under this provision.
- Any applications received after the deadline of June 1, 2024, 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



AMERICAN TURNERS ENDOWMENT TRUST

Trustees: *Thomas R Bozonelos (Pres), Michelle Lesperance (VP), David Mulrooney, Marion Oppelt, Jim Goetz, John Beary, Craig Sniezek (Nat Pres), Treasurer/CPA Mike Coakley, Honorary Edwin Colton*

I'd like to start by acknowledging and thanking Turn Verein Frisch Auf aka Aurora Turners, Turn Verein Lincoln and the delegates of the 147th IL District Convention for donating a most gracious \$1,100 to the American Turners Endowment Trust. These monies in their entirety will be used to provide financial assistance in the form of grants, scholarships, special awards, and donations.

Business conducted so far in 2024 has been very light. There has been one [1] grant processed for a 50/50 Computer Grant to Keystone Turners. And, Kaitlyn Sievers, Keystone Turners received the 2nd installment of the William R. Meyer Honorary Scholarship Award for the 2023-2024 school year.

The American Turners Endowment Trust has received one [1] nominee, Gale Goetz, Long Island Turners, to receive the Edwin E. Colton Honorary award.

An election will be held during the 2024 National Convention for two Trustee seats that expire this year. The incumbents are: Marion Oppelt and Jim Goetz (Long Island Turners). Both Marion and Jim have served well as Trustees. Wishing them both the very best in being re-elected for another term.

In closing, please be mindful that all monetary contributions made to the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund provides financial assistance in the form of grants, scholarships, special awards, and donations. Together we share in the successes of perpetuating American Turners motto of a Sound Mind Sound Body through these offerings. I'd like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the membership for their continued support!

Respectfully & With Turner Greetings,

Thomas R (Tom) Bozonelos

President

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American Turners Endowment Trust

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Alice Elaine Dodd – Lincoln Turners

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2024 IL District Convention Delegation

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

SOCIETY NEWS

American Turners Toledo Oktoberfest

Hello and Turner Greetings, Turner Members!

It's been a while since I've written a report on our Turner Society. Our society has been pretty busy these past few months.

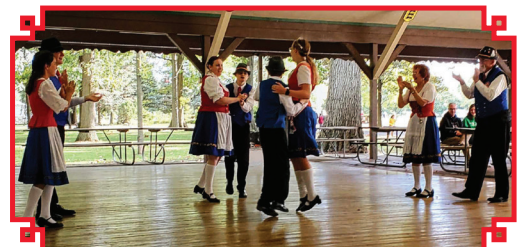
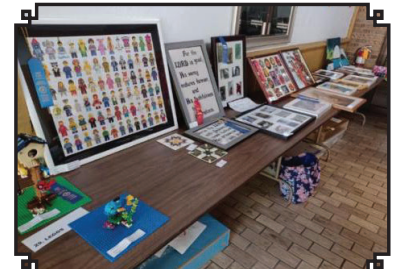
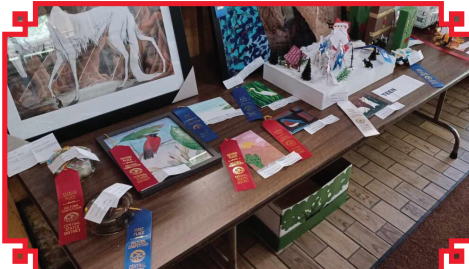
The National Turnfest was visited by our Schultz family, who were very active participants, competing in both the Physical and Cultural competitions. They were gracious enough to take along my cultural items, as well. We brought home many awards...including a blue ribbon for our folk dancers.

After their return to Toledo, the Deutsche Volkstanz Gruppe began preparations for our first ever Oktoberfest. This included a German motorcycle and car show. It was a beautiful day out at Oak Shade Grove. We had several participants display their vehicles. At the Turnfest, Hannah Schultz was approached by the National Culture Chair asking if we could host a District Culture Competition, to which she agreed. We had over 50 entries, on such short notice and close timing to the National event. Needless to say, there were many beautiful items, with entries from as young as 4 years old.

Our folk dancers also performed at the German-American Festival. Many of our members gave of their time to volunteer at the Fest, as well. We had beautiful weather this year and the temperatures were very agreeable! Our gymnastics program is at full capacity, with 285 gymnasts throughout the week. The Boys' Teams currently have 26 competitors and 40 young ladies on the Girls Team. Our coaches do an awesome job of making sure our team members have fun while still learning their routines.

*We are also hosting the Ohio Boys State Championships in March of 2024. It will be held in Bowling Green, OH, so keep an eye out for some great competition!
At our Annual Meeting, we held our Election of Officers, to which they all agreed to another term. Thank you!*

And now, Happy Holidays. Stay safe! With Turner Greetings, Sabine Croley



AURORA TURNERS

Aurora Turners competed in a gymnastics meet called Queen of Hearts. It was hosted by one of our league clubs we belong to. Below are the results of Aurora Turners gymnastics teams.

Congrats to our teams at the Queen of Hearts Meet-

Top three individual finishers:

Level 3-

1st place: Aubrey Zabel , Hannah Wegman

2nd place: Abby Prescott, Dylan Simek, Arianna Arroyo, Emma Whipple

3rd place: Erynn DeKing, Josefina Salguero, Anna Crowe

Level 4-

2nd place: Kendall Yelton

3rd place: Elise Gunderson

Gold Level-

1st place: Bryan'ah Carter

2nd place: Adidia Edwards

3rd place: Malia Galles, Grace Bergeron

Platinum level-

1st place: Addison Salach

Diamond Level-

1st place: Emilyynn Tregay

Teams: Level 3- First place Level 4- Second place Gold- First place

Kim Swann

Aurora Turners Gymnastics



OBITUARIES

Ft. Wayne Turners



Michael Hohman

Michael Thomas “Mike” Hohman, 58, of Fort Wayne, passed away on December 14, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born to Sandra (Wheeler) and the late Thomas Hohman in Fort Wayne on November 4, 1965. He graduated from North Side High School in 1984 and Purdue University with an electrical engineering degree. Mike worked at BAE Systems. He enjoyed bowling, coaching the Fort Wayne Turners Youth bowling league and golfing. Mike was Jr. Bowling chair under Terry Bodine and National Bowling Chair after Terry resigned.

Along with his mother, Mike is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Cynthia Hohman; children, Aaron Hohman and Megan (John) Haverstock; granddaughter, Lily Haverstock; sister, Brenda Hohman; and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Fairhaven Funeral Home and Cremation Services (6557 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46825) with visitation beginning at 3:00 pm until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Neurosurgical Atlas or Fort Wayne Turners.



OBITUARIES

Toledo Turners



Alvin Henry Striggow

Alvin was a 72-year member of the American Turners-Toledo, joining at age 18. He joined the Toledo Turners and the Czechoslovakian Sokol Hall to pursue gymnastics that he learned in high school physical education classes. He was the physical education chairman and the gymnastics coach at the Toledo Turners for many years. Alvin also coached at the West Toledo YMCA, Bedford Community Education classes, and annual Turner performances at the German American Festival. He was very skilled in his trade and mechanical endeavors. In addition to building his family home, Alvin constructed a side horse for his children to practice gymnastics, and he also purchased or adapted other gymnastics equipment so he could have additional practice sessions for his children at home.

Alvin Henry Striggow, age 91 of Temperance, Michigan, passed away from lymphoma and skin cancer on November 12, 2023. Alvin was born on September 19, 1932, in Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from Whitmer High School in 1950 where he played on the Whitmer football team that won the 1949 GNC Championship. Alvin, nicknamed "Boob", participated in the Whitmer Circus and in the coed tumbling activities with his future wife, Nancy Guion Ray. Alvin and Nancy organized the Whitmer Class of 1950 Reunions and held the monthly Whitmer Alumni luncheons for nearly 20 years beginning in early 2000. Alvin was in the first Trades and Industry classes that were started at Whitmer by teacher Thad Speiers. In 1949, while in high school he did co-op with his father's business, Douglas Motor Rebuilding Company. Alvin then earned his tool and die journeyman's credit working with George Zak's tool and die and Modern Pattern Company, Toledo, Ohio. As a pattern maker, Alvin also worked for Schnorberger Pattern Company, Monroe, Michigan; Guy P. Dulla Pattern Shop, Allen Park, Michigan; Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; and Acme-Cleveland of Detroit, Michigan. Alvin drove 120 miles round trip daily to Detroit before it was customary to commute long distances to work. He twice turned down mandatory weekend overtime because he felt it took too much time away from his family. He retired in 1994 after spending his last ten working years at Seaway Pattern Company, owned by a high school friend, Richard Johnston.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Edward and Mildred Marie Askins Striggow, brothers Edward Raymond and infant brother, John Alvin. He is survived by his best friend and wife of 69 years, Nancy Guion Ray Striggow, and seven children: Valerie (William) Ubbes, Scott Striggow (Rachel Striggow); Vicki (William) Salisbury; Leslie (Chris A.) Holdorf; Lori (Wayne) Pavlika; Jeffrey (Michelle) Striggow; and Glenn Striggow (Tina Striggow). He is also survived by 35 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Alvin was surrounded in life by his family and a wide circle of friends including many Turner members and Whitmer Alumni. The burial was in the Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery, 6382 Monroe Street, Sylvania, Ohio. Condolences may be left for Alvin's family on Mike Pawlak's Funeral Home Legacy page. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Turners-Toledo, 316 Northdale, Toledo, Ohio, 43612, or to a charity of the donor's choice.



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NATIONAL CALENDAR

2024 EVENTS

National Golf-Ft. Wayne
July 10, 11 and 12

National Softball-Aurora
July 27

National Convention-Aurora
August 2 & 3

National Council-Aurora
August 4

2025 EVENTS

National Bowling- Cincinnati
TBD