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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Turner Members,

Since the last issue of the Topics, the National Office has been quite busy preparing for the National Convention, the Young Adult Leadership Conference and the National Festival. The

Convention and the YALC will be held in August at the Clinton Turn Verein and the Double Tree by Hilton in Leominster, MA respectively. The festival will be held at the New Ulm Turn Verein July 27-31, 2027. We need our members to support these endeavors!

The Convention is the highest governing authority within our organization. If you would like to be a delegate at this year's convention, now is the time to contact your society or district to be added to your district delegate form.

The YALC is a new opportunity for our younger Turner members (18-30) to learn how to become more engaged at all levels of our organization by learning the Three C's of effective leadership: the Confidence to be authentic, the Courage to act despite fear and the Communication to bring others along with you. You can register for the conference by clicking on this link:

<https://americanturners.org/register-here-for-yalc>

The National Festival is the "Crown Jewel" event of the American Turners. Our National Festival is America's oldest continuing national athletic event. Come to New Ulm! Participate in our Cultural and Athletic events and enjoy the Gemütlichkeit that the event offers.

Thank you to the Aurora Turners for hosting the National Bowling Tournament. The National Golf Tournament is fast approaching. This year's event is being hosted by the Akron Turner Club, July 8-10. The Akron Club has recently completed some renovations of their building and are looking forward to seeing many Turner golfers attend the event.

With Turner Greetings,

John Beary, President

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings to my fellow Turners,

It's hard to believe that 2026 is half over. That means we are that much closer to our National Convention. It is our hope that every society has representation at the convention. In addition to the necessary meetings, including Finance, Bylaws, NHPE & Cultural, there will be meetings with information you can take back home to help your society grow and prosper. Any programs, activities or business strategies that work at your society can also be shared to help others. Encourage your young adults to attend and to engage in these meetings, or to just listen and gain a sense of what Turnerism is for other members and societies. If you have not reviewed the proposed Bylaws that will be voted on at the convention, please ask your District President to share them with you and the members of your society, so all members are aware of possible changes.

Fun fact – Did you know that in the 1800's athletes competed in Speed Walking races. The race lasted 6 days and the athletes were given champagne for hydration and chewed cocoa leaves for energy. Based on that type of competition, it appears the 100-meter run/walk race at our National Festival would be like a walk in the park. Let's see how many of you can join us in New Ulm for a little "walk in the park". (but we'll save champagne for non-athletic activities)

I look forward to seeing you in Clinton, but in the meantime feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns you may have.



Michelle Lesperance

vicepresident@amturners.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. ED!

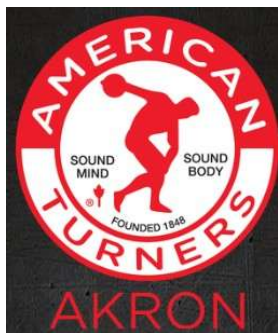


Edwin E. Colton

American Turners 61st Annual National Golf Tournament

July 7th - 10th 2026

547 Munroe Falls Rd, Tallmadge, OH 44278



Hosted by Akron Turner Club [ATC]

The Akron Turner Society would like to update golfers as to the developments involving this year's National Golf tournament. The construction that was mentioned during the bidding process is completed! Hotel accommodation(s) each have a block hold end date. If you are beyond the dates, please email our team and we will see if we can help you.

If your registration form was missing any information (email, membership number, etc.), it is paramount that you provide it immediately, as our team may have issues with future communications and/or ineligibility. Please also supply your round average (90 default), so we can pair you with equivalent competition. **Registration and tournament payment has been extended to 6/20/2026 for all, and at least until 6/30/2026 with a late fee!** But, specifically for our Men's, Women's, and Senior Men's division(s) we have a 100-golfer min. (68 as of 6/3/2026), registration will be acceptable as not late until this mandate is fulfilled. Registration form (PDF format) and electronic payment linked to Eventbrite service are available on the website.

A change in venue was required for the Super Senior Men's, Senior Women's, and Other's division(s). Championship Friday (7/10/2026) will be played at Sable Creek Golf Club (Black Course) [SCGC]. The other courses; Brookledge Golf Club [BGC], Paradise Lake Country Club [PLCC], and if needed Suffield Springs Golf Course [SSGC] have maintained the same roles. All the scorecards are now viewable on our website.

Mary & John Paxton Couples' Scramble Rules: 1) Must be played at PLCC on 7/7/2026. 2) Limited to but not necessary, one male per team. 3) Scores must be submitted during registration on 7/7/2026. 4) Team doesn't have to be from same society 5) Standard best ball format. 6) Use tournament scoring and situational rules. The golf rules will be posted on the website and/or emailed to all participants in the following weeks.

Our **website (www.akronturnerclub.com)** now has a **"National Golf" tab [NG tab]** added to the bottom of the home page. This page will be updated to contain information as the tournament events continue to evolve. An itinerary of events is at the forefront on NG tab. The tournament and club will be hosting numerous events throughout the week at multiple venues and sometimes at the same time periods. Final changes will be solidified before the July 4th holiday. Please revisit the website as you make plans. All dinner events will have an associated Menu and will differ in payment arrangement. All golf events will have an associated Rules and Prizes section for review (like above). The entry purchase will be at the time & place of event. Particular extracurriculars will have information for pre-paid response and subject to quantity or schedule review. As you search for any of these items, please hover over text to see if it is linked, scroll down the NG tab page to see if information has been added, and/or search your email to see if it was sent directly. If you have any questions, concerns, or a response for prepaid event you may contact **Anthony Brautigam (anthonybrautigam@gmail.com)**, **Janice Ashton (ohiocpaja@aol.com)** or akronturnerclub@amturners.org. Please leave as detailed a message as possible, to best serve you.

We both as a society and national body are attempting to move in the digital direction to reduce cost of physical items in the future. Thus, we are planning to provide a digital version of our tournament's Welcome & Advertisement Book to be accessed via link and/or QR code. We will be providing some physical copies as a "first come, first serve" supply to be distributed during the registration check-in process. At this same process all remaining funds will be finalized. Tournament skin(s) for the three days of tournament golf will be available for Men's & Senior Men's combined; and Women's separately. Baskets, Raffles, and Golf memorabilia will be displayed and/or available for ticket purchases.

Look for more details and explanations on website. I would suggest that you ensure electronic acknowledgement for the events you wish to attend. I know our club members can't wait to join in fellowship. Keep it Turnerly and see you soon!

Golf Skills Event(s) by Club:

Chip & Putt Pentathlon
Closest to Hole Big Prize

Confirmed Music by Club:

Backwoods Band
Zeke, Todd & the Boys Jam
In Like Flynt (Band)
Mary Beth (DJ) /Don Ambrass (DJ)



Senior PGA Golf Event:

2026 Kaulig Companies Championship

Extracurriculars:

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
Akron RubberDucks (CLE Guardians Minor League)
Lock 3 Downtown Akron
Akron Art Museum
Summit Metro Parks (Nelson Ledges)



81st NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AMERICAN TURNERS

August 7th & 8th

“Pondering Our Past while Planning Our Future”

Hosted by Clinton Turn Verein, Clinton MA



THINGS TO DO IN CLINTON

Nashoba Valley Winery

Wine-tasting—Bolton, MA

Kimball Farm

Lobster Rolls/Ice Cream—
Lancaster, MA

Rota Spring Farm

Ice Cream—Sterling, MA

Tower Hill Botanical Gardens

Flower garden/beer garden/food—
Boylston, MA

Apex Entertainment

Bowling/games/Go Carts/food—
Marlboro, MA

Fenway Park

Red Sox vs Athletics Aug 7 & 8—
Boston, MA

Freedom Trail—Boston, MA

Don't Wait!

Sign up to be a delegate through your society
and book your room now!

We have 30 rooms (15 King & 15 Double Queen) available at the
Leominster Doubletree Hotel at the discounted rate of \$179.

Reservations must be made before July 7, 2026.

After **July 7th**, the discounted rate will no longer be available.

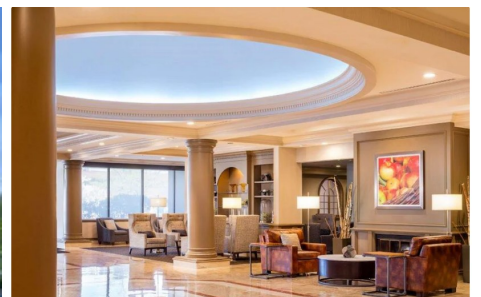
Book your rooms online at:

<https://americanturners.org/event/2026-national-convention>

OR

Call **978.534.9000** and dial 0 (zero) to speak with a
front desk representative.

Use **Group Code 91T** to get the discounted group rate.



CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

This year, the National Convention will feature three workshops aimed to help our societies.

Communications that Work

Great programs deserve great audiences, but getting the word out can be a challenge. Join social media and marketing professional Denise Elsman of the Goethe-Institut Chicago for a practical workshop designed specifically for the American Turners. You'll learn simple strategies for making your social media more engaging, reaching more people in your community, and promoting events more effectively. Whether you're managing a Facebook page, posting event announcements, or trying to attract the next generation of members, you'll leave with actionable tips you can start using right away. No marketing degree required - just bring your curiosity and your questions!

Denise Elsman has spent the past 15 years at the Goethe-Institut Chicago, where she develops marketing and social media strategies that connect audiences with German language and culture. She is passionate about helping organizations tell their stories, grow their audiences, and build meaningful connections both online and offline.

Come to New Ulm

Andrea Boettger (New Ulm Turners), Emily Miesner (NHPEC Chair), and Sue Knisley (Cultural Chair) will share information about the 2027 National Festival in New Ulm. You'll learn the competitions, accommodations, and grants for youth travel expenses. New Ulm's welcoming small-town atmosphere and rich German-American heritage make it an ideal setting for the Festival." Michelle Lesperance will chair this panel.

Revitalize Your Society

Nick Barts will chair a panel featuring representatives from some of our top societies, including our convention host Clinton Turners, to discuss what has worked in programming and outreach to build membership and community impact.

We plan to record these workshops and make them available online for all Turners after the convention.

OBITUARIES

Keystone



Irvin J Junge

Keystone Iowa Turners recently lost an amazing member who was a huge part of our organization for 80 years. He was a very active member and was always willing to support us.

Irvin J Junge passed away Sunday, January 5th 2025 at the age of 99. Irvin was known as "Irk" to family and friends. He was born November 10, 1925 to Louie and Emma Junge in Keystone Iowa. He attended country school in Keystone. He enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country during World War II.

Irvin met his wife Betty Sizer, at Knights of Columbus USO during the war. They were married on March 10, 1947 on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C.

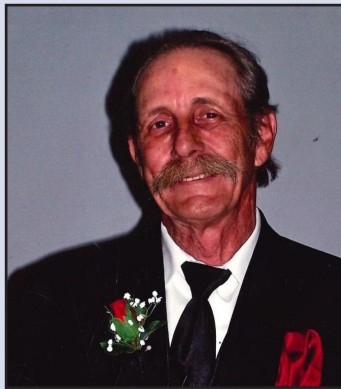
They moved to Iowa and farmed near Keystone till he retired in 1984. Betty & Irk built a new house and moved to town.

Irk enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing cards and socializing with many friends and family. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Merkel-Bockholt American Legion and the Keystone Turners.

The Turner family has many fond memories of Irk and the impact he made on our community.

Submitted by Brad Sievers of Keystone Turners

Akron



Peter Raymond Musleve

Mr. Peter Raymond Musleve, 79, of Akron, Ohio died early Saturday morning of May 3, 2026 at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

Pete, as he was known to family and friends, (Raymond in his childhood) was born in Akron, Ohio on January 4, 1947. He was a Navy Veteran who served in the Vietnam War. He was a steel worker for F.J. Stolzka & Son until his retirement, where he also served as the shop's union representative.

Pete was a member of the Akron Turner Club for almost 50 years. Golf was his passion for most of his life. He was a member of the Turner Club golf league (that played at Sunny Hills golf course) for many years as well as the Musser League that he helped found. They played every Thursday night at Maplecrest golf course in Brimfield. Every Sunday he played a different course throughout Ohio. He enjoyed going to play in

Marietta and Myrtle Beach as well.

He was a member of the Fire & Ice billiards team of Akron, Ohio for a time.

He was a coaster enthusiast who talked endlessly about going to Cedar Point. In his 70s he rode Wicked Twister with his grandkids on its last day. He also went to Universal Studios for the first time and LOVED riding Velocicoaster!

Pete was preceded in death by his father, Peter Musleve; his mother, Margaret Musleve; and his brothers, Tommy and Jerry Musleve.

He is survived by his daughter, Rachel Abel (Steven Abel); his grandson, Isaiah Musleve; his granddaughter, Tabitha Bohn and her daughters, Everleigh, Roamlee, and Ashlynn; his grandson, Kane Abel; and his grandson, Austin Abel. Pete also leaves his ex-wife who also was a close friend and confidant for him, Karen Musleve; and his beloved cat, Luna.



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National Golf-Akron
July 8, 9, 10
National Convention-Clinton
August 7 and 8
National Council Meeting-Clinton
August 9
National Pickleball Tournament
Louisville Turners
October 11

2027

National Bowling - Rochester PA

National Golf
July 2027

American Turner National Festival-New Ulm
July 27-31