

81st National Convention

August 7th and 8th, 2026

AMERICAN TURNERS



Part A

(Reports)

Hosted by Clinton Turners, MA

AMERICAN TURNERS

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In a
Sound Body”**



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President's Report to the 81st Convention of The American Turners hosted by the Clinton Turn Verein August 7th and 8th, 2026

June 10th, 2026

Welcome Delegates to the 81st Convention of the American Turners! It is with much enthusiasm that I welcome you to my home society. It is our goal to provide each and every one of you an informative, engaging convention. With that said, it has been a little less than one year since I became President of the American Turners. In that short time, much has taken place.

As most of you are aware, last July we hired a new Administrative Assistant. I feel that we make a good team. Together we have learned quite a bit about the duties and tasks needed to keep our organization smoothly moving forward. With the aid of an updated and accurate Quick Books accounting system, we are able to provide the National Council meaningful monthly financial reports as well as budgeting capability, deposits and expenditures. Also, I am hopeful that by the time of this convention an updated National Directory will be available to all societies, districts and national committees. Also, we are in the process of creating a thorough description of what we do daily, weekly, monthly, yearly and semi-annually. Your national office is a very busy place on a daily basis.

I am most appreciative of our current Executive Team. I feel the team is actively engaged and provides valuable experienced advice when making decisions that affect our organization. I hope that each of them will continue in their current capacities for the next two years.

I would like to thank the societies that have hosted or will host national events this year and in the coming years as these events are critical to the success of our organization.

Aurora Turn Verein Frisch Auf: National Bowling

Akron Turner Club: National Golf

Louisville: National Pickleball

Clinton Turn Verein: National Convention and Council Meeting

New Ulm: 2027 National Festival

We continue to not only strive to recruit new members but also to engage our younger members in leadership roles. To that end, simultaneously with this convention, we are attempting to engage our younger members in a Young Adult Leadership Conference, of which the outcome will be more participation at the society level from our members 30 and younger.

We hope you find the convention schedule more engaging than the past. We have implemented three new breakout sessions for you to attend: “Come to New Ulm” the 2027 National Festival, “Communication That Works” a zoom conference with Denise Elsmann, Marketing Coordinator, Website/ Social Media Director at the Goethe Institute, and a panel discussion regarding, “How to Re-Vitalize Your Society”. It is our hope that you will take something from one of these sessions and put it to work back at your society.

I am humbled to serve as the President of this meaningful, historic and proud organization. I will be running for another two- year term and would truly appreciate your support. I hope the convention is worth your while and that you experience Gemütlichkeit while you are here in Clinton!

With Turner Greetings.

John E. Beary, Jr,

President

TO: 81st NATIONAL CONVENTION - August, 2026
FROM: AMERICAN TURNERS VICE PRESIDENT

Welcome everyone to this 81st National Convention. My time in this position has been less than 1 year, but there have been several things accomplished and more to do in the future. As part of the Executive Committee, we have been working towards making American Turners stronger. We have gone through the bylaws and found several areas that need either updating or clarification. Those resolutions will be voted on at this convention.

One of my goals includes having better communication between the members, societies and the district representatives. Part of that communication is to encourage participation in all our national events. We also need to involve the younger generation to carry on traditions and inspire our societies with fresh new ideas. If we can accomplish that then we will all benefit. Keeping our membership connected to current and future activities is how our legacy will endure. Always remember that American Turners motto is "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body", therefore your contribution to our organization, in any capacity, will keep us strong.

Thank you for supporting the American Turners and representing your district by attending this convention. I am proud to be a Turner and happy to serve as your American Turner Vice President.

Michelle Lesperance
Vice President

Report of the National Corporate Secretary

2026

The primary tasks of the corporate secretary are to keep the minutes of all meetings and to participate in executive committee meetings.

This past year has been filled with National Council and Executive Committee meetings, so record-keeping has been a challenging task. In addition, this year I served as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

We continue to rent climate-controlled storage space for our records and other archival holdings.

I continue to collect current bylaws and IRS 990 forms from our societies. This helps us understand our membership and assures transparency.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Hoisington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel J. Hoisington
Corporate Secretary

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES

AS OF AUGUST 1 , 2026 (5:45 PM)

Account name ^	Account value ↕	Day change ↕	Prior close ↕	Available cash ↕
AT-CLEST *****050	\$98,172.06	+\$38.00 (0.04%) ↑	\$98,134.06	\$3,400.06
AT-Endowment Trust *****688	\$808,737.92	-\$579.76 (0.07%) ↓	\$809,317.68	\$5,745.94
AT-Festival *****684	\$204,130.43	+\$806.27 (0.40%) ↑	\$203,324.16	\$862.52
AT-Kuenzel Memorial Fund *****683	\$568,871.98	-\$3,141.74 (0.55%) ↓	\$572,013.72	\$3,408.90
AT-PNC *****049	\$99,031.92	+\$39.00 (0.04%) ↑	\$98,992.92	\$1,765.92
AT-Scholarship *****685	\$79,726.78	+\$303.11 (0.38%) ↑	\$79,423.67	\$4,918.69
AT-Youth Transportation *****686	\$21,188.07	+\$7.00 (0.03%) ↑	\$21,181.07	\$3,730.07

Jahn Fund (as of 6/30/2026) \$2,682.836.00

American Turners, Inc

Statement of Financial Position

As of Aug 1, 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000-Merchant Services	1,000.00
1010-Clearing Account	4,049.25
1100-General Checking	223,281.52
1200-Invested Funds	
1410 - Youth Trans Invest	21,181.07
1420 - Scholarship Invest	79,423.67
1430 - Festival Invest	203,324.16
1440 - AT-CLEST	98,134.06
1450 - AT-PNC	98,992.92
1460 - Endowment Trust Fund	809,317.68
1470 - Kuenzel Memorial Fund	572,013.72
1480 - Jahn Education Fund (JEF)	2,682,836.00
Total for 1200-Invested Funds	\$4,565,223.28
Total for Bank Accounts	\$4,793,554.05
Accounts Receivable	
1300 - Accounts Receivable	484.25
Total for Accounts Receivable	\$484.25
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	384.00
Total for Other Current Assets	\$384.00
Total for Current Assets	\$4,794,422.30
Total for Assets	\$4,794,422.30
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total for Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Office Liabilities	750.00
Total for Other Current Liabilities	\$750.00
Total for Current Liabilities	\$750.00

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Statement of Financial Position

As of Aug 1, 2026

	Total
Long-term Liabilities	
4000-Long Term Liability	
4005-Festival Liability	0.00
4010-Scholarship Liability	1,277.50
4015-Youth Liability	963.41
4020-Covid Relief	0.00
Total for 4000-Long Term Liability	\$2,240.91
Total for Long-term Liabilities	\$2,240.91
Total for Liabilities	\$2,990.91
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Owners Equity	3,448,928.99
Unrestricted Net Assets	427,144.44
Net Revenue	915,357.96
Total for Equity	\$4,791,431.39
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$4,794,422.30

Budget vs. Actuals_Budget_FY26_P&L_Report

January-December, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Total Over budget by	Percent of budget
Revenue				
2000 -Per Capita Tax	-11,623.75	0.00	-11,623.75	
2012 - Per Capita Youth	156.00	240.00	-84.00	65.00%
2013-MIL	0.00		0.00	
2024 Dues	75.00		75.00	
2025 Dues	92.00		92.00	
2026 Dues	132,790.00	141,822.00	-9,032.00	93.63%
Total for 2000 -Per Capita Tax	\$121,489.25	\$142,062.00	-\$20,572.75	85.52%
2500-Marketing Income				
2510-YALC Registrations	75.00		75.00	
Total for 2500-Marketing Income	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	
3000-Contributions				
3005-ETF Contrib.	588.00		588.00	
3010-JEF Contrib.	3,985.00	20,000.00	-16,015.00	19.93%
3015-Scholarship Contrib.	17,843.50	16,000.00	1,843.50	111.52%
3020-Festival Liability Contrib.	13,051.00		13,051.00	
3025-Youth Trans Contrib.	3,387.50	2,750.00	637.50	123.18%
3040-CLEST Contributions	838.00		838.00	
Total for 3000-Contributions	\$39,693.00	\$38,750.00	\$943.00	102.43%
Interest Earned	7.13		7.13	
Uncategorized Revenue	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Total for Revenue	\$161,264.38	\$180,812.00	-\$19,547.62	553.07%
Cost of Goods Sold				
Gross Profit	\$161,264.38	\$180,812.00	-\$19,547.62	553.07%
Expenditures				
6000-National Office Expenses				
6005 - Office Subscriptions		1,875.00	-1,875.00	0.00%
60051-Adobe Acrobat Pro	485.93	388.68	97.25	125.02%
60054-GoDaddy	94.76	95.00	-0.24	99.75%
60055-Ionos	179.43	132.00	47.43	135.93%
60056-Norton	127.49	127.49	\$0.00	100.00%
60057-Quickbooks	170.00	170.00	\$0.00	100.00%
60061-Cognito	67.52	273.00	-205.48	24.73%
60053-Carbonite		360.00	-360.00	0.00%
60058-TeamViewer		\$0.00	\$0.00	
60059-Microsoft subscription		684.00	-684.00	0.00%
60060-Constant Contact		1,176.00	-1,176.00	0.00%
Total for 6005 - Office Subscriptions	\$1,125.13	\$5,281.17	-\$4,156.04	21.30%
6010-Utilities				
60101-Comcast Internet	944.14	1,200.00	-255.86	78.68%
60102-Comcast Mobile	462.15	600.00	-137.85	77.03%
Total for 6010-Utilities	\$1,406.29	\$1,800.00	-\$393.71	78.13%

6020-Rent				
60201-Cube Smart	902.00	1,416.00	-514.00	63.70%
60202-Office Space Rental	600.00	1,200.00	-600.00	50.00%
Total for 6020-Rent	\$1,502.00	\$2,616.00	-\$1,114.00	57.42%
6030-Postage	851.26	950.00	-98.74	89.61%
6040-Printing				
60401-Hub-Remsen (Cards)	1,375.00	1,375.00	\$0.00	100.00%
60402-Other Printing		800.00	-800.00	0.00%
Total for 6040-Printing	\$1,375.00	\$2,175.00	-\$800.00	63.22%
6050-Turner Topics				
60501-Hub-Remsen (TurnerTopics)	10,934.47	22,400.00	-11,465.53	48.81%
Total for 6050-Turner Topics	\$10,934.47	\$22,400.00	-\$11,465.53	48.81%
6060-National Office Supplies	1,423.63	500.00	923.63	284.73%
Total for 6000-National Office Expenses	\$18,617.78	\$35,722.17	-\$17,104.39	52.12%
6070-Office Technology	7.81		7.81	
60702-Printers	754.25	1,500.00	-745.75	50.28%
Total for 6070-Office Technology	\$762.06	\$1,500.00	-\$737.94	50.80%
6080-Other Office Expense				
60082-Other Misc Office Expense	570.72		570.72	
Total for 6080-Other Office Expense	\$570.72	\$0.00	\$570.72	
6100-Promo/PR Expenses	1,046.64	1,600.00	-553.36	65.42%
6300-Insurance				
63001-Liberty Mutual	-4.00		-4.00	
63003-USLI	737.00	737.00	\$0.00	100.00%
63004-Employers (Workers Comp)	477.00	477.00	\$0.00	100.00%
63005-Pekin Insurance	1,683.00	1,535.00	148.00	109.64%
63002-West Bend Insurance		2,100.00	-2,100.00	0.00%
Total for 6300-Insurance	\$2,893.00	\$4,849.00	-\$1,956.00	59.66%
6400-Legal & Accounting Service				
64002-Legal Fees	160.00		160.00	
64003-Taxes & Licenses	28.00		28.00	
64001-Accountant Fees		2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00%
Total for 6400-Legal & Accounting Service	\$188.00	\$2,000.00	-\$1,812.00	9.40%
6500-National Reimbursement				
6520-National Council	565.10		565.10	
6530-NHPE	9,711.13	7,500.00	2,211.13	129.48%
6570-Youth	1,683.75		1,683.75	
6580-Festival	6,736.00	\$0.00	6,736.00	
Rented Equipment	950.94		950.94	
Total for 6580-Festival	\$7,686.94	\$0.00	\$7,686.94	
6585-Jahn Reimbursements	3,985.00	3,985.00	\$0.00	100.00%
6590-Scholarship	13,868.00		13,868.00	
6595-CLEST Reimbursement	-0.50		-0.50	
6510-Nat'l Convention		12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.00%
Total for 6500-National Reimbursement	\$37,499.42	\$23,485.00	\$14,014.42	159.67%

7000-Payroll Expenditures				
7010-Payroll Wages	21,670.75	38,400.00	-16,729.25	56.43%
7020-Payroll Tax Federal	1,443.24		1,443.24	
7030-Payroll Tax State	-41.03		-41.03	
Total for 7000-Payroll Expenditures	\$23,072.96	\$38,400.00	-\$15,327.04	60.09%
Total for Expenditures	\$84,650.58	\$107,556.17	-\$22,905.59	78.70%
Net Operating Revenue	\$76,613.80	\$73,255.83	\$3,357.97	1,249.54%
Other Revenue				
Other Expenditures				
Net Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Net Revenue	\$76,613.80	\$73,255.83	\$3,357.97	1,249.54%
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NHPEC Report to the 2026 National Convention

August 2026

These last two years have included lots of planning for 2027 National Festival which will be held in New Ulm, Minnesota. We feel like we have learned a lot from 2023 and are eager to implement changes to 2027. We are almost finished with our new scoring program which will be easier to manage and pass on from Festival to Festival.

Jessica has been keeping us updated with the Gymnastics side of things. Not too much has changed and unfortunately we still do not have a National Gymnastics event in the works. Jessica will share any updates at the convention.

We would like to thank Jim Markland for his time on the board and everything he devoted to keep softball alive for as long as he did. Unfortunately we did not have a tournament in 2025 or 2026.

We would also like to thank Craig Sniezek for his time and devotion to the National Bowling aspect of NHPEC. The 2025 tournament was held in Cincinnati and 2026 was held in Aurora. Both were down in attendance but still quite eventful and successful. Craig was sick for 2026 and handed the reigns over to Eric Thomas at the last minute. He managed the last minute switcharoo quite well and everyone managed to grant him some grace and we all had a great time. We will be looking for a new bowling chair on the committee at the convention. We will also revisit the existing scoring system and see if there might be something simpler available. The 2027 National Bowling Tournament will be held in Rochester and we will start the bidding process for 2028 this fall.

Please join me in welcoming our new Golf Chair, Joleen Gottwald. The 2025 golf tournament was held in Clinton, Massachusetts. Report is attached. The 2026 golf tournament was held in Akron, Ohio and their report is as follows:

where: Akron Turners
when: July 7th

At 7:30 acting chairman Chris Groger called everyone for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by all clubs signing in one rep.

We went on to acknowledge prior Top Hat winners and announce that the 2026 award will be presented on Friday night at the banquet

We turned it over to the Akron Turners Club Golf Committee who went over the rules, as well as a change to a national policy which was unanimously voted on to be able to move the golf ball one scorecard 6 inches instead of one club length.

We then took bids for the 2027 tournament in which will be held in Monaca, at Blackhawk, dates July 7-8-9 and cost \$175.00. This was unanimously voted on 14-0.

For the good of the event a motion was to have a two year rotation for hosting the event. This was also voted on and unanimously passed. The 2028 tournament will be held in Keystone Iowa..

We unanimously voted on the Top Hat award staying to its home where Wayne Davis was from in Fort Wayne.... and we also now have a committee who will oversee this award , the members where picked by territory and agreed upon by the clubs....

we then introduced our new Golf Chairmen Jolleen Gotwald from Fort Wayne Society.. once again this was a unanimous decision... we thanked her for stepping up.

Meeting was adjourned at 833

We will be awarding the 2027 and 2028 golf tournaments at the National Convention per the golf meeting minutes listed above.

A National Pickleball tournament has been added to the mix this year. Nick Barts is helping Cindy Law and crew from Louisville society to host the first one in Louisville. We are looking forward to a large turn out on October 10th and 11th. Check out the website for more information, including registration.

We are looking forward to more progress towards National Festival.

Thanks, Emily

NHPE CHair

60th Annual American Turner National Golf

Hosted by the Clinton Turn Verein

July 8th-11th

The Clinton Turners are happy to report that this year's tournament was well attended as 125 golfers from 14 different societies participated in the event. There were 18 Women, 15 Senior Women, 8 Super Sr. Men, 81 Men/Sr Men and 3 other participants. The golf portion of the event was hosted by Cyprian Keyes Golf Club. They provided two beautiful golf courses, a 9 hole Par 3 for the Senior Women, Super Sr. Men and other participants as well as an 18 hole Championship Course for the Women and Men/Sr Men. Cyprian also provided a more than adequate restaurant and most importantly a very gracious and well-trained staff. Due to the rainy weather, the course was deemed as cart path only for the first two days, but none the less all the golf was played as scheduled.

The club provided a pub menu on Tuesday and Wednesday and offered a Lobster Steamer or Steak dinner on Thursday night and a BBQ Chicken banquet on Friday. The club also provided live entertainment on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. All events were well attended and much Turner Good Will was shared amongst those gathered.

The Clinton Turners would like to thank all those who traveled to this event, our members who volunteered so much of their time, our hole sponsors and those that contributed to our program book! See you all next year in Akron and bring along a friend or two!



Turner National Golf Tournament

Awards

Medalists

Jake Balsley

Society

Covington

Division

Men

Score

75

<u>Todd Lubbe</u>	Covington	Men Sr	<u>76</u>
<u>Joleen Gottwald</u>	Ft. Wayne	Women	<u>83</u>
<u>Charles McElheney</u>	Clinton	Men SSr	<u>40</u>
<u>Virginia Fuller</u>	Adams	Women Sr	<u>37</u>

Closest-to-the-Pin

			<u>Distance</u>
<u>Landon Finn</u>	Covington	Men	<u>5'10"</u>
<u>Bernie "Skip" Galeski</u>	Clinton	Men Sr	<u>7'2"</u>
<u>Patsy Johnson</u>	Ft. Wayne	Women	<u>13'2"</u>
<u>James Sonich</u>	Syracuse	Men SSr	<u>12'5"</u>
<u>Virginia Fuller</u>	Adams	Women Sr	<u>39'1"</u>
<u>Norma Pierce</u>	Clinton	Women Sr	<u>12'11"</u>

Long Drive

<u>Tyler Hollifield</u>	Clinton	Men
<u>Paul Devoe</u>	Clinton	Men Sr
<u>Audrey Haderlein</u>	Lincoln	Women

Teams

		<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Men	<u>Covington</u>		1st

Flights

Champion/Runner-Up

			<u>Place</u>
<u>Landon Finn</u>	Covington	Men/Sr Men	1st
<u>Tyler Hollifield</u>	Clinton	Men/Sr Men	2nd
<u>Joleen Gottwald</u>	Ft. Wayne	Women	1st
<u>Patsy Johnson</u>	Ft. Wayne	Women	2nd
<u>John Kulesa</u>	Syracuse	Men SSr	1st

<u>Rick Darfler</u>	Aurora	Men SSr	2nd
<u>Virginia Fuller</u>	Adams	Women Sr	1st
<u>Diana Taft</u>	Adams	Women Sr	2nd

2nd Flight

Place

<u>Brian Gottwald</u>	Ft. Wayne	Men/Sr Men	1st
<u>Jeffrey Hung</u>	Rochester	Men/Sr Men	2nd
<u>Bonnie Jablonski</u>	Clinton	Women	1st
<u>Darla Medernach</u>	Aurora	Women	2nd
<u>Janice Ashton</u>	Akron	Women Sr	1st
<u>Louise Hammond</u>	Aurora	Women Sr	2nd

3rd Flight

Place

<u>Mark Sargent</u>	Clinton	Men/Sr Men	1st
<u>Nick Bockweg</u>	Covington	Men/Sr Men	2nd

4rd Flight

Place

<u>Drew Vaneck</u>	Rochester	Men/Sr Men	1st
<u>Gary Hollifield</u>	Clinton	Men/Sr Men	2nd

5th Flight

Place

<u>John Miller</u>	Clinton	Men/Sr Men	1st
<u>Steve Spurgeon</u>	Keystone	Men/Sr Men	2nd

6th Flight

Place

<u>John Beary</u>	Clinton	Men/Sr Men	1st
<u>Dan Moran</u>	Syracuse	Men/Sr Men	2nd

7th Flight

Place

<u>Gary Kinman</u>	Covington	Men/Sr Men	1st
<u>Donald Ambrass</u>	Rochester	Men/Sr Men	2nd

8th Flight	<u>Place</u>
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<u>Frank Leonard</u>	Clinton	Men/Sr Men	1st
<u>Mike Ruefer</u>	Davenport NW	Men/Sr Men	2nd

The 2025 National Bowling Tournament was held in Cincinnati and successful. The 2026 National Bowling Tournament was held in Aurora and was run by Eric Thomas due to me not being able to, and he did a great job running it. The profit from it was about \$1,000. The 2027 National Bowling Tournament will be at Rochester Turners and the bidding process for 2028 will start this fall.

Cultural Committee Report

American Turners National Convention

August 7–9, 2026

Welcome to the 81st National Convention of the American Turners. It is a joy to gather with so many dedicated Turner members who continue to support, strengthen, and celebrate our organization. I am proud to be part of this Turner family and deeply grateful to everyone who helps carry our traditions forward. Each member plays an important role in honoring our past, supporting our work today, and helping shape our future together. As we move forward, I hope we continue to stay connected, work together, and remain open to new ideas.

Cultural Committee Update

The Cultural Committee has been working together to review and update the Redbook, so it is clearer and easier for everyone to use. One helpful new addition is an electronic cultural exhibition entry form. This form will be available along with the festival entry form and must be completed by anyone entering the cultural exhibition.

We are also making other Redbook updates, including clearer wording, revised Festival Committee rules, and information about the new Youth Ambassador Cultural Competition.

Youth Ambassador Cultural Competition Eligibility

- Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 before June 1 of the Festival year.
- Participants must be American Turner Youth members.
- Participants must compete in the National Festival in athletics, cultural events, or both.

These are just a few highlights, but I hope they give each society a helpful starting point as we prepare for the new competition. The updated Redbook is expected to be available by August 15, 2026, if not sooner.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve as your National Cultural Chair. I am thankful for the opportunity to support our cultural programs and work with so many committed Turner members. I plan to run for one more term so I can continue working with New Ulm as they prepare for the 2027 Festival.

With appreciation,

Sue Knisley

National Cultural Chair



American Turners Endowment Trust

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

Friday August 07, 2026

ETF Report submitted to the 2026 National Council Officers, Committee Chairs & Guests.

Dear Members & Guests,

The annual meeting of the Endowment Trust was held virtually on Saturday March 21, 2026. This meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM CDT by President Bozonelos. All Trustees were present. Note: there is one Trustee seat open vacated by John when he became the National President. Honorary Trustee Ed Colton was present as a guest.

As of the close on Friday, July 17, the Endowment Trust holdings were: \$816,684.15 in the investment portfolio gaining 15.37% in 1YR and \$4,289.98 in the checking account for a total of \$820,974.13.

As of June 30, 2026, the remaining balance of the loan to Concordia Turners is approximately \$4,505.11. Monthly payments of \$460.07 have been made without default.

The FY26 budget of \$30k was agreed upon during the annual meeting. This amount will be monitored closely throughout 2026 to determine whether this goal can be reached which depends upon the number requests, disbursements of such and market volatility.

YTD, the Endowment Trust has disbursed a total of \$12,757.47 in 2026. Four 50/50 Computer Grants provided to American Turners National Office, Rochester Turners, Elgin Turners, and Imperial Turners. Louisville Turners and Madison Turners received a 50/50 Phys Ed Equipment Grant, Madison Turners also received a Phys Ed Payroll Compensation Grant, two donations: one for the American Turners Office and the other to FT. Wayne Turners. Hannah Schultz, CSD, Toledo Turners, was awarded the 2nd portion of her scholarship award of \$1,000, a \$1,000 Edwin E. Colton Honorary Award, and \$100 for miscellaneous office supplies.

The ETF has received \$1,205 in memorial and good & welfare donations from six (6) different donors.

All offerings of the Endowment Trust i.e., grants, scholarship, donation, honorary award, etc. were reviewed. The Trustees decided to keep the amount of each of the ETF offerings the same as in 2025.

Kim Swann, ILD, Aurora Turners, was appointed by the Trustees to fill the vacant Trustee seat. Kim will be a great asset being employed as the Aurora Head Gymnastics Coach and Sports Complex Manager. Congratulations Kim!

The Kuenzel Memorial Fund donated \$25,000 to use specifically for promoting, educating and sponsoring gymnastics through the three ETF grants i.e., 50/50 Equipment Grant, Society Payroll Grant and Safety Certification Grant using only the interest gained from the monies that were awarded to American Turners. Note: the usage of the donation is in alignment with that of the donors i.e., the Kuenzel family.

Congratulations to George Zink, New York District, Long Island as the 2026 Edwin E. Colton Honorary Award recipient. George will receive a commemorative pin and a small monetary award in appreciation for the many years of involvement in American Turners. In George's honor, a ceremony will be held after dinner on Saturday August 8, 2026 at Clinton Turners.

This year, Trustee Mulrooney and Trustee Lesperance terms expire. Trustee seats are 6YRs. Dave and Michelle are seeking re-election during the 2026 National Convention and would appreciate your support.

In closing, I'd like to extend my gratitude to those who serve as Trustees of the American Turners Endowment Trust Fund and to those that have provided financial support. Together we strive to promote the American Turners motto of a Sound Mind Sound Body through physical education and the offerings of the American Turners Endowment Trust.

Respectfully & With Turner Greetings,

Thomas R (Tom) Benson

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American Turners Jahn Education Fund (ATJEF)



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Advisors: Ray Virgens, Thomas Bozonelos, Robert Gray

2026 Report to National Council

July 22, 2026

As of June 30, the value of our investment portfolio with RBC Wealth Management (RBC WM) stood at \$2,682,836.24, of which approximately 34% is invested in fixed income money market and fixed-income securities; 51% in equities; Cash and a REIT covering the remainder.

To date, our disbursements for year 2026 total \$65,646, which amount is inclusive of the following items:

- 1.** An \$8,000 Grant to Aurora Turners toward the cost of a new Spring Floor for their gymnasium.
- 2.** A \$20,000 Grant to St. Louis District Turners for repairs required resulting from tornado damage at their District Camp.
- 3.** A \$15,000 Grant to Wilmington, Delaware Turners toward the cost for roof replacement required over their main gym area.
- 4.** An \$8,803 two-part Grant to Syracuse Turners toward the cost of a new 3 door, reach-in refrigerator, and for miscellaneous roof repairs.
- 5.** A \$9,858 two part Grant to Aurora Turners for a walk-behind Floor Scrubber, for use in their gymnasium, and also, for a new Electronic Scoreboard.
- 6.** A \$3,985 reimbursement Grant to American Turners for the purchase, engraving and placement, in Chicago's Graceland Cemetery, of a proper, granite, slant-stone grave marker for Turner Arnold Jahn, son of Friedrich Ludwig Jahn ("Father Jahn").

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees for the American Turners Jahn Education Fund

Frank C. Wedl, Chairman



American Turners
National Scholarship Committee
Report to National Convention
August 7th & 8th, 2026

Committee Members: *Thomas R Bozonelos (Chair), Giles Hoyt, Dan Ahern, Keith Mulrooney, Mike Dubis & John Beary (Nat Pres)*

Friday August 7th, 2026

National Scholarship Committee Report submitted to the 2026 National Convention Delegates, Officers, Committee Chairs & Guests.

Greetings Members & Guests,

The annual meeting of the Scholarship Committee was held on Tuesday June 30th, 2026. All members were in attendance except National President John Beary who was excused. The scholarship info document, the scholarship checklist and application form were reviewed. One approved change that will become effective January 1, 2027 is that the District President's signature will no longer be needed on the application form. All other requirements stayed the same as well as the award amount of \$3,000 payable ½ per semester per award recipient. The Scholarship Committee selected Mike Dubis, St. Louis District, Imperial Turners, to be appointed the next chair of this committee. Mike accepted. All other committee members expressed interest in continuing to serve on this committee for 3YRs.

As of the close on June 29th, 2026, the American Turners Scholarship fund had \$86,631.49 all of which is invested with RBC [Royal Bank of Canada] managed by B.B. Graham & Co. This amount represents a 1 YR yield of 21.75%! These monies are available to specifically provide funding for the scholarship program. All dues paying members support this scholarship program by contributing \$.50/ea. of their annual membership fee.

In January 2026, the 2nd payment of \$1,500 was remitted to the following recipients:

- (a) Aurora University Office of Student Financial Aid on behalf of Riley Hettinger, IL District, Aurora Turners.
- (b) The University of Louisville Financial Aid Office on behalf of Alexis Thomas, Central States, Louisville Turners.
- (c) Campbellsville University Financial Aid Office on behalf of Mason Meisner, Central States, Louisville Turners.
- (d) University of Findlay Office of Financial Aid on behalf of Hannah Schultz, Central States, Toledo Turners.
- (e) Northern Kentucky University Student Account Services on behalf of Alyssa Perkins, Central States, Concordia Turners.
- (f) Northern Illinois University Financial Aid Office on behalf of Raymond Koehler, IL District, Northwest Turners.

The National Scholarship Committee received four [4] scholarship applications from the following members who are all in good standing. Congratulations and wishing each a very bright future:

- Mason Meisner, CSD, Louisville Turners [2nd awarded scholarship]
- Avery Adele Kurtz, Upper Midwest, Eastside Turners [1st awarded scholarship]
- Reagan Payne, ILD, Aurora Turners [1st awarded scholarship]
- Stephanie (Sam) Miller, ILD, Aurora Turners, [1st awarded scholarship]

Mason, Avery, Reagan and Stephanie (Sam) each received a congratulatory letter sent by the National Office. Each will receive a \$3,000 award with a \$1,500 payment that has been remitted directly to the school's Financial Aid Office for the 2026 Fall semester. A second payment of \$1,500 will be made for the Spring 2027 semester if all requirements are met.

Respectfully & With Turner Greetings,

Thomas R (Tom) Boxenels

National Scholarship Chair

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American Turners
Kuenzel Memorial Fund
Report to National Convention
August 7th & 8th, 2026

Trustees: *Thomas R Bozonelos (Chair), Michelle Lesperance, Dave Mulrooney, Frank Wedl, Sean Sendlein, John Beary (Nat Pres). Bruno Klaus was absent and excused.*

Friday August 7th, 2026

KMF Report submitted to the 2026 National Convention Delegates, Officers, Committee Chairs & Guests.

Greetings Members & Guests,

The annual meeting of the Kuenzel Memorial Fund was held virtually on Saturday January 17th, 2026. This meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM CT by Chair T. Bozonelos. All Trustees were present.

The Treasurer's Report found current holdings as of the close on June 29th, 2026:

\$ 1,509.62	[Old Second National Bank checking]
<u>\$596,502.63</u>	[Royal Bank of Canada Investments] *Represents a 1YR increase of 21.32%*
\$598,012.25	[Total Holdings]

Under Old and Adjourned Business, a motion was made by Dave Mulrooney. Seconded by Sean Sendlein to donate \$25,000 to the Endowment Trust of American Turners for promoting, educating and sponsoring gymnastics using the three ETF grants i.e., 50/50 Equipment Grant, Society Payroll Grant and Safety Certification Grant using only the interest gained from the monies that were awarded to American Turners. Motion passed. Note: the usage of the donation is in alignment with that of the Kuenzel family.

Under New Business, discussion was held to research the development of offering a scholarship tailored for gymnastics programs to public schools in the five PA counties mentioned in the court decree.

Good & Welfare: Happy Birthday Frank Wedl! 90 years 'young' celebrated on May 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am (Central time).

Respectfully & With Turner Greetings,

Thomas R (Tom) Bozonelos

Chair - Treasurer

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Report of the National Historian

2026

Gut Heil!

Over the past year, I've answered questions about Turner history from various correspondents via email. These exchanges include assisting historians with research and helping genealogists track down information about ancestors. I am interested in the archives and photographs your local club might hold. Feel free to come up and talk with me at the convention.

We continue to cooperate with the Ruth Lilly Special Collections and Archives at IU Indianapolis. Working with staff archivist Samantha Bruer, we are filling gaps in their digital collections. Over the next year, she will develop a policy for the American Turners records, building on our ongoing relationship. It would formalize when and if they receive materials directly from the organization and address our approval process for gathering digital materials from our website.

Ernie Rohr, Friedrich Jahn's third great-grandson, shared that the Turnvater's son, Arnold, is buried in an unmarked grave in Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. The Jahn Educational Fund has generously agreed to pay for an appropriate monument, which will be installed this summer. Watch for further news.

Finally, check the American Turners website for a new monthly history blog.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Hoisington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel J. Hoisington
National Historian

Turner Topics Editor

The Turner Topics magazine continues to be a struggle at times to get content. This year has been good as far as content. I will be publishing last issue for 2026 in September. President John Beary needs to submit a president's message, Emily needs to provide a report, Sue should include a report, bids open for the 2028 National Bowling Tournament, several thank yous from Clinton will be included and what ever else I have on hand.

I recommend printing four issues, January/February, March/April, May/June most of which will be toward the 2027 American Turner National Festival to be hosted by New Ulm Turners, of sixteen pages each. The final issue for 2027 would be in the fall of 2027.

I know that the talk of not sending a Topics by USPS is going around. We have gathered more email addresses and have reduced the number of printed copies down to about 4200. We still have an older generation that do not have emails. I do not know if the whole council knows it, there are three lists that the national has, mailing list, electronic list and a do not mail list. Everyone one on the council, ETF and Jahn Fund is on the mail list and some if not all are on the electronic list. Everyone is included on the mailing list, enabling you to verify that the Topics have been sent out—if anyone inquires—since you will have received a copy yourself. Switching fully to electronic communication is difficult because I don't know if senior members have email addresses or if societies keep those records and forward them to the national office. I would leave as is.

It has been over twenty years being your Topics Editor and I would like to continue in that role. Unfortunately, I will not be attending this convention due to hip replacement surgeries. I have not missed one for 40 years, but I will be back.

Central States District - Society Reports

Turners of Michiana

We have small gatherings at homes and restaurants. Plan to celebrate our honorary 40-year members.

Many of our members are advanced in years, but have children and grandchildren that are in our membership.

Our society participates in District and National Cultural events, and also at National Festivals in both Physical Education activities and Cultural. Four of our grandkids will be going this year, and our society will have two youth memberships.

We have a few families who bowl together.

We have 15 honorary members of 40 years and 25 paid members.

Dick Barnes was National Bowling Officer for many years, will be 101 this year, and Velma Miller is 96. She was honored at the last National Festival in New Ulm for attending 19 National Festivals.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Martin

Toledo Turners

Our Toledo Society currently has 84 dues-paying members and 8 honorary members. We have 226 children registered in our gymnastics program, of which 37 of those are on our girls team, and 17 of them are on our boys team.

We did not host a gymnastics meet in 2025, nor will we host one in 2026. However, we will again be hosting the Ohio boys USA Gymnastics State Championships in the spring of 2027. We are expecting over 400 young men from the state of Ohio at this event.

We held our Annual Team Banquet in June 2025 in Bowling Green, Ohio, at Stone Ridge Country Club. We hosted a gymnastics team Halloween party and a team Christmas party at the gym.

Our Emily Schultz participated in the youth national bowling and won first place in Division 1 with a 458 series.

Toledo Turners helped with the German American Festival in August of 2025 and will again in this year's Festival. 2025 was another very successful 3-day festival with over 35,000 guests enjoying the

festival activities, which include Children's Hummell contest, Steinstossen contest, Masskrugstemmen (one-liter beer stein hold) contest, live glockenspiel with live entertainment every hour on the hour just to name a few of the fun things.

Our Deutsche Volktanz Gruppe (folk dancers) consists of around 20 members and have kept busy over the last year with performances including dancing for the 3 days of the German American festival. They enjoy dancing at several other venues throughout the spring, summer, and fall. We are so proud of this group and the way they represent our Toledo Society throughout the community.

Respectfully submitted on June 13, 2026,
Edward McGee,
President AMERICAN TURNERS TOLEDO

River City Turners

River City Turners currently has 220 active members and 4 honorary members. Of these members, 268 children are enrolled in our recreational classes, and 23 gymnasts compete on our Xcel and Level 6 and 7 competitive teams.

Throughout the year, we hosted and participated in several community events and continued building relationships with local partners. We hosted the 2nd and 3rd sessions of the LMPD PAL program in April and August. In January, we launched a six-week Ninja course, which grew into a full Ninja class by May with 8 children enrolled. February brought our Bring a Friend Week, followed by our Easter Fun Fest in April and participation in the Frankfort Ave Easter Parade. May and June featured our Mother's Day and Father's Day Appreciation weeks, celebrating the families who support our gymnasts.

We also offered several clinics throughout the year to support our gymnasts' athletic growth and development, and celebrated their accomplishments with New Skills Parties for our recreational gymnasts and a team banquet honoring our competitive athletes. Additional programming included Special Needs Open Gym sessions and Parents' Night Out events. Our Summer Camps welcomed 16 children this year.

For Halloween, we collaborated with the Southwest Center for Intellectual Disabilities for their Annual Trunk or Treat. At the end of the year, we continued the celebration with Spirit Week, giving members a chance to show their team pride throughout the week. We hosted Pancakes with Santa and then closed out the year with our Competitive Team Christmas Party, honoring our team gymnasts and their hard work throughout the season.

Respectfully submitted July 3, 2026.
Nakia Harris,
President River City Turners Gymnastics

Fort Wayne Turners

The Fort Wayne Turners are nearly 700 members strong and continue to thrive as the oldest German-founded club in Fort Wayne, Indiana, providing recreational, athletic, and community opportunities for individuals and families of all ages. Our club is powered by volunteers, with approximately 99% of our programs, events, and operations made possible through the dedication of our members.

Throughout the year, our athletic programs served hundreds of participants. Our softball program featured 40 teams competing across five nights each week, making it one of the club's largest and most active programs. Our gymnastics program included approximately 75 athletes who proudly represented the Fort Wayne Turners at five competitive meets throughout the season. We also welcomed 65 youth basketball players, while our gym remained active year-round with men's basketball and pickleball on Fridays and Sundays. During the winter months, our cornhole league brought together 20 teams (40 participants), and our pool league continued to provide friendly competition on our two billiard tables.

The Fort Wayne Turners are proud to host one of the Midwest's largest softball tournaments each July, welcoming teams from across the region and showcasing our facilities and volunteers. This annual event has become a cornerstone of our summer activities and an important fundraiser for the club.

Community involvement remains at the heart of our mission. As one of the founding organizations of Fort Wayne's annual Germanfest, our members and volunteers dedicate countless hours each June baking traditional German apple and cherry kuchen, serving guests, and helping organize one of the city's most beloved festivals. We also support the community during the Johnny Appleseed Festival by parking hundreds of vehicles on our grounds and operating a food stand as a fundraiser for the club.

During the holiday season, the Fort Wayne Turners proudly give back to children in need through a partnership with a Fort Wayne Community Schools–based Christmas assistance program. Our members donate their time and resources to help ensure local children experience the joy of the Christmas season.

In the fall, we host our annual OkTurnerfest celebration, bringing together members and the community for a day of family fun featuring Trunk or Treat, children's activities, food, and live entertainment in the evening.

The success of the Fort Wayne Turners is measured not only by the number of programs we offer, but by the commitment of the volunteers who make them possible. Their dedication allows us to provide affordable recreation, preserve our German heritage, strengthen community connections, and continue serving the Fort Wayne community for generations to come.

Cincinnati Central Turners

Here in Cincinnati, we've had a great start to 2026!

We recently were approved to have Electronic Bingo Games in our hall, which has helped with our revenue.

We currently offer soft-tip dart leagues every Thursday and Sunday and a pool league every Monday. On Mondays, we also offer homemade meals every Monday for less than \$5. A group of older dancers holds a monthly dance to help senior citizens get out and stay mobile. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, we have Old Fashion Bingo. Tuesday hosts a spring/summer Archery club.

We recently held our Annual Luau Dance to raise funds for our Children's Auxiliary. For the 4th of July, we had a grill out, a potluck, and a fireworks show; we had a great turnout.

We currently have the following event schedules:

August – Annual CornBoil Softball tournament

September – 1st Annual End of Summer Extravaganza with a Firework Show

October – Annual Halloween Dance

November – Thanksgiving Eve Party; Weekly Sunday Turkey Shoots

December – Annual Ugly Sweater Contest/Party Kids Annual Christmas Party;
Weekly Sunday Turkey Shoots

We offer our hall for rentals and currently have many birthday and graduation parties scheduled, along with baby showers.

Louisville Turners

Louisville Turners has had a great start to 2026. Finishing one of our biggest circus shows in March, NorthStar. We started the summer with our annual Derby Boat Race event. Always a great event to get the summer rolling. We were thankful to have had a break from the flooding and to have gotten our pool up and running mostly on time this year.

Our Bowling Alley has been undergoing renovations, and we are almost finished while also staying busy with parties. Tyler Hammond has worked hard restoring it to its original decor.

The Spring weather started a little iffy this year with the rain, but hard to complain when spring has lasted so long on the Ohio. Giving us more time to enjoy the outdoors before the heat kicks in. Our Pavilion by the river has stayed busy with graduation parties, weddings, and concerts.

The circus has had another successful year with our Turners Circus Summer Camps. This program is run by our teens, who do an amazing job. We have six weeks of camps with 60+ campers and 20 teenage counselors. Please pray for me as I am the camp director! Just kidding, I wouldn't change it for the world. It is the highlight of my summer.

Louisville Turners is gearing up to host the 1st Annual National Pickleball Tournament. We are looking forward to that, along with our 5th annual Oktoberfest, which always signifies the end of summer.

Cindy Law -Gym Director & Past President

Illinois District Report

Aurora Turners:

As the largest society in the Illinois District, the Aurora Turners is the society with the most offerings for its members. They continue to hold classes, tournaments, and leagues in gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, softball, pickleball and floor hockey. Their hall is open seven days a week with food available most days. They have live entertainment several times each month which is enjoyed by Turners of all ages. Additionally, they run a wonderful, haunted trail during Halloween and a very successful outdoor concert during the summer. Aurora Turners did a tremendous job hosting the 2026 National Bowling Tournament. A wonderful time was had by all the participants.

Eiche Turners:

The Eiche Turners continue to meet quarterly at a restaurant where their members can get together and enjoy each other's company and reminisce about happier days. They have an active group that participates in most district events. They also continue to use their endowment to make very generous contributions to the Illinois Turner camp to help keep prices low and cottages affordable.

Elgin Turners:

The Elgin turners are open for business four to six days a week with food being offered most days. They have a pickleball court and a Golf simulator in their gym. Their fish fry is one of the best in the city and continues to be one of their biggest money makers. They also host 2 golf outings, and a softball tournament is held each fall. They are looking for more members as their current membership gets older.

Lincoln Turners:

The Lincoln Turners play volleyball each Friday night at a local church during the fall, winter, and spring months. During the summer they play at the Illinois Turner camp on Sunday mornings. They host a wonderful Christmas party at the Dank Haus and German Cultural Center. They also host their annual meeting at Illinois Turner camp. They have strong participation at almost all District and National events.

Northwest Turners:

The search for our new home continues. We have not yet found the right facility to call home, but we remain committed to finding the right place for us to carry on our mission. We continue to host regular membership meetings as well as 4 parties each year. Our members are also very active at all District and National events.

Illinois Turner Camp:

We are wrapping up our 112th season at Illinois Turner camp, with our final show this weekend and will highlight all the things that our campers have learned throughout the summer. Our youth program has continued to grow to almost 80 campers and our tiny tot's program has over 40. With these numbers growing our future looks bright. The District Council of the Illinois Turners was looking at the possibility of hosting a mini Turnfest in the summer of 2026 at Illinois Turner Camp. Unfortunately, we could not get this event going this year. However, we are not giving up. We hope to host this event in summer of 2029! These events were extremely popular in the past with societies from Saint Louis, Wisconsin, and Indiana in attendance. We hope that we can bring back this tradition.

With Turner Greetings,

Nick Barts

Illinois District Representative

Report of Lake Erie District for National Council Meeting

2026

Turner greetings to all attending the 2026 National Council Meeting.

The LED is holding strong at approximately 1000 members. Our District dues are only \$1 annually, so we are not all that strong, financially.

Annually, we hold an LED Council Meeting AND LED Convention concurrently on the same day in the Spring. Then we have our 2nd Council Meeting in the Fall. Other than that, LED is not all that active with events, gatherings, etc. In August, LED will be sending 4 delegates (from Akron) to the National Convention in Clinton, MA. Both LED and Akron have donated funds to each of the delegates to help support travel expenses.

Cleveland East Side Turners have officially dissolved as a society of the American Turners. As a result, they turned over all assets to American Turners for a total of \$192k. Their three primary members, Dick Lung, Walter Span, and Dick Lung Jr have transferred their memberships to the Akron Turner Club.

I have reached out to each of our societies, requesting a report detailing the goings on over the last year. The LED now has three societies: Akron, Detroit, and Buffalo. Please find their reports below.

[Akron:](#) Greetings from the Akron Turner Club,

Our society continues to thrive, and we are pleased to report that our membership is steadily growing as we approach the milestone of **1,000 members**. This growth is a testament to the strength of our organization and the dedication of our members and volunteers.

All of our committees remain highly active and continue to provide outstanding programs and opportunities for our membership. Throughout the year, we have hosted a wide variety of successful events, including live music, bus trips, craft nights, and many other social activities that have been well attended and enjoyed by our members. In August, we have a sold-out charter bus going on a “Turner Crawl” to a few societies in our Western, PA district (Beaver Falls, Rochester, and Monaca). We try to do this annually and the hosting societies are the most gracious and welcoming.

We are proud to have completed the **\$250,000 renovation of our bar area**, creating a more modern and welcoming space for members and guests. In addition, we continue to make ongoing improvements to our building through the revenue generated by our bingo machines, ensuring our facilities remain an asset for years to come.

Financially, our society remains fiscally sound and continues to maintain a strong financial position comparable to last year. Careful stewardship of our resources allows us to continue investing in our facilities and programming while ensuring long-term stability.

Our **George Spidle Baseball Field** is once again being utilized this season by a Little League team, allowing us to continue supporting youth sports and serving our local community.

Looking ahead, we are especially excited to be hosting the **61st Annual American Turners National Golf Tournament**, which is now just weeks away. We look forward to welcoming participants and guests from across the organization for what promises to be an outstanding event.

Overall, our society remains active, financially stable, and committed to providing exceptional opportunities for our members while continuing to invest in our future. We thank everyone whose time, dedication, and support make these accomplishments possible.

Detroit: We continue to be financially stable. We will be celebrating Shirley Schnieder's 40-year membership at a dinner celebration this month. We had members attend the National Bowling Tournament this year. We have various activities planned for the summer which include attending a baseball game at Jimmy John's Field and Monthly Golf/Dinner outings.

Respectfully submitted

Beverly Fletcher, District Rep.

Buffalo:

We have had a busy year for both our instructional classes and our competition teams. Classes have been at capacity with little turnover. We have added an adult gymnastics class which has been an overwhelming success. Some of our prior team members have returned to take part.

Our competition teams had a great season and once again we have 2 State Champions! One of our Level 9 gymnasts qualified for the Regional championship as well as Easterns (Nationals) held in Savannah, Georgia.

We have celebrated our 173rd anniversary this year. Nothing special was planned as so many of our "old Turners" have passed away. They were the ones who enjoyed getting together and talking about the old days when we had our own building and could do dinners and social events.

Our "Cocoa Cup" Invitational in December is drawing more gymnasts each year. Last year we had approximately 400 gymnasts from western New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Canada.

Our annual "Fun Meet" for our recreational classes in beginner, intermediate and advanced levels took place at the end of May with over 100 participants. Students learned routines designed by the coaching staff based on their age and levels. Team members acted as judges. Ribbons were awarded as well as a certificate. It was not required. It is an opportunity for parents and families to see what their children have learned and get a taste of competitive gymnastics and how a meet is run.

Our 6-week summer program will begin in July offering instructional classes Monday through Friday. Classes filled quickly.

As you can see, we are a gymnastics club. We do not own our building and do not offer any of the activities found in other societies. We are now including membership for our team families as part of their fees.

But interest in Turners is not there. I am the last of those who have any idea what Buffalo Turners was in the past. I do not know what will happen in the future.

Once again, I am sorry no one from Buffalo can attend the meeting. As always, if anyone is in the area, stop by!

Barbara Johnson

In summarizing, I would like to say that the LED is doing pretty well and financially sound. We are a solid district, with three relatively active societies. Each society has their own niche. So, as a district, we offer a lot of different activities where fun and exercise can be had by all who join and visit from other societies.

With Turner Regards,

Bill Severns, LED President

Middle Atlantic District Report to National Council Clinton Turners August,9 2026

Middle Atlantic District (MAD):

The MAD does not function as it should. There has not been a true district meeting since June or July of 2019. On a bright note, 2 delegates from Riverside Turners in NJ will be attending the Convention as delegates. And although there has been no official district meeting, there is talk amongst Riverside board and district President Mulrooney (Delaware) to maybe trying to get moving again if nothing else with Delaware and Riverside.

AMERICAN TURNERS OF BALTIMORE:

22 members. Meet quarterly to give updates on financial status. They have an active Monday Seniors group that does meet every week. The Baltimore membership goes to lunch for select Holidays. There are no group activities and currently no organized sports sponsored by Baltimore. During 2025 no donations were made to any charitable organizations. Elections are held every 2 years and coming up this December.

AMERICAN TURNERS OF DELAWARE (ATD):

167 members. ATD is doing ok. Still have a very active volleyball, both with our member club league 2 nights, as well as the Heyday Athletic group that rents Gym 3 or 4 nights for volleyball. Some basketball sporadically if the gym is open. ATD has an active shuffleboard league that runs 2 sessions that run from September to November & February to April. They also have Crazy 8's nights on Tuesdays in June, and off in the summer months. ATD's annual Irish Festival is held every March and again this past March was another fantastic and well attended event. ATD was able to get their gym roof replaced this Past October/November with help from the Endowment trust Fund (ETF) and the Jahn Fund and we are extremely thankful for their generosity and support of Turners.

RIVERSIDE TURNERS:

Riverside has been making huge strides, and busy making improvements to their historic building which include a new boiler and updating their air conditioning unit. A fantastic board that works well together, and actively and continuously trying to get things done. They do fundraising, blood drives, scholarships, social activities, and community involvement. They are making quite a name for themselves in the area the last few years. The Rathskellar has never done better. Main reason is the great bartending staff that is always looking for ways to entice and bring in new members. Currently just over 300 members, a true testament to their hard work and dedication. New fundraising ideas like paint and sip and a lady's afternoon lunch and a card reader. Hall rentals have grown so much over the last year and a half and it is rented out every Saturday and Sunday. They are excited that 2 members, Mike Dimiero and Ralph Elias, will be attending the National Convention as delegates in August. Annual Breakfast with Santa continues to be one of their biggest events as well as their annual Give A Christmas to help local families in need during Thanksgiving and Christmastime. None of these events and fundraisers and growth

would ever have happened if it was not for the current amazing board that is in place and working so hard. Riverside has not forgotten their legacy, and now they are bringing their society back into the forefront of their community.

ROXBOROUGH TURNERS:

140 members, still in their same location. They support Special Olympics, Kimberly Gallagher Memorial Fund, Relay for Life, and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Donations are made annually to the Roxborough Rebels Baseball team in support of their journey to Dreams Field in Cooperstown PA, and also to Roxborough Eagles Youth Football League. Many members volunteer their time making improvements. Recently revamped the gym, replaced the bar floor and new coolers, all through donations and volunteered labor. 50/50 raffles run throughout the year to benefit the Children's Christmas Party. Raffle money is used for Pictures with Santa, face painting, puppet show, food & drinks. Beef & Beers held frequently to help support members who are struggling with illnesses or to honor those who have passed (Kimberly Gallagher Dart Shoot and Fund for her children). They have Women's Dart league (April – September), Co-Ed Dart League (September – April). Horseshoe League (April – August). Seasonal horseshoe tournaments. Golf Outing in May, and our Children's Christmas Party.

New England District Report to the National Council

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

The New England District remains healthy and strong in terms of memberships and financial status. The district continues to hold competitions in bowling and golf. Clinton hosted the bowling tournament and Syracuse hosted the golf tournament. Below are the reports from each society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Leonard

New England Representative to the National Council

Adams Report:

We are looking forward to the beginning of bowling season on 9/8/26 - there will be 4 nights of bowling, 2 for the Women's league and 2 for the Men's league; Pitch league will begin in October.

For 2025 we had 150 members, we picked up 1 for 2026 and are currently at 151.

We will be having a few special events throughout the year, Music Trivia and Bingo, as well possibly regular trivia. We also have the annual Kids Christmas party in December.

This past March it was our pleasure to host the New England District Bowling tournament.

Recently we had a commercial shoot for Nike filmed here, they found us on Facebook as they were looking for an old-time gym, the pictures of the Kids Christmas party prompted their call. We have not seen it yet but they are supposed to be sending it to us, we are looking forward to that as well.

We continue to hold our monthly meetings throughout the year, as always....

Hope this finds you well....

WTG,

Ginny

Clinton Report:

Clinton Turners remains strong and stable. Our membership continues to increase year over year. Members from our society continue to participate in all of our District and National events. This year we hosted the district bowling with 42 bowlers and was very successful, our Clinton league bowlers showed well and captured a few podium spots. Our gym program continues to grow and expand with more recreation classes being offered and our Team gymnasts continuing to garner awards in very competitive USA Gymnastics events, at various Xcel levels within the competitions. With the summer winding down and the fall about to start the Clinton Society enters its silly season with two major fundraisers, Old Home Days and Oktoberfest, fall leagues in darts, billiards, cribbage, poker and pitch starting up, as well as planning for the 2027 New England District "Michael 'Ski' Horoszewski Memorial Bowling Tournament. Our revenue streams through investments and monthly events continue strong managed by the Trustees, Treasury and Club Manager.

Respectfully submitted with Turner Greetings,

Frank Leonard, President, Clinton TurnVerein Corporation

HOLYOKE

The Holyoke Turners Club is currently open Wednesday through Saturdays (through Sundays starting September 7th) of each week. The hours are Wednesday & Thursdays 4:00pm-Midnight (or earlier if all members have left), Fridays & Saturdays: 2:00pm - Midnight (or earlier if all members have left), and Sundays: 12:00pm - Midnight (or earlier if all members have left).

Our Society holds its meetings (Members and Board of Directors) on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our membership continues to grow, with 461 members as of July 23, 2026.

We offer Keno in our bar/lounge area, along with 2 shuffleboard tables and 1 pool table. We have a horseshoe league on Friday evenings, two annual Candlepin Bowling Leagues which will begin after Labor Day and run through the end of April. In addition to the leagues, there are weekly shuffleboard tournaments that take place throughout the year. Our building also has a full-size gym/basketball court and an outside area with a deck, picnic tables and cornhole. Other activities that were/are planned every year include our Annual Golf Tournament (to benefit the Children's Christmas Party), Fall Pig Roast, and many other Club functions such as Cinco de Derby Party (Celebrating Cinco de May and The Kentucky Derby), Members Spring into Summer Picnic, Halloween Costume Party, The Children's Christmas Party and several other events throughout the year.

Many members participated in the New England District Bowling Tournament at the Cliton Society in 2026..

Kim Hollenbeck, Holyoke Turners

Providence Report:

Providence Turners currently offers gymnastics classes as well as a banquet hall that we rent out almost every weekend for events of all kinds. We are a very small society and our membership numbers have not changed much the past several years. We currently have not hosted any District or National events at our location.

Let me know if you need any further information.

Kind regards,
Melissa

SYRACUSE - Wednesday, July 8, 2026

TO: American Turners National Council

RE: Update on the status of the Syracuse Society

This past year we have hosted many different events to keep our club alive and well.

We have bowling leagues on

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings and every other Friday. We have started our youth bowling back up full time

on Saturday mornings (it was changed to every other week last year). Our leagues went above & beyond with monetary

donations to the club to help us keep up with our expenses.

During the summer, we are only open Wednesdays-Fridays to keep down on our overhead. We have a men's golf

league named after our longtime member, Al Knieser. So starting this year, we had one of our great volunteers making

up food for the golfers after they are done and they come to the club for some delicious food and comradery. And last

year we actually started a ladies league. Once Labor Day hits, we will be back open Mondays through Saturdays. This

seems to be working and we're able keep our expenses down when our income is also down

We started hosting a "meat bingo" once a month during the whole year, where the prizes are packages of meat & the

fixings which has been very successful

We have a monthly Bunco league on Wednesdays for those members that don't like bowling or are unable to bowl.

We have gone to a "skeleton" paid staff of one bartender and one maintenance person. Everyone else that does

anything at the club is 100% volunteer including managing the club, accounting, etc.

As for our communications to our members, we do a weekly email "blast" to keep our members informed on what we

have going on at the club. And we still have our monthly newsletter, the "Turner Spirit" being sent out by mail & email

to our members with different articles that we think they will find interesting. I believe we started this back in the

1980's and continue to do it to this day. And lastly, we have an extra "television" that we use now strictly for club news

and announcing birthdays, etc.

Our property taxes are current but as you know, it's a never-ending battle. We have many fundraisers planned for the

coming year to help us offset these expenses.

Our building right now is in "okay" condition and our roof is in desperate need of repair along with interior damage. We

have contracted with a local roofing company to handle the repairs. One of our long - time members passed away and left

us a very generous donation that will just cover the cost of the roof repairs. We have much old equipment in our club, and the compressors all seem to go at the same time. We fortunately have members that can do that for us, once again as volunteers and we cover the cost of the equipment. We have also added 10 new members this past year which is very good for us and have had 3 past members rejoin. We are hoping to run a new membership campaign again this year. This year we have kept our kitchen open every Friday even during the summer months which seems to be helping us. Once the bowling leagues start in October, we will have the kitchen open every Thursday & Friday during this time. during the season. We've also hosted a couple of outings to our local AAA baseball park so we can get together with our Turner family. Here are some of the events we have planned for the next few months along with our bowling leagues & bunco league:
September 20th – Our 1st ever Ron Morgan's Red Solo Cup pig roast. We are inviting our new members to attend this at half the price to get them more involved with the club. And handing out our bylaws, etc to them to welcome them to the club.
October 5th – We'll be going on a Wine/Beer tour in our beautiful Finger Lakes region & return to the club for a meal
October 25th – Baseball pool party
November 2nd – Election Day Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
November 15th – Annual Gemütlichkeit dinner (Sauerbraten dinner)
December 20th – Adult holiday party
December 13th - Kids Holiday party
We hope this finds you all well
With Turner Greetings,
Judy Bacon
Vice President

**NEW YORK DISTRICT
REPORT TO 81ST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN TURNERS
August 7-8, 2026
CLINTON, MA**

NEW YORK DISTRICT

The New York District has not held any competitions or sponsored any social events.

AMERICAN TURNERS NEW YORK

Robert Gray is the current President of ATNY. I am informed that at present it has 105 members but as of my last conversation with a board member approximately 26 individuals decided to join. That is certainly a positive report. ATNY does have monthly meetings usually four membership meetings during the year.

ATNY receives a lot of its funding from an organization called Legacy which rents the gym for its volleyball players. ATNY also has a group of Turners who enjoy playing Pickelball.

Their swimming pool is certainly popular a draw and fortunately there are lifeguards. I am told that kids will get swim instructions. That is a great idea.

Inge's Art classes are also popular – some of these art classes are held for adults at the bar.

ATNY also sponsors social activities – marching in parades, special picnics and, of course, this year – the 4th of July get together.

LONG ISLAND TURNERS

James Goetz is its President. At present LIT has 38 members.

Long Island has one major membership meeting a year which is held at a local restaurant. Turner business is taken care of and then the social aspect takes over. Most members attend and it is really a social event. Whatever Turners business comes up during the course of the year – phone calls are made and members are brought up to date.

Several members of Long Island do participate in the Turner National Bowling Competition. Several of the LI Turners participate with ATNY when groups get together for Pickelball.

To keep our members involved, president Jim Goetz encourages Long Island Turner members to get together at social gatherings – lunches – dinners, etc,

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Oppelt

Marion Oppelt, President
New York District



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June 30th, 2026

Annual St. Louis District Report to the National Council

I hope this correspondence finds everyone well and in good health. I wanted to take a moment to update you on the status of the St Louis District Turners.

The St Louis District continues to stand strong in the community as reflected by our societies bringing in new young families. We have not seen as much decline in membership as would be expected during economically challenging time. Our district membership has been holding steady with 274 members currently.

St Louis District board continues to work hand in hand with the St Louis District Turner Camp board to keep the camp a jewel in our community. It was great to see the individual societies step up both physically and financially during the construction projects at the camp this year. They were able to complete some pool and shower house renovations in the off season and again came together to clean and do additional painting of pool prior to opening this spring.

The commitment did not stop there as yet again we came together to clean the camp up after spring storms. To prevent future risk of damage they also cut down additional trees. Trees are never ending around here. With assistance from the ETF and Jahn funds we were able to make massive repairs to our creek systems at the Turner Camp to prevent additional storm water damage going forward. Again with the assistance of the Jahn fund we made many repairs to our roofs from a tornado last year. One big building to go.

With our diverse membership we were able to help on all of these projects without having to solely rely on contractors. From retired construction workers to professional masons, electricians and general labor, everyone came together to donate their time and skills to help the whole district.

To strengthening cross-society relationships, we are once again planning a district wide "Day at the Camp" this fall. It is tentatively set for after the early fall season to maximize the potential for participation.

Wishing you all well,

Michael T. Dubis
President,
St Louis District Turners

Concordia Turners Year in Review 2026

Membership

Concordia continues to be strong with our membership. Our current membership is almost 200 families. The interest in gymnastics, trampoline and tumbling, boys' gymnastics, pickleball, dance classes, ninja, cheer leading and adult gymnastics has grown dramatically. Currently, we are the only gymnastics organization in the St. Louis area offering adult gymnastics and trampoline and tumbling classes. So much so, we have a waiting list.

Events

April – Dance Recital – we celebrated over 90 dancers at our facility demonstrating our Dance Program. We offer all ages starting at 3 yrs old to Adult Dance. This event is traditionally our kickoff to next month's event celebrating our Gymnastics and Trampoline Program.

May – Stiftungsfest – Our Founders Day Celebration – athletes of all ages come together for one night to demonstrate their skills on our stage. This includes Tiny Tots classes to adult gymnastics. This is also our biggest fundraiser setting a goal of raising \$15,000 on average to continue to improve our programs and coaching.

June – Pool season starts – we continue to provide fun and frolicking for our members and pool only members with swim lessons and open pool sessions seven days a week.

Our schedule remains consistent throughout the course of our class schedule.

Registration for classes starts in the beginning of August. We give our current members priority choices for classes.

September events – Oktoberfest – this is a family event with a band, German food, a specialty beverage, cold beer, and lots of fun. It is open to all community members.

November – 100 Club Dinner – Concordia has a yearly dinner to celebrate those who are part of our 100 Club. This is a fundraiser for our society. Members donate \$100. We draw one lucky number to receive \$100 monthly. We have our dinner to draw winners for \$700, \$200, and \$100 winners. This generally generates \$10,000 for our society.

December – Breakfast with Santa – we have resurrected Breakfast with Santa for children and adults. This is typically the first weekend in December. We publicize this on social media sites as well as local schools. It has been a very well attended event.

Our newest rental caters to a group of pickleballers in the area that are seniors. They rent the gym weekly in the morning for a few hours, play pickleball, and socialize. They are very thankful for the opportunity to stay local.

Our membership continues to grow as well as our financial stability. We look forward to continuing our season from January to April, when we kickoff our skills demonstration with our dance recital.

With Turner Regards,

Megan Hetz, President of Concordia Turners



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June 30th, 2026

Imperial Turners Annual Letter to the National Council

I hope this correspondence finds everyone doing well and in good health. I wanted to take a moment to update you on the status of the Imperial Turners.

The Imperial Turners continue to have good participation and have seen slight growth this year. Our current membership is 55.

Several Imperial Turner members continue to be very active in providing maintenance and support at the St Louis District Turner camp. This year our large project included helping with the improvement to the swimming pool. Imperial members were active in all levels of project management from the design phase through the current construction phase. We were also part of the crew that preformed storm cleanup after strong spring storms took out several trees again. We also did some preventative tree work removing several other at risk trees. We just finished half of the repairs from a tornado that damaged most of our roofs at the Turner Camp from last year.

We continue to encourage our membership to look for opportunities to meet Turner members from other societies when using the St. Louis District Camp. We are planning once again with the District board to hold a get together for all St. Louis District societies this fall.

Wishing you all well,

Michael T. Dubis

President, Imperial Turners

North St Louis Turners report

We have had our annual outdoor breakfasts on Memorial Day and Labor Day at the St L District Turner Camp. Various members have been busy at the district camp. A few members have been able to get together for some golf. One team of bowlers attended the National Tournament. A Christmas party is being planned for this year.

Due to age and damage of our building, we are renovating and going to do additional work to make it more presentable.

Looking forward to additional activities and the national bowling tournament in the future.

Hanging in there hoping for the good times to roll again.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Dirnbeck

Financial Secretary NSTLT



2026 National Council Report - Upper Mississippi Turner District of American Turners

UMT District Meeting

The UMT District Board has continued to meet biannually & communicate on a regular basis. We have had 1 virtual meeting so far this year on March 10th & will have our second meeting either at Keystone Turners or virtually on November 17th, 2026.

There were no changes to the UMT District board from last year. 2026 – 2027 UMT District officers are as follows:

President Liz Eichner – Northwest Davenport Turners

Vice President Justin Selk – Keystone Turners

Treasurer/Financial Secretary Brad Sievers – Keystone Turners

Secretary – Erin Janss – Keystone Turners

Trustee – Jeff Junge – Keystone Turners

2026 UMT District individual society membership statistics were noted as follows:

Moline submitted membership information to the UMT District board in 2024 that covers the 4 paid members through 2027.

Paid Membership as of this report:

Moline Turners: 3 PD members (as of 2025) Keystone Turners: 63 PD members (as of 2026)

NW Davenport Turners: 17 PD

Upper Mississippi Turner District 2026 Total ***Paid*** Memberships: **83**

Keystone Turners: Keystone, as always, has had a busy year with their usual annual events as follows:

- Turnerettes assisted in Turner activities, promoting, holiday decor, and benefit breakfasts.
- Santa Claus / hand out presents to all kids who attend.
- Easter Egg hunt.
- Halloween Costume Contest
- Benton High School girls and boys bowling practices and matches.
- Testicle Festival.
- Adult and kid bowling leagues.
- Craft Show.
- Scholarships to graduating students.
- Annual Golf outing.
- members meetings and meals.

- Children's Day.
- Fish Fry.
- New Years Supper.
- Special Chef meal on Friday night suppers once a month.
- Valentine Steak/Shrimp Supper.
- Car Show in August.
- Tractor Cade.
- ATV Cade.
- Bowling parties for kids and Christmas parties for families and businesses.
- Weddings, receptions, class reunions, and funerals.
- \$ donations from members for special equipment needs of the Hall.

Keystone Turners: Bowling leagues for men, women & juniors are still ongoing. There is some extra revenue from hosting bowling tournaments for local schools.

As always, financial assistance from any group that has money and willing to donate to for the betterment of Keystone Turners.

As of 2024, Keystone Turners still had a mortgage of approximately \$300,000 on their building that was built in 2006 after the original building burned down.

Moline Turners: No Report from Moline as of this report.

Northwest Davenport Turners: 2026 has been a year of survival. We have a new board member for the Communications/Recording Secretary office, with all other officers remaining the same as 2025. Officers are:

President – Sarah Johanson

Vice President – Roger Daniel

Membership/Financial Secretary – Kory Darnall

Communications/Recording Secretary – Raven Johanson

Northwest Davenport is attempting to have membership meetings quarterly. Participation in the meetings is still low, however, there is involvement on a national level as well as within the Upper Mississippi Turner District. We are trying to get more involvement from current members by holding a variety of activities throughout the year. There is a 4-person best ball golf outing in the planning stage for August 30th, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth (Liz) Eichner

Upper Mississippi Turner District President & National Council Representative

Upper Midwest Turner District

(Formerly Wisconsin Turner District – since 1865)



TO: 81st NATIONAL CONVENTION - August, 2026
FROM: UPPER MIDWEST DISTRICT

The Upper Midwest District currently has 5 societies – New Ulm, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Eastside Milwaukee and Madison.

NEW ULM TURNERVERIEN had an amazing year. Our gymnastics program is active and classes are full. Under Executive Director Andrea Boettger's leadership, we have great programs, everything from the old (Fourth of July) to the new (Dodgeball). With a grant from the Goethe Institute, we'll be hosting a Science Film Festival later this year, looking at issues such as sustainability and biodiversity. Andrea also schedules Turner Talks where local speakers discuss contemporary issues. The Turner Ladies, our auxiliary, meets monthly and holds several fundraisers, including the ever-popular Sauerkraut Supper.

Last September, Turner Hall hosted the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Conference, and Dan Hoinsington gave the keynote address on "New Ulm as a Turner Town." This summer, the Germanic American Institute in St. Paul will host our traveling exhibit on New Ulm Turner history. We are looking forward to 2027 and the return of the National Festival to New Ulm, July 27-31, 2027

SHEBOYGAN TURNERS is hanging on by a thread, with only 2 paying members and 3 honorary members. We lost a life-long member. Bob Minster was involved in everything Sheboygan Turners had to offer, included but not limited to teaching gymnastic classes and playing volleyball.

MILWAUKEE TURNERS is thriving. They are very active in social programs benefiting the Milwaukee area. Joan Christopherhson, a longtime member, was awarded the Upper Midwest District Hall of Fame award. She is very deserving of this award.

EASTSIDE MILWAUKEE TURNERS members attended the German Turnfest, along with 11 members for LA Turners, representing American Turners. Everyone participated in at least one event. Eastside Turners along with M&M Gymnastics are interested in hosting an American Turner Gymnastics meet next year, in conjunction with another meet M&M will be hosting. An American Turner Youth Member competed at the prestigious Nastia Luiken meet. Our district and Madison Turners donated money to assist with Avery's travel expenses to attend that meet. Eastside has about 15 adult members that attend gymnastic classes. Most of them are planning to attend the National Festival in 2027.

MADISON TURNERS has a vibrant gymnastics and volleyball program. The Maennerchor singing group is doing well with their new director.

On behalf of the Society Presidents within the Upper Midwest District, we hope everyone keeps living the Turner moto, Sound mind – Sound body.

Michelle Lesperance
Upper Midwest District President