



# Los Angeles Turners News

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## National Turner President To Address Yulefest

American Turners topper Bill Severns will be the guest of honor at the LA Turners' December 11 Christmas Party at Alpine Village. President Severns comes to Los Angeles for a two day trip in which he will visit the new Turner Center and meet with LA Presider Dennis Fredricks to discuss shared Society concerns.

This is Bill Severns' first trip to Southern California on Turners business and we look forward to personally making his acquaintance.



## Christmas Party on December 11

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## Turners Sing With Frohsinn @ Herbstkonzert



On November 17th our Turner Singers joined in the Fall celebration at the Herbstkonzert of the Gesangverein Frohsinn at Alpine Village.

## Annual Assembly At Alpine - An Abstract

October 28 saw the yearly confab of the Los Angeles Turners, held at 3 PM at Alpine Village where once again, the issues of the day were robustly debated. Longtime Turners Christel Chang and Harry Herbert appeared after long absences, but in the Turner family, it was as if it was only yesterday. Two new members, two capable architects, Liliانا and Andreas Gritschke, were initiated by the Dean of the Turners, Carl Schaefer.

President Dennis Fredricks, Membership Secretary Angie Hegedus, Bill Williamson for Treasurer Eliane Ubassy-Butler, American Turners and DAV rep Carole Brennan, and Choir Director Inge Crongeyer reported to the Turners in attendance. Each member also had the opportunity to review the annual financial report of the Society that was prepared by the Turners' accountant. Five numbered copies of the financial report were given to the members to examine. The membership

approved the report by acclamation. Bill Dinsenbacher suggested an interest bearing checking account. Hugo Bakos replied that only the minimum funds were kept in the checking account, so therefore interest from that balance would be minimal.

The Turner Center developments took center stage. A comprehensive report was given by General Manager Alexander Hast, and Andreas Gritschke informed the members of the currently planned architectural details by way of an animated virtual walk-through, projected onto the wall-sized screen of the venue. Real estate veterans Kuno Gertz and Harry Herbert initiated a lively discussion about parking covenants

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## Calendar 2007

December

- 2 Alpine Village Clubhaus, 2pm, Children's Christmas
- 2 Phoenix Club - Christmas Bazar
- 9 Phoenix Club - Children's Christmas Program

11 Los Angeles Turners - Christmas Party in the Emerald Room at Alpine Village, 6:30 pm



## Calendar 2008

2nd Weekend in January - GAMGA Gala in Las Vegas

# Discussions

My dear fellow Turners,

Another year is coming to an end and Advent begins. Our own Christmas party, slated for December 11, promises to be a sparkling highlight of the holiday party season and I hope to see you all there. We are especially pleased to welcome the President of the American Turners, Bill Severns, as our guest of honor.



Since our last newsletter, we have conducted our annual meeting of the membership, where we were happy to see the return of some great Turners like Christel Chang and Harry Herbert. At the October 28 conclave, we were treated to a virtual walk-through of the Turner Center by way of an animated wall-sized presentation by our architects, Andreas and Liliana Gritschke, both of whom were sworn in as Turners that day by Dean Carl Schaefer. The walk-through enabled us to visualize every corner of the new facility as it will look after the remodeling is completed.

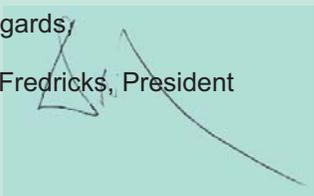
The Singers brought recognition and praise to our Society with their strong performance at the November 17th concert at Alpine Village. A well-deserved tip of the Turner hat goes out to Inge Crongeyer and each of the choir members.

Our Turner family got a little richer and little cuter with the birth of baby Isabella Adlam on November 13. Best wishes to proud parents Doris and Boris Adlam!

The 2008 Session of Karneval began at 11 minutes after 11 AM on the 11th the day of the 11th month. Alaaf and Helau!

Best regards,

Dennis Fredricks, President



## Annual Assembly...

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and zoning and building permits, with Alex and Andreas fielding the questions.

Richard Imendorf asked the Board to hold quarterly meetings. Dennis Fredricks stated that the Newsletter provides the members with more local Turner news, more often, more timely, than the Society has ever been provided before. Nonetheless the Board is happy to call additional General Membership meetings, but due to the costs, we must weigh that there is sufficient interest and attendance to even have quorum.



Photo top: The Dean of the Turners, Carl Schaefer, initiates the newest members, Liliana & Andreas Gritschke during the General Membership Meeting.

Elections for the three vacating Board posts were held. Alexander Hast nominated President Dennis Fredricks, CFO Eliane Ubassy-Butler and interior design artisan Corneliu Radulea for re-election. Bill Williamson asked for additional nominations from the floor.



Karen Imendorf asked if there was an opening on the board. Hugo Bakos stated that a spot will be up for election in one or two years and asked for a motion to close the nominations. Ilona Skarpidis made the motion and it was seconded.

Bill Dinsenbacher suggested that the three nominees should continue their work and that the membership should re-elect them. The three nominees were re-elected with one abstention by Christel Chang, and no opposing votes.

Dennis Fredricks announced the Turners' Christmas Party would be on December 11 at the Alpine Village's Emerald room at 6:30.

Richard Imendorf asked again to reinstate the quarterly meetings. He stated that he does not sing or fence, so the only information opportunities for him were the membership meetings.

Dennis offered that the January Board Meeting will be an open members' meeting. If there is quorum, the assembly will vote as a members' meeting. If not, it will still serve the purpose of offering information. The 2007 conclave adjourned at 5:07 PM.



## House Report



The engineers are still working on the electrical, Air Conditioning and plumbing plans. After the last meeting that Andreas Gritschke and I had with the Engineers to coordinate the Architect's plans with their plans, they have been working on the corrections. This coordination makes it likely that we will not have to make too many corrections on the plans when they are with the city, and in this way we will save some valuable time.

In the photo on the right is Mehrdad Rokni who



came to the Turner Center to take some final measurements for his plans and have a look at our roof, where our new Air Conditioning units will be located. As soon as their plans are finished, Andreas and I will take this final version to the city. The next step ahead is a public hearing about the parking situation.

*Alexander Hast*  
General Manager

# A FUN-FILLED NIGHT AWAITS YOU

Our annual Yulefest has long been a popular-pleaser and we hope to keep the tradition alive again in 2007. To make it possible, we need the most important participant of the evening - YOU. Just turn over this page, select your dining preference, and fill out the order and send it in!

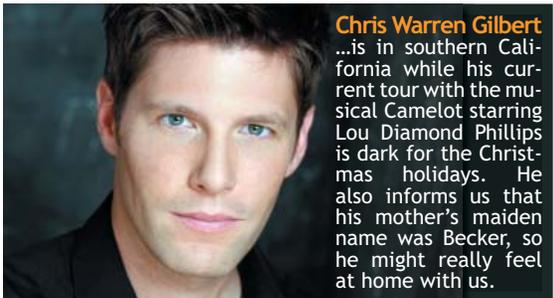
Highlights of the evening will include seasonal musical entertainment by Elna Binckes and Chris Warren Gilbert, the return by popular demand of the swordswallower David Markham, a

reprise of the big-screen virtual walk-through of the Westchester Turner Center by architect Andreas Gritschke, meeting Bill Severns the president of the American Turners, a special lifetime service award to Carl Schaefer, raffling gifts from German-World and Musical Theater West and of course German and American Christmas carols sung by and led by our Turner Singers. Text sheets will be provided.



**The Advent wreath** (Adventskranz) is believed to have been introduced by Martin Luther. It is made out of branches of the fir tree (Tannenzweige). The wreath is decorated with red ribbons and has four red candles. It can be hung from the ceiling or be placed on the table.

The first Sunday after the 26th November (four Sundays before Christmas) is the first Advent (der erste Advent). On this Sunday, one candle is lit. Every following Sunday one more candle is lit until on the fourth Sunday all candles are lit - the fourth Advent. This custom symbolizes the coming of Christ with all his light and radiance.



**Chris Warren Gilbert** ...is in southern California while his current tour with the musical Camelot starring Lou Diamond Phillips is dark for the Christmas holidays. He also informs us that his mother's maiden name was Becker, so he might really feel at home with us.

**Elna Binckes...**

...is happy to be making a second appearance with the Los Angeles Turners, having jumped in at the last minute last spring to lead the singers. A native Californian, Elna has performed on stages throughout the US and abroad. Some of her favorite roles include Lois/Bianca in Musical Theatre West's production of Kiss Me Kate and Adelaide in Guys and Dolls. A gymnast since age 4, she is an accomplished stunt-woman and works extensively with Disney doing a variety of stage shows and special events. Her daughter, Allison, also keeps her very busy.



## BIRTHDAYS

### December

Christel Chang	Dec. 2
Else Lotz	Dec. 8
Angie Hegedus	Dec. 16
Ilse Stassart	Dec. 17

### January

Doris Stöfler	Jan. 2
Dennis F. Fredricks	Jan. 6
Hildy Symonds	Jan. 9
Gisela Heumann	Jan. 20
Arthur Angstenberger	Jan. 21
Willi Jablonski	Jan. 27

### February

Edeltraud Schober	Feb. 1
Theresa Merle	Feb. 2
Lilly Layton	Feb. 4
Renate Kix	Feb. 13
Otto Nell	Feb. 14
Ilona Scarpidis	Feb. 16

**Congratulations!**

**David Markham**  
...is around - watch your swords and Silverware

**As seen on TV!**  
(HBO's 'Carnivale' & many others)

**REAL Sword Swallowing!**



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