



# Los Angeles Turners News

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**letter**  
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## Discussions



*Short bytes from the discus thrower*

**Six new candidates** have applied for membership in the Los Angeles Turners since the inception of the fencing program. Meet our newest Turners in the Fencers report in this newsletter. Better yet, come down any Monday at 7:45 PM to Lindbergh Park in Culver City. Call Dennis Fredricks at (310) 820-3600 for more information.

**Check our Website** at [www.laturners.com](http://www.laturners.com). Website designer and webmaster Alexander Hast has created an internet site for our Society that is both informative as to content as well as attractive and stylish. Much of it is available in both German and English.

**Hello Kyle!** Ray and Lilly Layton wear many hats and now they wear two more: Oma and Opa. Congratulations on the birth of their Grandson Kyle, the youngest Turner who arrived in time for Christmas, on December 23rd, 2002.

**General Meeting in April:** By popular request, we would have a second general meeting in the year in addition to the customary one annual meeting in October if we have sufficient RSVPs to guarantee a quorum. Look for more information as April gets closer.

**Calendar preview**  
with participation of Turners

**March 30, 2 pm**  
Spring Concert  
Turner Singers

**April 5**  
Frohsinn Damenchor  
Frühlingskonzert

**April 26, 3 pm**  
General Membership  
Meeting

**May 4**  
German American League  
Maifest  
Phoenix Club

**June 22, 2 pm**  
Sommerfest/Garden concert  
Turner Singers

## Choir Notes

It seems that the month of December never has enough days... too many events being planned for the same day, even though the DAV (German American League) has an updated calendar at the monthly meetings for all delegates to take to their respective presidents – somehow we cannot get it right.

In any rate, we had planned our Christmas concert one year in advance for December 1, 2002 and we needed to keep that date, even if it meant some of our faithful friends would not



come and support us. Other priorities gave way and they surely missed a wonderful festive musical presentation by our small yet strong group. Who can resist the beautiful sound of Christmas and the festive mood shared by all? Needless to say, we had fun rehearsing all those familiar and some new (for us) melodies. It almost lends itself to be repeated next year.

We wish to thank all who came to hear us sing. May the joyful sounds of this wonderful season surround you and linger in your hearts throughout the New Year!

December 8th brought our movie friends together for a delicious potluck luncheon and a Christmas video from Switzerland. Sitting around the long table, everyone

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shared some special story from their childhood of Christmases long ago. No other time of the year has more special meaning and it is then when the child in us still remembers „Oh, du fröhliche, o, du selige, gnadenbringende Weihnachtszeit...“.

President Dennis Fredricks welcomed everyone at our annual Christmas dinner on December 14th; it brought old and new members and guests together. The gourmet food, as always, was prepared by Eugen Goetz, who also presented each guest with tasty „Pfälzer Leberwurst“. The Dixon Children (Ilse’s grandchildren) with their talented

mother Diane performed for us and were rewarded by a visit from Santa Claus, who had sweet surprises for all children (Thank you, Santa, for a great job). There were mountains of cookies and Stollen for dessert, after which, Christmas cards received, were read by „yours truly“. Inge shared the Christmas story from the bible followed by our favorite sing-a-long with Linda Kaan, our director at the piano. Electrical problems in the kitchen put our dishwasher out of order and we thank all who helped with so many dishes and cleanup.

And so we came to the end of another „Turner year“. The choir still practices every Tuesday at 7:30. Feel free to join us and

**„Let’s keep singing!!!“**

*Lilly*

## Birthdays

### February

Edeltraud Schober	1
Theresa Merle	2
Lilly Layton	4
Viola Olenczuk	5
Otto Nell	14
Ilona Scarpidis	16
Marie Ramsperger	18

### March

Harry Herbert	3
Ray Layton	8
Gretchen Perry	12
Jan Roberts	28

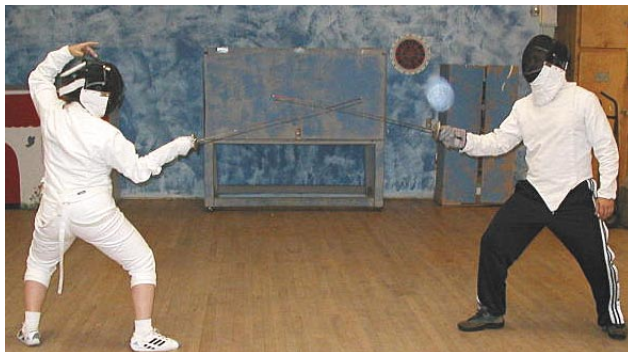
## Watch German Movies with the L A Turners

The Los Angeles Turners hold their movie afternoon every first Sunday of the month. On this occasion the Turners present a variety of German language movies.

## BOUTERS BRING BRAND-NEW BRETHREN

Four new Turners have joined and two applicants are pending from members of the community who were attracted to the Turners through the fencing program

that began in September, 2002. Marta Chausee Kelly, daughter of longtime Turner Gisela Chausee, and her son Joseph, are fencing weekly at Lindberg park in Culver City.



**Marta Chausee Kelly and Michael Kucherov bring foil fencing to the Turner team.**

D’Oberlandler President, Chris Regenfuss Jr., was welcomed as a Turner and spars on Mondays, as does Vienna-born Michael Kucherov.

The fencing “Riege” began with all-saber (Säbel) duellists in September. Michael Kucherov brought his experience in foil (Florette), a fencing weapon that Marta had also learned earlier.



The two fencers now are the foundation of a foil unit within the Turner Fencers. Alexander Hast has posted a link explaining the difference between these weapons on our website. Any epee (Degen) fencers out there?



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