



Los Angeles Turners News

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letter
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Discussions



Short bytes from the discus thrower

RETIRED SEAL: A marine animal from Sea World gets his gold watch? No. Our large metal corporate seal was retired in May and replaced by a modern hand-clasp seal. The vintage push-bar model may be the original from 1871 or a very early replacement, based on its design and assembly. Look for this item on display in the glass case in the Turnerhaus hallway. A special thanks to Eliane Ubassy, who donated the base cost of the new replacement seal.

TREKKING TURNERS: John and Inge Crongeyer are back from a cross country drive in which they logged some 7000 miles, taking in the Grand Canyon, the Blue Ridge Mountains and other popular sites along the way. Destination: To see their daughter, son-in-law

Pictures (left to right): The Maifest contingent of the LA Turners, Geburtstagskind Ellen Knodel with D.A.V. President Resi Lengsfeld, The Turners "Musketeers" Athos (Gregor), Porthos (Alex) and Aramis (Dennis), Trekking Turners John and Inge Crongeyer flank Lilly and Ray Layton, who flank Chris Regenfuss (D'Artagnan).



and grandson who live on the Atlantic shore in Norfolk Virginia. Just "dropping by" to see the family! Welcome back.

MAIFEST MEMORIES: On May 4, the Turner Singers, donning their "Scarlets", joined in a mass choir with other SoCal German singing societies to open the Maifest at the Phoenix Club. This annual rite of Spring is organized each year by the Deutsch-Amerikanischer Verband (D.A.V.) and plays host to some twenty member organizations and the several thousand individuals that form their base.



GEBURTSTAGSKIND: Ellen Knodel celebrated her 96th birthday on May 4. The milestone was recognized by D.A.V.



Calendar preview
with participation of Turners

June 29, 2 pm
Sommerfest / Garden concert
Turner Singers & Fencers

president Resi Lengsfeld at the Maifest, who led a tribute to our dear Turner sister and presented her with flowers.

HELLO DOLLY!: At long last, the Turnerhaus will have a four-wheel dolly to cart the folding chairs to and from the storage room to the main room or to the garden for our events. This time and back-muscle saver was the clever idea of board member Eliane Ubassy who also made a personal donation toward purchasing it. As one good deed deserves another, other board members followed suit. With Angie, Carl, Dennis, Marie and Viola chipping in the rest of the cost, our new dolly was no financial folly – no cost to the Turners.

VOTED IN: Gregor Reti from Frankfurt is our newest member. He was voted in at the May board meeting. Many of you met him at the Maifest, to which he brought his entire family. And if you're a fencer, you know that his is a saber to watch in the future.

VOTED UP: As if Alex Hast did not already have

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his hands full with the Turners website and the newsletter, he has also now earned his stripes as the Assistant Choir Director. And... his is also a saber to watch.

BREAKING AND BRAKING: Singers will "break" for the summer, suspending practices from June 24 to August 19. The fencers will "brake", meaning that they will have general open-fencing all summer beginning 9:00 PM Mondays, however, formal lessons will be suspended until after Labor Day.

Joyful reunion

On Mothersday, Lilly Layton and her daughter, Rommy Kuehler-Vraniak, celebrated a joyful reunion and visited a piece of German history in Simi Valley - a part of the German "Wall" at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library (photo). Rommy lives in Indiana, she was born in Germany - in the former GDR - and was only one year old when she and her parents moved to the US in 1958.



ELSIE NEUNDORF

Elsie Neundorf passed away April 8, 2003 in Burbank where she lived for 68 years. She left Germany and arrived in this county at the Port of Long Beach in 1930. Her sponsors were her uncle and aunt, Carl J. and Loveona Mettler. Carl Mettler, at that time, was the Turn and Dance instructor at the Washington Boulevard Turnverein.

Elsie participated in many of the athletic and social activities that were

conducted at that location. She also enjoyed many of the Turner hiking trips to the mountains and the summer weekends at the Turner cabin at Balboa Bay.

It was at a Turner dance that she met Hellmuth (Henry) Neundorf whom she married in 1934. Hellmuth was for many years an active participant in the Los Angeles Turner Männerchor. During that time Elsie always took part in the activities of the Turners and often helped in the kitchen.

Elsie's husband, Hellmuth, preceded her in death in December 1992. She leaves two children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Birthdays

June

- Cynthia Hast June 6
- John Beckner June 9
- Marianne Williamson June 12
- Betty Giesbret June 13
- Hugo Bakos June 15
- Edelgard Pedersen June 17
- Hildegard Best June 19
- Gisela Chausee June 19
- Alexander Hast June 20
- Hans Mueller June 21
- Walter Fuernkaes June 23
- Petra Schürmann June 27

July

- Anna Chen July 2
- Lieselotte Cresmer July 2
- Anton Merle July 7
- Renate Schneider July 10
- Gregor Reti July 13
- Ellen Dinsenbacher July 14
- Eugen Goetz July 14
- Gigi Lobnow July 14
- Nicholas Jaksic July 16
- Christa Dinsenbacher July 18
- Carolyn Mueller July 21
- Chris Regenfuss July 25
- Eliane Ubassy July 30
- Horst Niemann July 31

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Turner duellists (left to right):

- Michael Kucherov,
- Gregor Reti,
- Chris Regenfuss,
- Alexander Hast,
- Dennis Fredricks.