



# Los Angeles Turners News

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## Discussions



My dear fellow Turners,



A glorious Summer is peeking through the gloom mornings. That promising forecast could be the daily weather report, but it is also the promise of the LA Turners. Day-for-day, the pieces of our Turner Center come together, and on June 28, please be there to get a preview of what we will look like upon completion. Happily, it will not take as much imagination as it did, the last time we met there.

Just as in past years the LA Turners confirmed its ties to the American Turners and the German American League (DAV), where we are proud to be active members, in 2009 we are reaching out as well to the Westchester community that is our new home. Our membership in the Chamber of Commerce will better

acquaint us with the businesses and clubs that are our neighbors and build new friendships.

We remain committed to our traditional community ties. We were there in numbers at the DAV Maifest, and through Carole Brennan we were able to donate valuable tickets to Musical Theater West for the Berlin Gedächtniskirche fundraiser, and the recent Zachary Finals were not only supported by the Turners as donors, but a great many of us there as well to enjoy the very fine up and coming opera talent.

The song sings of those 'lazy, hazy, crazy days of Summer', which I wish for you all, with one of those being together with your fellow Turners on June 28.

Yours,

Dennis Fredricks  
President

## RAINER SCHILLINGS IS FIRST BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER

Rainer Schillings, publisher of the TOP Magazine in Cologne, was asked to be the first member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Turners. President Dennis Fredricks and Vice-President Carole Kulzer-Brennan presented him with the Certificate on May 11. Rainer Schillings will be present at the Turner Center on June 28th.



## LAX COASTAL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES LA TURNERS

Whenever you begin a new project or adventure, it's wonderful to have friends and colleagues to help you along the way. The members of the LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce have become such friends and colleagues, warmly welcoming



us at their annual ChamberFest. Representing the LA Turners were Carole Kulzer Brennan and Irma and Alexander Hast.

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## TURNERS ENJOY MAIFEST TOGETHER

"Do we march in 2 or 3 abreast?" "Left foot first?" "Where are we sitting?" "Can you see the dancers?" "Look, Dennis is dancing with Birgit!" "Oh, now Carole is dancing with Walter." These and many more comments were uttered by the wonderful turn out of Turners at this year's Maifest.



Turner Lilian Radulea surrendered her crown as May queen to Kirsten Walter. L to R: Resj Lengsfeld, Turners Lilian Radulea and Birgit Jarsen, in the background, Turner Ellen Neu waving flowers, the new May queen Kirsten Walter, and to the right, Turner Hugo Bakos, who was MC of the event.

Our very own singers were well represented and proudly joined their voices with other...

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## Calendar 2009

### June

- 7 Santa Monica Club - Bauernfest (Express)
- 13 Phoenix Club - Schützenball & Bockbierfest (Express)
- 14 Donauschwaben- Fronleichnam, St. Stephan's Kirche
- 20 L.A. Soccer Club Hawaiian Dance - John Brown Band
- 20 South Bay Club Anniversary Hawaiian Style, Alpine Village
- 21 Phoenix Club - Fathers Day Brunch 10 AM
- 28 Los Angeles Turners Member's Meeting at the Turner Center (Members only)**

### July

- 18-19 Santa Monica Club - Skat Tournament
- 26 Tag der Donauschwaben - Phoenix Club

### August

- 1 L.A. Soccer Club Berliner Abend - Express Band
- 23 German Day - Location pending

# Manager's Report



Dear fellow Turners,

the Turner Center is on schedule for the planned Opening in September. Our Architects, Turners Andreas and Liliana Gritschke, and our General Contractor Dean Wilson are working hard to stay on time and to ensure the quality of the work. Constant meetings with subcontractors help to secure our goal. And on June 28th we will meet to 'sneak a peek' at the new Turners home.

## Opening and Open House

In anticipation of the doors being opened for Los Angeles Turners business this fall, we have set aside the last Saturday in September (26th) for the opening ceremony before the Octoberfest craze begins. Plans are being drawn up for this event and Petra Schürmann has graciously volunteered to Chair the Opening committee.



Currently in the planning stage, the open house event will officially open our new home. The program will be varied and will serve to present our new home to old friends and the Turners to new friends and neighbors.

Yours,

Alexander Hast  
General Manager

All graphics showing the future Turner Center are renderings according to the current plans by our Architects: g:o Architecture



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...singing groups for the three anthems. While we were sorry to see Turner Lilian Radulea surrender her May Queen crown, husband Corneliu was happy he didn't have to dance with either Lilian or the newly crowned queen, Kirsten Walter. Turner Hugo Bakos, as MC, kept the program moving along.

The weather was beautifully cooperative, the food excellent and the beer just the right temperature. The Phoenix Club graciously stepped up to offer the

event a home for the second year in a row. While overall attendance was somewhat smaller than when the event is held at Alpine Village, more children were seen than ever before. The German-



Lilly Chen brought her daughter to the Maifest (picture right) and together the Turners celebrated the California Spring.



Carole volunteered to guard a gate. As always, she spread fun and joy to everyone around, and also recruited other willing Turner members for additional duties later at the Maifest.

American League announced at their May meeting that seeing so many youngsters there was encouraging for all Clubs. Students of various ages from the German-American School sang several beautiful songs.

The money raised at this annual event is shared between the German-American League and the German-American School. A great celebration for two wonderful causes.

# OPERA, YOUNG AND AMAZING



The winners of this years contest were: (left to right) Jan Cornelius, 2nd place finalist, Taylor Stayton, 3rd place finalist, Audrey Luna, 1st place finalist, Kelly Markgraf, and Karen Vuong, 4th place finalist.

ing sponsor of these competitions.

We should all be pleased to know that our modest contribution and those of many individuals and organizations resulted in an increase to the overall prize awards, bringing them to their highest level to date. Several Los Angeles Turners seen in the audience included Edeltraut

Schober, Birgit Jarsen, Ilona Scarpidis, Hugo Bakos, Eliane Ubassy-Butler, Carole Brennan and President Dennis Fredricks. Turner Petra Schürmann was busy taking photos.

This year's winners, first to fourth place are: Audrey Luna, soprano from Chicago IL; Taylor Stayton, tenor from Philadelphia, PA; Jan Cornelius, soprano from Philadelphia, PA; and Karen Vuong, soprano from Pasadena, CA. These fine young singers will be able to continue their studies and careers with the financial assistance they receive as finalists and winners of the competition. During the 2009 opera season, 27 previous winners sang in 16 operas at eight different worldwide venues. These included La Scala, L. A. Opera, the Met, Vienna, Montreal, and others.

For additional information on this wonderful organization visit [www.zacharysociety.org](http://www.zacharysociety.org) or call 310.276.2791.

In order to further the careers of young opera singers, the late Loren L. Zachary and Nedra Zachary founded a non-profit Society. Since 1972, The Loren L. Zachary Foundation has held open vocal competitions in New York and Los Angeles. Ten finalists from these regional competitions perform here in Los Angeles each spring. On May 31, the 37th of these vocal competitions was held at the Wilshire Ebell Auditorium. The music that filled the auditorium was impressive and beautiful. Lehar's "Dein ist mein ganzes Herz" was beautifully sung by tenor Rodell Rosel. Soprano Marianne Cope was impressive with her interpretation of Johann Strauss' "Czárdas" from Die Fledermaus. While singing German operas are not mandatory, the audience always appreciates hearing them. The Los Angeles Performing Arts Orchestra conducted by Frank Fetta accompanied the singers. Music adds to the fabric of our lives and your Los Angeles Turners are proud to be a continu-

## Discus Spins



### WALTER LÜBKE TURNS TURNER

Walter Lübke, President of the German-American Mardi Gras Association, has decided a Sound Mind in a Sound Body will make him better able to party longer and better than men half his age. Welcome, Walter - we are honored to have you as a fellow Turner.



### HANK STOFFEL VISITS TC



Hank Stoffel, an active Sacramento Turner and West Coast VP for the German Heritage House Association in Washington D.C. paid a visit to the Turner House recently. Accompanied by his lovely wife, Hank enjoyed seeing our "work in progress." A former airline pilot, Hank travels extensively and we hope to see him at future events in the coming years.

### WANTED: SAARLÄNDER

The SHS Foundation in Germany is looking for people who came from the Saarland. They might add or find information on their ancestors or descendants. For info: [www.shsfoundation.de](http://www.shsfoundation.de)

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At the Chamberfest, that was held on June 4th in Playa Vista, Carole, Irma and Alexander were introduced to some of the 600 business owners and operators in the LAX Coastal Area.



Carole and Irma were enjoying the Chamberfest.

Those we spoke to were anxious to know more about who

we are and what we do. Many are anxious (as are we) to know when we will be ready for business. When our doors open, we will already know many of our neighbors; have businesses ready



Alexander and Carole with the President/CEO of the LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce, Christina Davis.

to support us and individuals who may join our membership.

With its publications the chamber can reach the more than 600 businesses in the area, 10,000 area residents and also about 41,000 LAX Employees.

## BIRTHDAYS

### June

John Beckner	June 9
Marianne Williamson	June 12
Hugo Bakos	June 15
Edelgard Pedersen	June 17
Gisela Chausee	June 19
Alexander Hast	June 20
Walter Fuernkaes	June 23
Carole Brennan	June 24
Petra Schürmann	June 27

### July

Lieselotte Cresmer	July 2
Lilian Radulea	July 3
Anton Merle	July 7
Renate Schneider	July 10
Ellen Neu	July 13
Ellen Blankenship	July 14
Eugen Goetz	July 14
Christa Dinsenbacher	July 18
Andreas Gritschke	July 18
Carolyn Mueller	July 21
Eliane Ubassy-Butler	July 30

### August

Lisa Schmitt	Aug. 21
Erwin Tuppan	Aug. 23
William Dinsenbacher	Aug. 26
Liliana Gritschke	Aug. 30

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# THE TURNER CENTER IN WESTCHESTER



ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES TURNERS  
ARE INVITED TO SNEAK A PEEK



ON  
JUNE 28TH



FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

We can see the beginning of the end of construction! While there remains much to do to make our new house beautiful, the necessary heavy work is completed, inspected, and we believe all passed through the very exacting Los Angeles County Standards.

To see this part of our construction project, you are cordially invited to a very informal “peek” We will serve coffee and cake amid the dust and debris of construction. We request that if you have allergies or mobility problems you consider this before coming inside.

To fully appreciate where we started and what we eventually will have,  
please come “peek” with us.



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