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L.A. Turner Talk



News January - February 2011

Dear fellow Turners,

Our General Membership Meeting signaled the official start of NEW – new house, new membership, and new leadership. It's also appropriate that we give our newsletter a new look and a new name – TURNER TALK. I would love to see member contributions in this section and encourage you to send me anything you wish to share.

As you already know, Dennis Fredricks has retired from our board of directors, becoming an honorary president and head of our advisory and promotional board of trustees. He has also agreed to assume the responsibilities of Chair of the Nominating Committee and will as available, induct new members into our ranks. Many thanks, Dennis.

To my surprise, I've looked over the long line of Los Angeles Turner presidents only to discover myself to be the first woman to hold this office. Diversity also highlights the rest of your board. Vice President/Treasurer Bill Williamson, Corporate Secretary Ellen Neu who is currently president of the German-American league, and Secretary (membership) Angie Hegedus. The board is also ably composed of Andreas Gritschke (architect of our lovely new Center), Corneliu Radulea (artist in residence and creator of our lovely new emblem) and Petra Schürmann (Publisher of German-World Magazine and supporter extraordinaire of the German language schools).



The new Board of the LA Turners: Bill Williamson, Carole Brennan, Ellen Neu, Angie Hegedus, Petra Schürmann, Andreas Gritschke (l-r). Not in the Picture: Corneliu Radulea.

The NEW look continues with debugging our new Center so that rental of our banquet facilities can commence. This debugging has seen the eviction of wildlife (a family of possum), repair of a motion activated light in the women's restroom which turned all the lights off immediately an occupant sat down, as well as continuing adjustments to our hot water supply. Things are moving forward as seen during the German-World 10th Anniversary Gala held here on December 9th. Board member Schürmann graciously wined, dined and encouraged about 145 guests to generously contribute to the financial health of German language schools in our area. Thanks, Petra, for having your party here and letting us "show off."



January sees a group of Los Angeles Turners participating in the GAMGA "Karneval" spectacular in Las Vegas. Here at the TC we will have a Gemütlicher Abend and a Membership Meeting. If you have not attended our "Abends" please do so. This month's event will again feature a dancing lesson. We will be discussing these dancing events at our Membership Meeting. Please attend as your input is very important. February will include our own tribute to German "Karneval". Please be sure to check the calendar on page 2 and save these dates. Remember, YOU, the membership, are the Los Angeles Turners, not this building.

To the entire membership and Turner friends everywhere – we send our best wishes and hopes for a truly great 2011.

With fond Turners greetings,

Carole Brennan, President

Singing and Gemütlichkeit: Christmas with the Turners



On December 7th, the Los Angeles Turners had their annual Christmas Party in their own house for the first time in several years. The new Turner Center was decorated, the tree gaily lit, the beer cold and the food delicious. Turner Kurt Toppel found the piano in good tune and after only a few notes, the singing began. Truly a great way to open the Christmas season.



Inge Crongeyer, Edeltraut Schober and Kurt Toppel recited Poems and sang Christmas songs. Laughing and singing were the sounds that were mostly heard during the event.



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Find more pictures online: <http://www.laturners.org/Christmas2010/>

German World 10-Year-Anniversary Party

On December 9, 2010, German-World.com, Inc., publisher of German World Magazine, hosted its 10-Year Anniversary party at the new Los Angeles Turner Center dedicating the proceeds to the Goethe International Charter School and the German-American School Association in Southern California. The event was sponsored by acclaimed TV star and Emmy-winning actor Eric Braeden (Picture left with GW publisher Petra Schürmann) as well as the German-American Cultural Society. Thanks to more than 120 paying guests and generous donations by Air Berlin, Germany's second largest airline, who contributed a roundtrip ticket to Germany for two persons to the raffle, as well as TheDownComforterStore, dentist Dr. Joseph Goodman, Stephanie and Hans Eric Reisch, former publishers of the California Staatszeitung, and many more, German World is able to send more than 2,000 US dollars to the two beneficiaries.



A Big Success



1st row l-r: Dr. Josef Goodman, Sabine Engelbrecht, Petra Schürmann, Ellen Neu, Hank Stoffel. Back row l-r: Petra Schwarzwald, Swiss Consul General Bruno Ryff, Rudolf Thaler, Rosemarie Reisch, Rita Reiff, Elke Miller-Schweigert, Carole Brennan, Renate Craft, Austrian Consul General Dr. Karin Proidl, Alexander Hast, Reinhold Schwarzwald. More info and photos online: <http://www.germanworldonline.com/index.php/german-world-10-year-anniversary-party-a-big-success/>

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Great Thanks to Rise & Shine Catering for donating their excellent food to our Christmas Party!



Calendar 2011

<http://www.germanleague.us>

January

- 14-15 GAMGA Gala Karneval in Las Vegas www.GAMGA.org
- 18 Gemütlicher Abend at the Turner Center, 7:00 pm
- 30 Turners Quarterly Members Meeting 1:00 pm

February

- 5 Turners Karnval at the Turner Center, 7:11pm, BlueBirds
- 8 Gemütlicher Abend at the Turner Center, 7:00 pm
- 11 Bavarian Club - Fasching - John Borowitz Band
- 12 Santa Monica Club - Valentine's Day Dance - Lazlo Duo
- 19 LA Soccer Club - Hamburger Abend John Borowitz
- 22 Gemütlicher Abend at the Turner Center *
- 26 Phoenix Club Karneval - BlueBirds

March

- 8 Gemütlicher Abend at the Turner Center, 7:00 pm
- 12 Bavarian Club - Bockbierfest - BlueBirds
- 22 Gemütlicher Abend at the Turner Center *
- 26 Phoenix Club - Bockbierfest

*tentative pending membership meeting discussion

The Quarterly Membership Meeting will be on Sunday, January 30th at 1:00 pm.

On the agenda is: Roll call, Financial Report, Discussion Membership participation in events, New member, Iris Steinlein, election/induction Preliminary report by the By-Laws Committee and New Business.

The Turner Center is currently booked for rentals on January 22., and February 26.

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BIRTHDAYS

January

Doris Adlam	Jan	2
Dennis F. Fredricks	Jan	6
Hildy Symonds	Jan	9
David Markham	Jan	20
Willi Jablonski	Jan	27

February

Edeltraut Schober	Feb	1
Otto Nell	Feb	14

March

Harry Herbert	March	3
Gretchen Perry	March	12
Boris Adlam	March	13
Walter Lübke	March	30

Congratulations!