



AMERICAN TURNERS

Northwest Chicago

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Society Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2013

Coffee and Dessert 7:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

750 Party

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Cocktails 6:00 pm

Gym Exhibition 6:45 pm

Dinner 7:15 pm

\$50 includes dinner for two and raffles

Please contact Lorene or Lorrie Gonzalez or any Board member for tickets

Nominating Committee and Annual Elections – Complying with the terms of our new Constitution, we have appointed the Nominating Committee for the elections to be held at our Annual Meeting in February, 2014. If you would be interested in running for an office, or volunteering to serve as a committee chair or committee member, please contact Chic Martin, Barb Gebhardt Nancy Luce, Marc Koehler, or Lindy Tiberi by **November 1, 2013**. We will be electing the President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Financial Secretary. We would also be very interested in filling our vacant committee positions of Membership Enrollment and Welfare and Communications, Data Technology and Public Relations. If you're creative and have an interest in learning about websites, newsletters and publicity, the Communications committee could be a great fit!

Drill Team – At our last meeting, the Board discussed forming a marching team similar to the classic Turner formations performed prior to mass drills and at the start of old-time Turner gym classes. We felt this would be an ideal activity for our adult members, with the possibility of adding children if the idea took off. We'd like to start this during the year with the goal of performing at the 100th Anniversary celebration of Turner Camp next August. It's also an ideal form of exercise for adults – think of it as prehistoric aerobics! It can also be great fun. If you'd be interested in joining our team, please contact one of the officers, the website, or me at cbothfeld@hotmail.com or 847/624-0090. Please think about what days and times would be convenient for you.

Gym – Our gymnastics program, under the skilled leadership of our long-time head coach, Yefim Kharapak, started its current session on August 19 and is doing very well. We again look forward to great things from our athletes.

Dream Survey – At our summer meeting, we presented a letter and survey to the membership and are including copies in this mailing. We have the possibility of making changes to the Society down the road and our first task must be to find out what the membership wants from the Society and its officers. Please complete and return the survey by November 1 so we can present the results at our November 18th Society meeting.

With Turner greetings,

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July 21, 2013

Dear Turner:

Northwest is in a unique position to make important long term decisions about the Society's future. We are in a rental facility and have financial resources but are underused by our membership. We need to know what our members would like the society to be or to offer. Please complete the enclosed survey and return to any Board member or the Hall by September 1st. The survey offers multiple choices of possible Society futures and your role in those futures. Help plan "Northwest the Society." Be creative - feel free to add things in any areas. Be honest - we need to know what you really want and not what you think we want to hear. Practical isn't necessary at this point. Once we know if the membership wishes change of any kind, the next step would be feasibility and research teams to determine what would be possible.

We have an opportunity to make changes BUT we don't have to. Sticking with the status quo should be as much a decision as making a change. We have a lovely facility and a great gymnastics program and there would be nothing wrong with keeping what we have.

The lease on our Schiller Park location will expire December 31, 2018. At that point, our rent will be \$125,000 annually. We currently operate an outstanding gymnastics program, used by the children in the local area. We host six social events a year and hold five Society meetings at the hall. A small group of older male members use the hall weekly and the Ladies Auxiliary holds a monthly meeting. We offer hall rentals mainly for turner members and operate Texas Hold'em tournaments for fundraising purposes.

Our Head coach's contract will expire at the end of 2015. Yefim is beginning to look toward retirement but will work with us to meet our needs. Yefim's retirement will have a significant impact on the gymnastics program but, as we've seen in the past, the program will bounce back within a short time under a new coach. Transition planning is critical and we're grateful we'll have Yefim on board for this important management change.

The short list of choices would be to stay where and what we are; move somewhere else and/or make changes in our program and activities. Please give us your input in this important process.

With Turner greetings,

Cheryl

Cheryl Bothfeld
President



American Turners Northwest Chicago

Dream Survey

Please return by September 1, 2013

Yes No

I am currently a member of Northwest Turners because of:

- My family and friends who are members
- The goals and programs offered
- My cottage at Turner Camp
- Family tradition and history

I participate in or attend the following:

- Social events
- Society meetings
- Athletic events
- Volunteer my time to help the Society
- Turner Camp

My dream Society would:

- Offer athletic/fitness programs for adults
- Offer a variety of sports/athletic programs in addition to gymnastics
- Be open regularly so I could stop in when I felt like it
- Be very, very close to my home

I would participate in Northwest sponsored:

- Walking/Running groups meeting at various malls/parks/etc
- Hobby/special interest groups (quilting, photography, sports, etc)
- Community programs such as Special Olympics, Disabled Veterans programs, etc)

The Society should:

- Keep our current Schiller Park location
- Move closer to membership population center (Northwest Suburbs)
- Move closer to Turner Camp

To get stronger membership and financial resources, I would consider:

- Joining forces with another Society
- Broadening the Society's programs and membership

I would like to take an active role in the Society's Future by:

- Participating in planning groups
- Participating in working groups

Your Comments and Suggestions

Name _____
 City, State _____