

# Elgin Turners

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March, 2011

## A Message from our President, Mr. Ed

Greetings Fellow Turners,

There is nothing like the Four Seasons. With winter coming to an end (could be a little shorter season in my opinion) and spring just around the corner, that brings many changes ahead. I can hardly wait to see our "Turner Snow Birds" as they migrate north to come home. Soon we'll go from snow shoveling to yard work and home repairs. So let's take some time out for ourselves and get together down at the Club to relax with good food, good drink and the best people you'll find anywhere! Make sure you check out our "calendar of events" as some changes may appear as we tweak it out. As we get busier with life in general some of us need and appreciate little reminders of upcoming events. If you would like an E-Mail reminder message please let us know.

With Turner Regards,  
Ed Flavin ; President

## From the Pen of William Genz, VP

Hello fellow Turner Members,

I hope everyone has had a safe Winter so far, and I don't know about you, but I can't wait for the warm weather and sun to come! I would like to start off by saying "Thank You" to all who attended and Volunteered their time at the Candlelight Bowl, although we had tons of fun, I was disappointed in the lack of support from our club at this event! We had 17 Dinners served and a WONDERFUL dinner it was, made by our brilliant chef member Russell Pompa! Thanks again Russell, and a big Thank You to Doug Anderson who Bartended. We have a busy next couple of months approaching! The next Event will be our Annual St. Patricks Dance, on Saturday March 19th, with doors opening up at 6pm, and dinner (Corned Beef and Cabbage) being served at 7:30! The cost of this Event will be \$9/ per person! We also have our Annual Honor & Awards Luncheon coming in April! TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN 2 WEEKS AT THE CLUB! The cost of this Event will be \$8/Per Person unless you are a 25 year member.  
Thanks & Gut Heil

Bill Genz, Vice President

## Upcoming Events at the Club

- **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting @ 7PM**
- **Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Corned Beef and Cabbage Family Dinner.**
- **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Patty's Day Dinner and Dance 6PM Cost is \$9 a person! Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
- **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, Beer Sausage 9 – Noon**

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- **Monday March 21<sup>st</sup>, March Membership Meeting 8PM**
- **Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Family Breakfast 9 – Noon**
- **Attn: Turner Members the Honors and Awards Dinner has been changed to April 10<sup>th</sup> as opposed to April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make this change on your Calendars. Thank you. April 10th @ 1PM Cost will be \$8.00 for all members without 25 years of service.**

**Are you American Turners next top Model?**

**ATTN: Girls between 14 - 19 yrs of age**

**The MISS AMERICAN TURNER PAGEANT will be held on July 6th, 2011 during the National Festival hosted by the Aurora Turner Society in Aurora Illinois. The Elgin Turners are looking for any 14 - 19 yr old girls who would be interested in representing the ELGIN TURNER SOCIETY. We also need someone to take charge and organize a MISS ELGIN TURNER PAGEANT if more than 1 girl is interested. Please contact Mary Schwartz 847-302-1840 if you are interested in being a contestant, volunteer or would like to be in charge of the Miss Elgin Turner Pageant. More information will be in the upcoming Turner Topics.**

**Bar and Kitchen News**

For the month of March, Guinness and Smithwick's is now available down at the Club. While Supplies last Guinness and Smithwick's is \$3.00 a bottle. Also Irish Car Bombs are \$2.50 for the month of March!

While supplies last!!! MGD 64 \$1.00 a bottle!

Elgin Turner members, the new fish fry menu has been implemented and with this new fish fry menu, the Elgin Turners has a frequent buyer card where you get a free fish fry dinner after purchasing 10 fish fry dinners. The next time you are at the fish fry, don't forget to pick up your frequent fish fry buyer card.

**Financial Obligations for 2011**

Dues for 2011 are \$50.00 and payable on January 1, 2011. Dues are considered delinquent if not paid by March 1, 2011. Dues not paid by March 1, 2011 by any member will result in the removal from the membership roster at the March membership meeting and will be reassessed a \$15 reinstatement fee if you wish to continue your membership. Any member unable to pay on time, may write to and appear before the board. Please be advised that if you wish to drop your membership from the Turners, it is in your best interest to send a letter of resignation. Should you ever wish to rejoin the Turners in the future, having this letter on file will ensure that your application will be processed with no problems or delays.

In addition to dues, Members are required to purchase a total of 7 - \$15.00 coupon books in 2011. Please see the bartenders for coupon books or contact Dale Thomas at the club.

Please make check payable to "Elgin Turners" and mail to:

Elgin Turners, **Attn: Financial Secretary**, 112 Villa Street, Elgin, IL 60120

**Turner News**

**Connie Update!** Connie's recovering is on schedule and hopes to be back at the Club as soon as possible for a Friday Fish Fry. Get Well Soon Connie, we can't wait to see you back at the Club.

An Elgin Turner member, our VP, Bill Genz is in the process of organizing a Bags Tournament at the Club which will be held sometime in May this year. The Club is looking for teams to play in this event. If you are interested please contact the club or Bill Genz on this event or let us know through the Elgin Turners Facebook page.

Fellow members, last year the Club did an Elgin Turner Golf Outing in July. The Club would like to put this event on again, but would like to set up a committee to put this event on. If you are interested please contact the Club, our VP, Bill Genz, or let us know through our Facebook page.

Elgin Turner members, we are wondering if you are interested in a possible Elgin Turner Baseball outing in the Summer of this year. If you are interested please contact the Club or state that you are interested on our Facebook page.

**Illinois District Turners**  
**2011 Cultural Competition**

June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2011

**American National Turners 2011 Cultural Competition**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

Both events will take place at the Aurora Turner Club:

Aurora Turner Club  
1335 Mitchell Road  
Aurora Illinois 60504

All Ages welcome to participate

Age Groups:

Child (8 and under)

Junior (9-13)

Teen (14-18)

Adult (19-59)

Senior (60 and older)

Painting, Drawing, Metal Work, Woodworking, Pottery,  
Arts & Crafts, Essay/Story, Poetry, Photography, Needle  
Art & Sewing, Collections, Solo & Group Performances,  
Ect.

There are many subcategories within each category.

Please Contact Randy Ruhl with any questions

Phone: 847-722-2335 or by email: [ruhl72@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruhl72@sbcglobal.net)

Entry Forms will be available at the Elgin Turner Bar or  
through Randy Ruhl.

**Haunted House Committee Meeting**

Guten Tag fellow Turners,

The next Haunted House committee meeting will take place March 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the Elgin Turner Hall at 1:00 P.M. All members are encouraged to attend. This Haunted House is all of ours' and we need your support to make it continue to grow and be a success for years to come. If you are unable to attend the meetings or even volunteer to help, please consider making a donation of items you may no longer need or want. I will be posting a wish list of items on the bulletin board very soon of items that we can use. Even if you have items that are not on the list we still may be able to use them, so if in doubt, just contact me and ask. You would be surprised what can be used to continually improve the Haunted House or what gives inspiration for a new prop idea. Thank You for your time and support,

Randy W. A. Ruhl  
Cell: 847-722-2335  
Email: [ruhl72@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruhl72@sbcglobal.net)

**History of the Elgin Turners.**

Guten Tag fellow Turners,

Do you know where the name Turner comes from? What Rathskeller means? What Frisch, Frei, Stark, Treu on the sign behind the second floor bar means? Or even the origins of the Turners and how far we have come. I hope to answer these questions and many more with a series of short articles every month detailing the history of the Turners. In the months to come I plan on starting out with a history of the Turners from their roots in Germany to the formation of the American Turners and there various activities throughout the years, eventually ending with the history of the Elgin Turners. I would like to interview some of our "Veteran Turners" as research is great but nothing beats firsthand accounts and this is a wonderful way to not only honor you, our forefathers and mothers, but also immortalize your experiences and memories as a Turner. If you would like to share your stories please contact me and I will set up a time to interview you or even just talk with you over a few beverages in the Rath. Thank you for your time and support,

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**A Sound Mind in a Sound Body, what a Turner is all about.**

First, I would like to say thank you to all who voiced their opinion on mandatory volunteering. My opinion on this topic is mandatory volunteering should not be implemented by the Club. With that said though, volunteering is the lifeline of the Elgin Turners and we always need members to step up and make a difference at the Club. Another lifeline for the Elgin Turners is what a Turner really is. The Turners motto is a sound mind in a sound body and the Club's mission is to promote this type of lifestyle, which is essential to being a true turner. In my opinion, this motto consists of a lifestyle of continually learning and physical education throughout an individual's life. While some will say that the sound mind is for cultural ideas and the Sound body for gymnastics, I feel this phrase goes further than the traditional meaning and is a great way to live your life regardless of what you want to learn and what type of exercise you do. With that said, I pose a question to all Turner members. Are you a Turner? Do you continue to ask questions and learn a new skill set? Do you exercise on a regular basis?

If you don't, then I would like to extend this invitation to you in the spirit of promoting a sound mind in a sound body. On Memorial Day weekend, The City of Elgin will be holding the Annual Fox Trot, which is a 10 Mile run through the City of Elgin. I ran this last year with fellow member Bill Genz and we plan on running it again this year and are looking for fellow turner members who are interested in running to represent the Elgin Turners. Last year we ran this event in 1 hour and 51 minutes and our goal this year will be 1 hour and 30 mins. If you are interested please email me at [murrayandkatie@att.net](mailto:murrayandkatie@att.net). Also, if you have any ideas for the Elgin Turners to promote cultural events in the Club, I would be more than happy to listen as well. Thank you and I hope to see you at the race.

Murray J. McGough, Corresponding Secretary

# March, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Spin the wheel Night! \$5 Pizzas  6:00	2\$1 Burger night \$1 Eggroll  9:30	3 Family Dinner - Steak	4 Fish Fry & Lightning  9:00	5 Lunch 11 - 3  9:30
6 Club is Closed	7 Club is Closed  9:00  8:30	8 Spin the wheel Night! \$5 Pizzas	9\$1 Burger night \$1 Eggroll  8:00  8:00	10 Family Dinner - TBD	11 Fish Fry & Lightning  7:30	12 Lunch 11 - 3  7:00  7:00
13 Club is Closed  11:30	14 Board Meeting 7PM  7:00	15 Spin the wheel Night! \$5 Pizzas  7:00	16\$1 Burger night \$1 Eggroll	17 Family Dinner - Corned beef & Cabbage  6:00  7:30	18 Fish Fry & Lightning  6:00	19 Lunch 11 - 3 St. Patty's Day Party & Dance! 6PM
20 Beer Sausage 9 - Noon  7:00	21 Membership meeting 8PM  7:00	22 Spin the wheel Night! \$5 Pizzas  7:00	23\$1 Burger night \$1 Eggroll  7:30	24 Family Dinner - TBD	25 Fish Fry & Lightning  7:00	26 Lunch 11 - 3  7:30  7:30
27 Family Breakfast 9 - Noon	28 Club is Closed  7:00  6:30	29 Spin the wheel Night! \$5 Pizzas  6:30	30\$1 Burger night \$1 Eggroll  7:00	31 Family Dinner - TBD	1 Fish Fry & Lightning  6:30  6:00	2 Lunch 11 - 3  7:00
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**Happy Birthday Elgin Turners!**



Mark Anderson 03/31, Joe Bressler 03/24, Daniel Buss 03/11, Marcia Cahill 03/25, Marlene Cesaretti 03/26, Judy Crowell 03/03, Larry Cutsforth 03/31, David Eder 03/14, Pam Henk 03/05, Patrick Hughes 03/17, Kevin Jacob 03/12, Kelly Johnson 03/22, Kenny Jones 03/12, Mark Pophal 03/16, Ed Sawicki 03/14, Carole Schreiber 03/30, Thomas Smego 03/09, Seth Thomas 03/20, Terese Vincent 03/16, Christopher Wagner 03/15, Kelli Weiss 03/31



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