



# *Turner Spirit*

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Thank  
you!

To **Karen Smorol** & her daughter **Kayleigh Gallardo & Dom Ashley** (sorry Dom we didn't have a picture of you!)

for doing such a great job for our kid's annual Turners Kids Christmas party. This is no small undertaking! She has to help Santa with just the right gifts for our little ones and then wrapping, arranging food, getting the entertainment for the kiddos, lining up volunteers, hiring the wrapping elves, etc. Next time you see Karen & Kayleigh & Dom, please make sure you give them a high five (or a drink!) for a job well done!

Also, a special thank you to **Patty Heffron & Hilda Doughty** for taking care of Santa's Secret Shop with **Jen Reagan-Pletting, Cheryl Hammond, Kathy Harrington & Bill Glod** wrapping the kid's gifts and to **Dan Moran** for helping out reading the "Night Before Christmas" to our kids before Santa's arrival. And once again, thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to come visit our kids! Lastly, thank you to all our members that donated money & items for Santa's Secret shop for our kid's party! You are the best!

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Turner Members,

Happy New Year! I would like to thank all of our retiring board members for their years of service in what can be a very challenging process of keeping the club going by trying to come up with and implement ways to increase revenue and lower expenses. Great job in 2025! Now comes 2026.

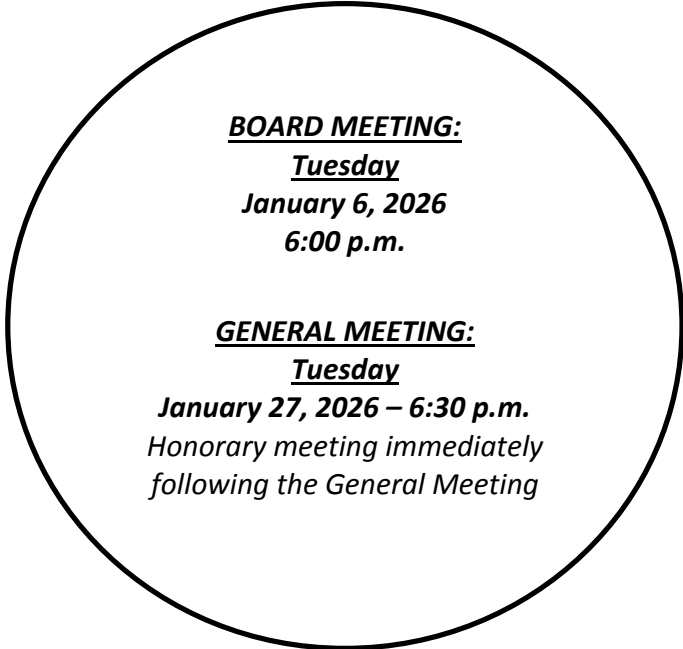
I unfortunately have to start out the 2026 year with some very tough news. I am pretty sure that the majority of our members are aware that we recently lost our boiler and it is unable to be repaired. We are currently exploring our options to heat our building, and one option was to look at replacing the boiler. The estimate we received was approximately \$100,000! We are also looking at different methods of heating including a furnace for the downstairs and heat pump units throughout the upstairs. These costs are looking to be upwards of \$80,000 based on submitted proposals from Woodcock and Armani. We do at this point only have one company's proposals and we will investigate finding other estimates elsewhere. Bob Hess has been very instrumental in guiding us in this matter but if anyone knows someone in the commercial heating business and thinks they may be able to give us another option or estimate in this matter please let myself or Judy and Gary Bacon know as they are very in the loop on where we stand at this point in the process. Our first goal will be to get heat to the bowling alleys as our bar room is currently comfortable with space and base board heating. We do not have any hall rentals of concern for heating in the very near future, however we will need to address this at some point as it is going to impact Friday dinners and our monthly sales revenue from them! At this time, we will use the bar area seating for any meals served on Friday night. We are in contact with our insurance company on this matter, along with our equipment failure of the kitchen cooler that was replaced at a cost of \$5,300. We think we will be able to recover some money under our policy but do not know how much at this time. We will be reaching out the Nationals for requests for donations from both the Endowment Trust Fund and the Jahn Education Fund to help us in this expensive undertaking. Our plan is to begin another maintenance raffle in addition to the previously mentioned sources of financial help and recovery so please be on the lookout for more information! There is a lot to do yet so please try to support the club anyway you possibly can as this is a very crucial financial time!

On a positive note, we will be holding our Stan Sutor memorial bowling tournament as scheduled and qualifying has begun. There is some heating in the bowling alleys but please wear some extra layers as it is a bit cool!

Finally, I would like to wish all our members and their families a prosperous and happy and healthy 2026! Please if possible, try to attend one of the regular membership meetings so you can all see and hear what is happening at the club.

With Turner Greetings  
David Schmidt  
President

P.S. please get your dues paid as early as possible.



**BOARD MEETING:**

**Tuesday**  
**January 6, 2026**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**GENERAL MEETING:**

**Tuesday**  
**January 27, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.**  
*Honorary meeting immediately following the General Meeting*

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## 52nd Annual Stan Sutor Masters 2026

The Masters Tournament Format will remain unchanged this season. The first **Match (Feb 7<sup>th</sup>)** of the tournament will be double eliminations. As in years past, we'll hold a "**Bowler Calcutta**" auction on **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** in the main bar of the Club beginning at **7PM SHARP**.

Championship matches will take place on **Saturday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Watch your Turner Blast for the details. The championship matches will be formatted as a **4 BOWLER LADDER ROLL OFF**: 2 matches, beginning with the 4th place vs. 3rd place. The winner of the match will then take on the 2nd place finalist, and the winner of that match will then try to beat the one undefeated contestant (twice).

The final matches should roll along at a fast and furious pace, with the 4 bowlers competing for the Masters Champion Title. After this has been determined, pictures will be taken, prizes will be presented and then following that, think **CELEBRATION!**

And, if you are hungry, Sauerbraten will be available for purchase. Just think- watching/participating in an intense sporting event, and you can eat, drink and be merry at the same time.

The journey begins with the 14th annual Arlene Sutor Qualifying Tournament which begins the first week in January 6th. It is open to all bowlers with an established average whether they can manage the Masters or not. A first-place prize will be awarded for the High Qualifier position. League **Qualifying Costs Are \$10.00 for the first attempt and \$5.00 for subsequent attempts. Fee for the non-League bowlers qualifying in the Last Chance round (Sat. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>) will be \$10.00.**

### Rules:

All ABC Rules to be in Effect.

\* Tournament is Open to any member in good standing (meaning your 2026 dues must be paid **BEFORE** you Qualify)

This is a non-sanctioned handicap tournament. **Handicap will be based on (90% of 210. Handicap will be determined by utilizing each bowler's PREVIOUS YEAR'S ENDING LEAGUE AVERAGE unless THIS year's average as of DECEMBER 31ST, is TEN PINS OR MORE HIGHER than LAST YEAR'S AVERAGE. If THIS YEAR'S AVERAGE IS 10 PINS OR MORE than last year, we will use THIS YEAR'S AVERAGE.** Average is based on at least 21 games played before date of entry. You must have an established average to bowl.

Qualifying will take place from **Mon. Jan 5th to Thurs. Jan 29th** during regular league games and **Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> at noon**. Initial fee for qualifying during your regular bowling will be **\$10.00**. Re-entry fee is **\$5.00** for all. The fee must be accompanying the entry form. Enter as many times as you wish. Each re-entry **CANCELS** the previous score. **Maximum HANDICAP will be 75 PINS**. A prize will be awarded to the high qualifier.

The Tournament Committee will determine final decisions.

**SPONSORS ARE GREATLY NEEDED!!**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AVERAGE 2025/2026:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AVERAGE 2026/2027 (AS OF 12/31/2026)** \_\_\_\_\_



### **MAINTENANCE FUND RAFFLE**

Thank you to all of you that bought & sold the Maintenance Fund raffle tickets. The drawing was held on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> during the Adult holiday party and Chip Kraushaar's surprise birthday party. Here are the winners:

Rosemary Czerniak - \$500.00

Lori Schmidt - \$500.00

Dot Bisesi - \$500.00

Bill Glod's secretary - \$500.00

Mike Schmidt's boss - \$500.00

We sold 221 of the 250 tickets that were available to sell, so after we paid out the \$2500 to the winners, we still made a profit of \$1,920.00. That will certainly help us out with our heating repairs. Thank you again to everyone that bought & sold the tickets. We'll be starting another one soon so be on the lookout for them.



### **SYRACUSE TURNER OLYMPICS ARE BACK!!!**

**Saturday, March 21st @ 5:00 P.M.**

The Teams are consisting of four of your most athletic, talented friends or family, men or women – cost is \$20.00 per team. Each team needs four members, needs to represent a country and bring a dish from that country. You don't necessarily need to travel to that country for the dish – it would be perfectly okay to just use a recipe representative of your country.

The events are Bowling, Golf, Darts, Shuffleboard and 2 surprise events. Each team member must participate in two of the first four events listed – all team members participate in the surprise events. There's a sign-up sheet on the door to the bar at the club.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Moran @ 315-935-3184.

### **KITCHEN NEWS!**

We'd like to welcome our new chef, Tommy Arlotta! Tommy has many, many years experience in the kitchen and is currently working at Attilio's Restaurant on James St. Tommy was Bob Yormick's roommate and great friend for many years. He is working on some new dishes for us for the future and we really look forward to some delicious meals. So right now he will be cooking for us on Thursdays & Fridays starting January 22<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone has any ideas for meals, sandwiches, etc. that you would like to see on the menu, please feel free to reach out to Tommy. He is here to help our club grow! Also, if anyone is looking for a caterer for your parties, he's willing to help you out with that also. So when you see him at the club, please make sure to welcome him to our Turner family!



## **GATHER YOUR BOWLING TEAMS TOGETHER NOW!**

The Turners National Bowling tournament will be in Aurora, IL the weekends of April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

The entry forms will be on the board in the bowling alley for anyone that would like to attend. We have a couple of defending champions so hopefully we can get some people to head out there for a great weekend of competition. They have not sent out any hotel information yet so as soon as they do, we will post it in the bowling alleys.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you for your generosity & friendship to me while I'm battling all of my illnesses. It's been tough but with so many friends supporting me, I can have a positive attitude to help me beat this cancer. Thank you especially for all of you that turned out for my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party! It was a great night!

Love & thanks! Chip Kraushaar



<b>Friday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Calcutta Night starting at 7:00 p.m. Come on down &amp; bet on your favorite bowler</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Polish night sponsored by Ron Szewczyk &amp; Judy O'Brien</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Master's Roll offs begin at noon</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Master's Final matches</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sauerbraten &amp; Ham Dinners served starting at 4:00 p.m</b>
<b>Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Turner Olympics – Get your teams together</b>
<b>Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ladies Bowling banquet</b>
<b>April 11-12 or 18-19</b>	<b>Turners National bowling tournament in Aurora ILLINOIS</b>
<b>Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mother's Day breakfast buffet</b>
<b>Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>172<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary party</b>
<b>Saturday, June ?</b>	<b>Henry Cappa Golf Tournament</b>
<b>Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Turners night at the Syracuse Mets</b>
<b>July 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Turners National Golf Tournament in Akron OHIO</b>

# 2026



Birthstone - Garnet

# January

Flower - Carnation



# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<i>Did you buy your January STL Tickets??</i>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Happy Birthday Jessica Glod <i>Masters Qualifying begins within bowling leagues</i>	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Happy Birthday Jeff Dargiewicz & Hilda Doughty	Happy Birthday Derek Bacon					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Happy Birthday Steve Sutor			<b>BUNGO</b> <i>It's How We Roll!</i> Happy Birthday Marty Kubacki	Happy Birthday Georgia Billings		Happy Birthday Nick Visconti
25	25	27	28	29	30	31
Tipp Hill AC bowling party at 11:00 a.m.		General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Honorary meeting immediately following	Happy Birthday Jim Polito			<u>Last chance qualifying for the Masters at NOON</u> Happy Birthday Lou Tarby & Marcus Walker

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