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To the Families of the Goethe International Charter School:

We are especially happy to welcome you into our midst as Friends of Turners. This membership category allows you and your family to join us without having the added responsibilities of full membership. When the time comes, regular membership can follow.

We are currently in rejuvenation mode—getting young members and young families involved with new programs. Currently planned activities include family nights with film, food and fun, musical/dance evenings, fitness for each age group, sports viewing on our big screen and Turner days at both the Galaxy and Kings Games. Should team sports develop there is the possibility of joining the American Turners in a national sports fest – this is still in the planning (or my dream) stage. Without younger members such as you and your family, none of these can happen.

To join us is only a click away. When you are ready, simply go to www.laturners.org where I hope you will first watch the video prepared especially for Goethe International Charter School's after school enrichment program as well as for kids in after-care. Then click the Join Us button in the left column. If you prefer to enroll by check or in person, please let me know.

I'm looking forward to adding your name and that of your family to our roster. Call me anytime if you have questions

Sincerely,

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THE LOS ANGELES TURNERS

Sound Mind in a Sound Body

Part of Los Angeles since 1871

Who are we: A non-profit organization composed of like minded individuals who believe self-determination, self-confidence and strength of purpose are enhanced through a Sound Mind in a Sound Body. We are non-political and non-sectarian. Our charter can be found on our website, www.laturners.org. Memberships are available.

What is our vision: To open our doors to our neighbors, inviting participation in activities that enhance the quality of life in an atmosphere of fun, sport and learning. To benefit others by sharing prosperity, compassion and friendship.

What's happening right now: Exercise is happening. A program of fitness for youngsters playing sport is aimed at preventing sports related injuries.

What's coming up: While we haven't finished learning the community's needs, we plan on expanding the exercise experience to include *all* ages as well as adding Wii Games to the mix. Dancing classes and open sessions are being scheduled and a sports viewing schedule utilizing our 182 inch (4.6 meter) screen. The Olympics will be terrific.

What else happens at the Los Angeles Turner Center: Our wonderful space is available for wedding receptions, seminars and conferences, birthday parties and other gatherings. Additional information can be found on our website dedicated to these types of events. Visit www.laturnercenter.com.

Staff is available Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2 and 6 p.m. and also by appointment.
An events calendar will be posted. Please drop by and see what's happened to the Library and to learn more.
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Los Angeles Turners rally the German-American community to help earthquake and nuclear ravaged Japan.



Los Angeles Turners and guests enjoy an evening of dining and dancing.



Goethe International Charter School 5th graders present their original production of I AM ROBIN HOOD.



Feeding the needy makes happy tummies and happy hearts

The idea behind The Los Angeles Turners began life in Germany. Political turmoil in the 1840's resulted in a large immigration to the U.S.A. Among those arriving in 1848 were people who subscribed to the principles attributed to Fredrick Ludwig Jahn. He believed that in order to govern themselves effectively, people must have both a sound mind and a sound body. To that end Jahn invented what is today called gym or Phys. Ed.

The immigrants who brought "Turnen" (a German word for Gymnastics) with them settled first in the New England states and then moved towards the west coast. Before arriving in California they took time out to become soldiers in the Union Army. About seventy five percent of all Turners fought in the Civil War. Some Turner groups formed entire regiments. At this time Turners were the first body guard for President Abraham Lincoln, and starting to become cabinet members and congressmen.

We Turners flourished and created clubs and organizations—schools and hospitals. We educated the teachers who eventually taught entire school systems across the country the value of physical exercise as well as the confidence that comes through the perfection of a physical skill. The Olympic gymnastics equipment in use today was, for the most part, designed by Jahn along with most of the floor exercises. To keep us in touch across the country, the American Turners were founded.

Suppressed by 2 world wars, nonetheless our heritage, ideas and ideals have survived. Today, we here in Los Angeles, are returning to our core values and are stressing those very principles stated so long ago – *A Sound Mind in a Sound Body*. Our fitness program is part of our mission. By joining us you join a family of 55 organizations across the country and associate with a group of pioneers in early Los Angeles who wrote the following principles:

THE TURNER PRINCIPLES - REPRINTED FROM OUR 1871 CHARTER

We believe in

- Liberty against all oppression
- Tolerance against all fanaticism
- Reason against all superstition
- Justice against all exploitation
- Free speech, a free press, free assembly for the discussion of all questions so men and women may think unfettered and order their lives by the dictates of conscience which we strive to attain through a sound mind in a sound body.
- We endorse every effort tending to equalize conditions in our economic life to abolish class distinctions and maintain all human rights.
- We believe every human being should be accorded every opportunity to secure for him or herself by mental and physical labor a dignified and decent livelihood.

