

**Turner Hall of Monroe, Inc.  
Member Organizations**

**New World Swiss Club  
Monroe Swiss Singers**

**Foreign Type Cheesemakers Association  
Swiss-American Gymnastics Club**  
(currently inactive)



**Turner Hall of Monroe**

**1217 - 17th Avenue  
PO Box 762  
Monroe, WI 53566**

**[www.TurnerHallofMonroe.org](http://www.TurnerHallofMonroe.org)  
[SwissHall@TurnerHallofMonroe.org](mailto:SwissHall@TurnerHallofMonroe.org)**

*"Where Old and New Worlds Meet"*

**A Brief History of the Turner Hall**

The Turner Hall derives its name from the German word for *gymnast*, which is *Turner*. Although there are many German Turner Halls throughout the country, it is believed that this Turner Hall is the only one of Swiss origin left in the United States. The building itself, a Swiss Emmental-style chalet, is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Its authentically Old World interior houses many irreplaceable paintings and Swiss artifacts as well as exemplary examples of *Bauernmalerei* (Swiss folk painting.)

The first *Turnhalle* was built by Swiss immigrants in 1868 on approximately the same site as the current Turner Hall. Originally a place for the Swiss to practice gymnastics and preserve their Swiss traditions, it also soon became a center of community activities and was often referred to as the "opera house".

On Labor Day of 1936, the structure burned to the ground. Almost immediately, plans were begun to build the present Turner Hall, which was completed and dedicated in 1938.

The Turner Hall of Monroe, a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity, continues to be a vital place for nurturing Swiss heritage through its many Swiss-related events and activities, as well as a venue for concerts, dances, receptions, and a host of other community events. Long known for being a place *Where Old and New Worlds Meet*, its rich history also includes personal appearances by William Jennings Bryant, John F. Kennedy, and big band names such as Wayne King, Tiny Hill and Lawrence Welk.

In recent years, the entire building...the authentic Old World Ratskeller, the beautiful upstairs ballroom and stage, the gym, and bowling lanes...has undergone loving renovation. Turner Hall's volunteers and sponsors work tirelessly to support and maintain this landmark gem and treasure of Swiss heritage.

October

2003

**YOU**  
...  
can help  
support  
Turner Hall  
of Monroe



**Turner Hall of Monroe, Inc.  
Swiss Heritage & Community Center  
1217-17th Avenue  
PO Box 762  
Monroe, WI 53566  
[www.TurnerHallofMonroe.org](http://www.TurnerHallofMonroe.org)**

Help support the Turner Hall of Monroe

by becoming part of the

## *New World Swiss Club*

### **It isn't:**

- a "club" in the traditional sense.
- only for Swiss or Swiss descendents.
- only for local residents.

### **It is:**

- a way for ANYONE who previously had no organizational opportunity to support Turner Hall or Swiss heritage to do so.
- an association for the preservation and perpetuation of our rich Swiss cultural heritage in the 21st century.

### **An annual membership includes:**

- voting rights at meetings of Turner Hall's membership.
- invitations to monthly social Dutch-treat dinners in the Ratskeller, called *En Guete Evenings*.
- periodic mailings and updates on Turner Hall and other Swiss-related activities.
- "members-only" discounts on Grand Hall and other room rentals.
- the great feeling that you are part of preserving a historical landmark and what it stands for.

Memberships are renewable annually in January of each year. Turner Hall of Monroe is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places, completely smoke-free and handicapped-accessible. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## Count me in!

Please fill out the following form for member enrollment in the New World Swiss Club. An annual membership is **\$25 per person** or **\$50 per family\*** (includes children under the age of 18.) Please make checks payable to the **Turner Hall of Monroe - NWSC**. Mail to **Turner Hall - NWSC; PO Box 762; Monroe, WI 53566**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Your e-mail address helps Turner Hall save postage costs and conserve the environment.)

Yes, I want to support Turner Hall and its mission to preserve and perpetuate Swiss heritage! I can also help in the following ways:

- setting up for receptions/banquets     serving at receptions/banquets  
 clean-up after receptions/banquets     general cleaning  
 phoning/mailings/errands     however needed

**Annual Adult Membership:** \$25 x \_\_\_ (no. of people) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Family Membership\*:** \$50 (inc. under 18) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is my additional tax-deductible gift to the Turner Hall of Monroe, Inc.:* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail form and check to Turner Hall - NWSC; PO Box 762; Monroe, WI 53566**