

## Turk is new Raue Center board president

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Matthew Turk has stepped up as the new president of the **Raue Center** for the Arts' board of directors. Prior to being elected this month as board president, Turk served as the board vice president for two years, according to a press release.

In his new role at the **Raue**, Turk plans to continue family-friendly programming, expand participation in the endowment fund and increase awareness of **Raue Center** across the region.

Turk is the executive vice president for INTREN Inc. in Union. He has lived in Crystal Lake since 1983 with his wife, Sheri, and two boys. Over the years Turk has served the community as vice president and contractor representative on the state J.U.L.I.E. board and as a Eucharistic minister serving assisted living communities, as well as coaching and volunteering at St. Thomas the Apostle School, the press release said.

"It's wonderful to have another passionate and dedicated partner as we look to build on the legacy of Paula Dorion-Gray and Bill Dwyer," said Executive Director Richard Kuranda.

Turk is taking over for Dorion-Gray, who served as board president for three years and is credited with helping **Raue Center** weather the recession while many community theaters began to fail.

"We have a city that supports us as best they can," Dorion-Gray said. "But we need the community to continue to support us."

The **Raue Center** is celebrating its 10th anniversary this season, and Turk said he is excited about taking the reins at this point in its history.

"We're turning a corner," said Turk. "And this year is about celebrating and giving back to the community that helped us get

there."

The **Raue's** lineup for this anniversary season includes a Dennis Tufano performance for opening night on Sept. 18, as well as legendary folk singer Arlo Guthrie, Steinway prodigies Danny Wright and Emily Bear, and the continuation of Lucy's Café.

The nonprofit **Raue Center's** board of directors also includes Jeffrey Keck, vice president; Chuck Stevens, treasurer; and Walter Packard, secretary. New board members are John Jacobson, Jack Minsley and Tim Paul.

Originally opened in 1929 as the El Tovar, the **Raue Center** is the product of a multi-million dollar renovation. The state-of-the-art performing and visual arts center at 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake, offers professional touring attractions, programs for children and families, and a home for regional artists.

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