



Tim Turner

Class of 1960

Tim W. Turner graduated from Bismarck High School in 1960.

Award Winning Inspirational Author, Multiple Gold/Platinum Record recipient, humanitarian-Founder of the Pete Gross House in Seattle, a 70-unit facility serving cancer patients and their families. Tim is also a Sports Marketing expert who spent many years managing sponsorship sales and promotions with teams in The National Football League, Major League Baseball, The National Hockey League and several major college sports programs including USC, U of Washington, Washington State and San Diego State.

Following graduation from BHS Tim worked for The Pillsbury Company in Minneapolis and the Boeing company in Seattle in the early 60's and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1963. While in the Air Force Tim worked as a Chaplain's Assistant for one year and later as a journalist writing and editing the sports page for the base newspaper. Later Tim served as "Base Historian" at Lincoln Air Force Base during the Viet Nam conflict, writing classified "Top Secret" histories of Lincoln Air Force Base and the 98th bomb wing.

Tim was honorably discharged from the Air force in 1967 and went to work as an advertising copy writer for WDAY-TV in Fargo. While working as a writer for WDAY-TV in Fargo he became interested in several local North Dakota bands and soon formed "Sound Productions" where he managed, recorded and booked groups throughout the Dakotas and Minnesota. His groups and company soon grew and he moved his entertainment booking and management business to Minneapolis in 1969. His company grew and soon after merged with the Hungry i Agency of Winnipeg to become the largest entertainment agency in the Midwest and Canada at the time, managing and booking over 50 full time acts.

Later in his music career, 1978-1979, Tim became the Promotion Manager for Pickwick International at their headquarters in Minneapolis. At the time Pickwick was the largest independent record distributor and record promotion company in the world! In charge of promotion for Motown artists like Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross, The Commodores, Stevie Wonder and other Motown artists. Tim also worked with London Records-The Moody Blues, Chrysalis Records-working national promotion for the Blondie "Heart of Glass" and Pat Benatar-"Heartbreaker" records. Tim also worked on the promotion of many other hit songs and LP's by artists such as Bobby Caldwell and Al Stewart. Tim has been awarded 12 Gold and Platinum records for his promotional efforts. Many of the records that Tim was responsible for made the top charts in the U. S including Blondie "Heart of Glass" which was the number one song in the U.S. for several weeks.

In 1980 Tim left the music business for Seattle to pursue a career in Broadcasting – Tim's father, Wayne Turner worked for KFYR-TV in Bismarck for many years as Director Of News and Special Broadcasts in the 50's and early 60's. His father, Wayne Turner, was one of the initial members of the KFYR-TV staff in the mid 50's.

In 1980 Tim began a very successful career in broadcasting – later serving as "Sports Sales and Promotion Manager" at the number one rated KIRO-AM in Seattle where he was in charge of sponsorship sales for their broadcast partners - the Seattle Seahawks, the Seattle Mariners and University of Washington Football and Basketball programs.

While working with the Seattle Seahawks Tim was responsible for all Seahawks related promotions including the creation of the Seattle Seahawks #12 Fan promotion, which is the most successful fan promotion in the National Football League. And Tim is the “Founder” of the “Pete Gross House” a 70 unit apartment complex serving the families of patients undergoing treatment at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle.

In 1997 Tim moved to San Diego where he managed the most powerful sports radio station in the U.S. at the time – XTRA Sports 690 – Managing advertising and promotions for the San Diego Chargers, San Diego State University, San Diego Padres, the NHL Anaheim Ducks and USC Football and Basketball sponsorship programs.

In 2002 Tim created TSM/Turner Sports Marketing – a company dedicated to helping companies create sports sponsorships and broadcast advertising –and scheduling “community service” radio advertising across the U.S, a company he still operates today.

In 2010 Tim’s Inspirational book – “Questions-Directions To who You Are” was published and to date the book and Audio Book CD have won 8 awards including the 2011 National Indie Excellence Awards, the 2012 International Book Awards and was awarded the “Presidents Awards” for the Beverly Hills Book Awards in 2013. The book web site is www.questionsthebook.com

Tim has four daughters and currently lives in the Coeur d’Alene, Idaho area with his wife Vicki.

