



# KOLPING BULLETIN

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## note the date

### January

**1 New Year's Day**  
May 2009 bring good things for all!

**13 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street

### February

**14 Valentine's Day**  
In Germany gifts in the shape of love tokens would be given with lovely messages. These were not just handed out on Valentines Day but on any day.

**24 Executive Board Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street

**25 Ash Wednesday**  
The first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

### March

**1 Annual Elections & General Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street

**13-15 Kolping Ski Trip**  
Join us for our annual Ski Trip at Mount Snow.t

**17 St. Patrick's Day**

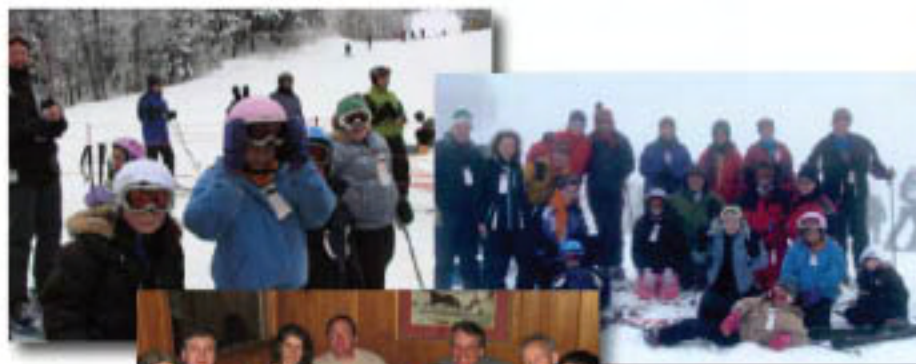
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# January

## Our Annual Kolping Ski Trip

Please save the date—the weekend of **March 13-15**, and join us for our annual Kolping Ski Trip to Mount Snow, Vermont. We will once again be staying at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover. The trip includes two nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a wine, cheese and hot cider "happy hour" on Saturday, and also a group dinner Saturday evening.

Gerhard Schmitt is in the process of nailing down the contract, so look for a flyer in next month's Bulletin, or perhaps we will be able to do a separate mailing. The flyer will detail the cost for the trip, plus optional lift passes at a discount.



**MISSION STATEMENT:** We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family; we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.

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# Milestones & Passages



*Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please call Ann Horan (914-737-2026) when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.*

Our prayers go out to the family of **Maria Damon** who lived across from Kolping on Concourse. Maria was a frequent visitor at KOC. She was 86.

Please continue your prayers for **Karen Byrnes** who continues to have an excellent outlook!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

Robert Bauer, Pierre Bellett, Frank William Benvenuto, William Breining, Sr., Peter Bruegger, Matthew Buckel, Patricia Cudahy, Victor Diz, Robert Dowgiallo, Jr., Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Rev. Donald Hendricks, James Hierspiel, Theresa Hickey, Wally Holzner, Margaret Jandrasits,

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### SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Gerda Steinke, Robert Hersam, Fritz Scheuermann, Helen Garcia-Larsen, Maura Bellet, Johanna Brandt, and Jean Breining

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email either me at editor@kolpingny.org or Ann Horan at annth@optonline.net.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

**Barbara Grimm**—Joe Sartorius Fund and the Advent Project

**Alfonse Preisser**—The Endowment Fund

**Mary McKeon**—extra in chances

**Gerhard & Katherine Reslmaier**—Joe Sartorius Fund

**Walter & Katherine Weigand, Albert Sartorius, John & June Noonan**—Advent Project

We received thank you notes from **Rev. Ramsey**, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church and from **Fr. Kurzyna**, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Verplanck. Each year we remember our neighborhood parishes with a Christmas check. We also supported St. Philip Neri and St. Christopher's in Buchanan.

**Father Bretone** wrote to thank us for our donation of a lamp post for his chapel at the Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries. He assured us that our lamp post will light the way for many people in the years to come.

### OUR HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2009

Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

**Family.** That the family may increasingly be a place of formation in charity, personal growth, and the transmission of the faith.

**Christian Unity.** That Christian denominations may strive for full unity so as to be more credible witnesses of the Gospel to a world in need of a "new evangelization."



## 2009 DUES

By now all members should have received their dues letter and calendar for 2009. The good news is that the dues remain the same as last year:

Family: \$100  
[after April 1: \$105]

Individual: \$85  
[after April 1: \$90]

Student: \$40  
[after April 1: \$45]

Please take an extra minute and send back the tear off at the bottom of the letter with email addresses, change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information I can use to update my files. For those who have sent back the tear off I want to thank you. I have been able to correct many phone numbers and add email addresses.

Please make check payable to:  
*The Catholic Kolping Society.*

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society,  
Attention: Ann Horan, 165 East 88th  
St., New York, NY 10128 and mark  
"Dues" in the left-hand corner.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Disney Condo For Rent.** Kolping Member has 3 BR / 2 Bath condo for rent in 5-star community only 3 miles outside of Disney's Main Gate. Affordable and convenient. Visit our web site at [www.bestdisneycondo.com](http://www.bestdisneycondo.com) or call Gary & Terri Ostroff at 516-837-3804.

All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to: [classifieds@kolpingny.org](mailto:classifieds@kolpingny.org) or mail them to: Ingrid Reslmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on [www.kolpingny.org](http://www.kolpingny.org). Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

## News & Notes

### 2008 ADVENT PROJECT

We will continue to collect until the end of January. Our Advent Project this year is to sponsor the Social Outreach of St. Matthias Church in Ridgewood, Queens. They have an Outreach Ministry to the homeless and provide hot meals for 40 people Monday through Friday. Additionally, they have a Food Pantry and distribute over 1,000 packages of food each year.

Not limited to the hot lunch program and food pantry, St. Matthias provides the following community services:

**Homebound:** 15-20 homebound are visited each week, telephone reassurance is provided and transportation every third Sunday to mass

**Nursing Home Visitation:** A team of 12 volunteers visits former parishioners in local nursing homes

**Consolation Ministry:** A letter is mailed to every parishioner who has lost a loved one with a listing of local bereavement groups. A Consolation Team assists families through the wake and burial process.

The current economy is putting a strain on their ability to provide for those Jesus described as the least among us. Please send your check to Ann Horan at the Kolping House 88th Street, and she will send our donations in one check.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS SEEKING CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR THE BOARD

On Sunday, March 1, we will hold our annual meeting. All areas of New York Kolping will be reported on—this will be your opportunity to ask whatever questions you may wish to ask on how we operate.

As part of the agenda, we will elect officers to the Board of Directors. The senior board requires that you be a member for 10 years. The junior board requires that you be a member for 1 year.

Please consider running to fill the vacancies we will have on the Board. You would attend 6 meetings per year. We could use fresh faces and new input. Dinner is included as part of the evening meeting.

The agenda for each meeting begins at 7:30, with dinner available any time after 5 p.m. We close each meeting (usually the third Tuesday of the month) at approximately 10 p.m.

Please call Ann Horan at 914-737-2026 if you are interested in running. We'll be happy to introduce you to the evening's procedure. Find out how we operate, some of our projects from the past, and our plans for the future. Working with a world-wide organization such as Kolping can be an interesting experience!

### NEW EVENT FOR 2009

Due to popular demand by some of our members we are ready to try a new event at KOH this year. The date is May 16 (it is on your calendar). The place is KOH and the event is a Flea Market and Antique Auto Show. It is all still in the planning stages and any help from you would be appreciated.

The Flea Market would be held on the lawn in front of the pool. We would supply the tables and you would supply your "gems" that you don't need any more. We would also like to see tables of your art work, handmade items and of course your baked goods. We would have lunch for sale at the barbeque pit.

The Auto Show would be held on the parking lot as you come into KOH. We are looking for any of your cars which you consider special.

It could be a really fun day if we all get involved. Let me know what you think and what you would like to see on that day—Ann Horan ([annth@optonline.net](mailto:annth@optonline.net)).

# Kolping Christmas Party by Ann Horan

Our family party was a big success this year thanks to all of you who attended and brought your children and grandchildren. It is such a happy day and it was great to see such a crowd.

Very special thanks to **Wolfgang Hahn** who not only fed us with a delicious meal, but also decorated the tables and bought the candy. We are lucky to have such a talented member! Thanks to our manager, **Ernst** and his staff for seeing to all the details. We even had a chance to sing to Ernst on the occasion of his 70th Birthday!

**Father Bretone** celebrated Mass and was accompanied by our "traveling minstrel", **Don Simons**, who brought his accordion on his back all the way from Montrose. His music lightened up the whole day.

**Hilda Doyle** was present to receive her 50 year pin but **Lenny Valender** was unable to make it. He sent us a letter which we publish here for you to read. **Walter and Ines Gross, Hannalore and Gerard Farley, and Gerhard Schmitt** received their 25 year pins. **Asta Ondracek and Ann Venditti** were unable to attend.

Our Person of the Year Award was given to **Edward Specht**. Edward is one of those members who always pitches in without being asked. He spends his time out at KOH and on 88th Street. He has done a great job of bringing in new members and even finds time to be on the Board of Directors. Keep up your good work, Edward!

Our National Administrator, **Pat Farkas** was our guest. She had the task of drawing the winner for the National Raffle. The winner will be announced in the Banner.

Our raffle to benefit The Joe Sartorius Fund and the National Endowment Fund produced the following winners:

1st Prize (\$300 Best Buy Gift Card donated by Bob Hemsing of Dooley Electric)—**Margaret Dougall**  
2nd Prize (\$100.)—**Herta Koenig**  
3rd Prize (basket of cheer donated by KOH)—**Don Simons**, who withdrew his name, and **Ernst Endrich** was then picked!

Our total for the chances was \$1290. Thanks to those members for entered the raffle.

**Walter McDonald** did a great job as Santa again this year. When you are that good the job becomes yours for life. He handed out 25 presents to happy boys and girls.

## Fen!bar

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December 1, 2008


Catholic Kolping Society  
165 East 88<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10128  
Attn: Ann Horan

Dear Ana,

As per our phone conversation the other day, I am sorry that I can not be there this morning but as I had told you I am in Houston where I am a director of a foundation for there annual meeting. It always seems when ever the Kolping is having a large event like the summer picnic or golf outing I seem to be out of town with other organizations I am involved with.

Again, I want to thank you for recognizing my 50 year membership with the Kolping Society. In my younger years when I first joined I was always at the Kolping on the Hudson and I remember going with my father to look at the property before it was purchased. Time certainly does go by quickly.

Again thank you for the recognition and hope that I can be involved in more Kolping functions.

Regards,  
  
Leonard Vallender





*Photo Gallery: Kolping Christmas Party* photos by Ann Horan and Anita Buchholz





# Stories of Interest

## John "Honus" Wagner (The Flying Dutchman) submitted by Martin A. Kelly

The 2008 baseball season has faded into history, and dyed-in-the wool fans of the sport can search their almanacs and statistics for the most outstanding ball player of all times.

A likely choice would be John Peter Wagner (1874-1955) who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and had a batting average of .327, batting over .300 or more in seventeen (17) consecutive seasons, (1897-1914). But, this is only part of his sportsmanship that gained him the title of most valued player.

John Peter Wagner was born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania in 1874, the son of Peter Wagner and Katrina Wolf Wagner, both of whom had emigrated from the Black Forest area of Germany. John's father was a miner, and, John, as a youth of 12, had worked in the pits. But, a life of gouging coal lumps from their beds was not in store for the husky, agile lad.

Talent scouts for semi-professional baseball teams found his abilities as a hitter, fielder, and pitcher, extra-ordinary.



Players in those days played all positions. He excelled at short stop, and earned the title "Mr. Short Stop".

His accomplishments on the diamond are too numerous to mention; one feat, however, stands out. In the 1912 World Series Game against the Yankees, he pitched and struck out the mighty sluggers Babe Ruth, Jimmy Foxx, and Lou Gehrig.

After receiving many honors including entrance into the Hall of Fame and having a bronze statue of himself erected in Three Rivers Stadium, Pennsylvania, he retired. In his declining years, he still devoted his interest and time to baseball.

His fame rests ultimately on the fact that as the son of immigrant family that spoke no English at home, he showed the way in which professional sports could open the path of recognition in society where poor, talented youth could become national icons.

## TRAFFIC STOP submitted by Martin A. Kelly

*A state trooper stops a vehicle for excessive speed.  
The passenger is the driver's wife and she is hearing impaired.*

*The officer advises the driver he exceeded the speed limit.  
The wife asks, "What did he say?"  
The husband says, "He says we were going to fast."*

*The officer asks to see the driver's registration.  
The wife asks, "What did he say?"  
The husband answers, "He wants to see my license."*

*The officer hands it back and advises him to go more slowly.  
Then, in a friendly voice, the officer asks where they were coming from.  
The husband answers, "Albany."*

*Then the officer remarks "I had a girlfriend there:  
she was a pain in the neck!"  
The wife asks, "What did he say?"  
The husband answers, "He said he thinks he knows you."*

## A little humor courtesy of Detroit Kolping

submitted by Jack McGee

*Well...to begin the story...it seems that once upon a time, there was a very shy man in town who fell in love with one of the local girls. Since he was a student of psychology, he sensed that she felt the same way about him. Yet Fritz just couldn't work up the courage to ask her out on a date.*

*After giving much psychological consideration on how to face his shyness, he came up with, what to him was a great solution. He decided that he would mail her a love letter every day for one year...and then...he would ask her out for a date.*

*Faithfully...he followed his plan and at the year's end he was courageous enough to call her. Much to his surprise, frustration and disappointment, she turned him down. Being now a man of great courage, he was forward enough to ask her "why". He was shocked, speechless and chagrined by her reply. "I'm a married woman now. I married the mailman".*

# What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



## THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

Evenings at 8 pm. Saturday afternoon matinees at 1 pm, unless noted.

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| The Magic Flute (E)     | Jan. 1 (7:00 p.m.)                                 |
| Thais (F)               | Jan. 2, 5, 8                                       |
| La Boheme (I)           | Jan. 3 (matinee), 6, 10                            |
| La Rondine (I)          | Jan. 3, 7, 10 (matinee), 13                        |
| Orfeo and Euridice (I)  | Jan. 9, 14, 17 (matinee), 20, 24 (matinee), 28, 31 |
| Rigoletto (I)           | Jan. 24, 27, 31 (matinee)                          |
| Lucia di Lammermoor (I) | Jan. 26, 29  |
| Eugene Onegin (R)       | Jan. 30  |

Call 212-362-6000 to confirm times and/or information. From Monday to Thursday the Met has a special sale of tickets valued at \$175 for sale at \$20. These 150 tickets go on sale beginning at 6 pm. The line starts forming up to 3 hours earlier downstairs by the gift shop. If interested, get there very early and bring some reading materials!

**SENIOR CITIZEN SPECIAL:** 50 Orchestra seats will be available from Monday to Thursday evenings for Seniors 65 and older (no need to stand on line). Tickets may be obtained by calling 212-362-6000 after 12 noon or online at metopera.org.

## THE MET OPERA ON RADIO (WQXR 96.3 FM)

Saturdays at 1pm.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| La Boheme          | Jan. 3  |
| La Rondine         | Jan. 10 |
| Doctor Atomic      | Jan. 17 |
| Orfeo and Euridice | Jan. 24 |
| Rigoletto          | Jan. 31 |

## PLAYS CLOSING ON BROADWAY

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| January 4:  | Grease<br>Boeing, Boeing<br>Young Frankenstein<br>13<br>Hairspray |
| January 11: | Spamalot<br>Gypsy   |
| January 18: | Forbidden Broadway<br>Big Apple Circus<br>Spring Awakening        |

## GERMAN MASS

St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 East 87th St.

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 9:45. Confessions before Mass. For information call Julia Winter at 212-534-5625. For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. Emmanuel Nartey at 212-289-6030.

## News from the Branches

### CINCINNATI

#### KOLPING AMERICAN SOCCER CLUB

It's that time of year when we like to review the year in soccer. We accomplished quite a bit this year as a club. We finished the spring season and our first full year in CUSL with strong showings in each age group. We had 4 teams playing in Buckeye Premier League and 1 in the Midwest Regional League.

The Seth Stevens Memorial was another success with over 190 teams participating this spring. We added another \$7000.00 in cash donation and approx. \$4000.00 in toys, books, etc. to Children's Hospital bringing us to over \$70,000.00 in 5 years of the tournament. This could not have been done without the help and aide of our teams and volunteers. Thank you all.

We had a great showing at our tryouts in June forming 12 new teams under Kolping. We changed the training program slightly which seems to be advantageous to the teams.

We had LaSalle High School and Immaculate Conception playing home games at Kolping again this year. We also allowed Star Soccer Club to use our fields for their tournament this fall. It was a good weekend for them and quite a few people got to see Kolping for the 1st time. Some of the comments we received on the complex were how nice 3If a place we have and that we have grass!!!! All in all we did a good job of helping them with their tournament and they were very appreciative. This will go along way in working with the other clubs in CUSL.

A big thank you for the volunteers to work the Schuentzenfest and Oktoberfest at Kolping this year. These are important fund raisers for the club and our way of giving back to the society. A few hours spent with your children at these events not only help us out but is a great family building opportunity for all of us. It also shows the children of today the value of spending time together with family and friends.

Rick Hill, *President*

# Father Krewitt Scholarship Application

2009 Krewitt Scholarship Theme:

***"What would you like to see as your vision of Kolping USA in the future?"***

## **Krewitt Scholarship Applicants must:**

1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of America
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 words.
4. Not be a previous winner.
5. Mail application\*, proof of enrollment, and essay in triplicate by February 28, 2009.  
Send documents to the address printed on the application.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.

\* Application forms are also available from the local Kolping families or from the national office or our web-site at [www.Kolping.org](http://www.Kolping.org). Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of America at 1-877-659-7237 with any questions.

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**I hereby apply for the Father Krewitt Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Last  First  Initial

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
                                City  State  Zip Code

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
                                Month                Date                Year  Area Code                Number

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
                                City  State  Zip Code

Major/Minor Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Year (Check One):   \_\_\_\_ Freshman   \_\_\_\_ Sophomore   \_\_\_\_ Junior   \_\_\_\_ Senior   \_\_\_\_ 2-year program

Name of Kolping Member *(Print Clearly)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_                          Kolping Family Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Mail completed application, proof of enrollment, and the essay in triplicate by February 28, 2009 to:**  
Catholic Kolping Society of America  
c/o Patricia Farkas, 1223 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013