

# KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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## note the date

### january

- 1 The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**  
On this holy day of obligation, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.
- 6 The Feast of the Epiphany**  
Celebrates the three wise men's visit to baby Jesus and also remembers his baptism.
- 6 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 21 February Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

### february

- 10 Executive Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 18 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 House 88th Street
- 6-8 Kolping Ski Trip**  
Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!
- 17 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street

# JANUARY

## Join Us At Our Annual Kolping Family Ski Trip

Please save the date—the weekend of **March 6-8**, 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. For more details, see the flyer in this Bulletin.



**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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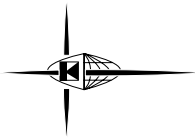
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# Milestones & Passages



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 contact Jan Kessler (914-462-7649) or email jkessny@aol.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

Paul Baum, Maura Bellet, Pierre Bellett, Johanna Brandt, Thomas Breitschwerd, Peter Bruegger, Larry Buck, Timothy Carey, Gavin Crilly, Michael Crowley, Patricia Cudahy, Julie Davis, Samara Davis, Michael Donato, Andrew Flannery, Barbara Fraleigh, Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Jean Gorski, Marianne Gribbon, Paula Harney, Rev. Donald Hendricks, Robert Hersam, Kasey Horan, Maryellen Horan, Gail Imbimbo, Margaret Jandrasits, Robert Jandrasits, Emerich Janny, Danielle Kern, Karen Kidd, James Kiernan, Maura Koch, Matthew Krupa, Isabella Lovasz, Mary Lozoda, Frank Luis, Jason Luis, Rino Lupetin, Dan Malone, Irena Marussich, Jack Maxson, Mark McClure, Kevin McCusker, Martin McGreevy, Bill Minnich, Amy Nania, Shawn O'Mara, Jr., Theresa Ostroff, Susan Peckelis, Penny Phelan, George Pires, Brian Plunkett, Deborah Povilonis, Richard Povilonis, John P. Reitter, III, Paula Roberts, Erich Roessler, Mary Murray Saetta, Jean St. Germain, Jennifer Schmidt, Ronald Seelbach, Timothy Slominski, Gerda Steinke, Joey Szoldatits, John Tangen, Jr., Tracie Truncellito, Berta Unger, Leonard Vallender, Tom Walsh, and Kathy Weinborg.

### MISSED BIRTHDAYS:

We are sorry to have missed these birthdays in previous Bulletins:

**Elsie Schull** - December; **Marie Steiner** - June; **Dolores Bernat** - July

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 Jan Kessler at jkessny@aol.com.

### DONATIONS

Thank you to Anna Fitzgerald for her Thanksgiving donation to the Kolping House.

### Advent Project:

Thank you so much for the donations we received from Katrina Dengler, Margaret Cirincione and Barbara Grimm for our advent project. We are also able to contribute \$100 collected from the 50/50 raffle held at the Kolping House St. Nick Party.

Croton Caring in Croton, NY is the organization that will receive our Advent donations this year. The mission of the Croton Caring Organization is to enlist the resources of the community to help those amongst us who are frail, elderly and homebound, handicapped or families in need of temporary assistance.

Croton Caring is a non-profit organization that provides services to those needing help and support necessary to remain in their homes and live healthy and happy productive lives. More information on their website [www.crotoncaring.org](http://www.crotoncaring.org).

## OUR HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY 2015 INTENTIONS

**UNIVERSAL: PEACE** That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

**EVANGELIZATION: CONSECRATED LIFE** That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

# 2015 DUES

Time to send in your 2015 dues! Pay your membership dues by April 1st to avoid any late charges. Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Kolping on Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548

**Att: Jan Kessler, Secretary**

Family: \$100

Individual: \$85

Student: \$40

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please take an extra minute to fill in the bottom of the letter **with your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information. Mail it back with your dues to our secretary, Jan Kessler. She will be updating the files and will include your email address on her email account. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.



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## News & Notes

### NATIONAL KOLPING RAFFLE

The raffle drawing was held at the New York Christmas party on December 7th. Congratulations to the following are the winners:

- 1st prize \$1500 - Maria Schafer, Los Angeles Kolping Society
- 2nd prize \$1,000 - Dolores Bernat, New York Kolping Society
- 3rd prize \$500 - Al Ahrens, New York Kolping

### THE GERMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING CLUB

The 25th year, spring semester begins January 6 through May 12. It will run Tuesdays for 15 weeks (30 hours) honoring holiday dates. Classes are held at the Kolping house located at 165 East 88th Street.

Kids' classes will follow the Board of Ed school schedule, and are for toddler's to teens. Hours are 4:45-5:45 and 5-6PM. Adult sessions take place 6:30-8:30 are for Intermediate (those who have some knowledge and experience with German) which caters to specific needs in grammar, and conversation. Advanced class is for those who like to keep up their knowledge and improve upon it, with grammar review.

We offer a relaxed and pressureless atmosphere with no exams, etc. All classes cater only to the needs of its participants and offer outside help when one cannot attend every session. See our website for further information.

[www.germanlearn.com](http://www.germanlearn.com)

### NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK: SEPT 2-4, 2016

Our branch will be hosting the National Convention in 2016! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Kolping brothers and sisters from all parts of the United States, and a great way to learn what their missions and activities are.

We are calling on all members to help the Convention Committee....party planners, people with organizing skills, and people of good will in general. Email our President, Katrina Dengler, at [kdengler67@hotmail.com](mailto:kdengler67@hotmail.com) and let her know your thoughts and ideas. It will be here before you know it!

### RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL!

Reminder that the Kolping monthly bulletin can be received via email if you so desire. Many members have decided this works out well for them and it helps to save the trees. Call or email Jan Kessler (914.462.7649) or [jkessny@aol.com](mailto:jkessny@aol.com) if you would like to receive your copy by email.

Please also note that you can visit our website [www.kolpingny.org](http://www.kolpingny.org) where you can find copies of the monthly bulletins, list of upcoming events and so much other information that you may find helpful.

### APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP WANTED:

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) is an academic year program for high school and gap year students to study abroad in Germany. Congress-Bundestag scholars serve as 'youth ambassadors' of the United States, sharing their life and culture with their German hosts and local government officials, and gaining new perspectives on global current affairs. Program website: [www.usagermanyscholarship.org](http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org). Application Deadline (ET) on January 8, 2015.

### GERMAN MASS St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 10am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).

# Retirement/Thank You for Ernst & Wilma

submitted by Lou Colletti

On Friday November 21, 2014 the Kolping NY Board of Directors had a Retirement/Thank You dinner for Ernst & Wilma Endrich. In appreciation for all the years as Manager & Assistant Manager at K88. Also for Ernst who through the years managed at one time or another KOH & KOC. Those who attended were the Board Members, both current, former Managers & Employees of K88, KOC & KOH. Dinner was prepared by our great Chef, Wolfgang Han & our K88 Manager Geovanny. The Board presented both Ernst & Wilma with an engraved Tiffany Key Ring. We thank Christine Preisser for ordering the gifts. We wish both Ernst & Wilma the best & look forward to seeing at Kolping events.



We want to thank the Board of Directors, friends and coworkers who gave Ernst and myself a retirement party on November 21, 2014. Ernst was totally surprised and we were both deeply touched. We want to especially thank Lou for organizing the party, our friend Wolfgang for the delicious meal and the Kolping staff for all their help. We also want to thank all the people you came and celebrated this special evening with us! Kolping will always have a special place in our hearts.

—Wilma and Ernst

# *Kolping Christmas/St. Nikolaus Party*

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*submitted by Jan Kessler ~~~ photos submitted by Jan Kessler and John Noonan*

It was a wonderful festive day for over 90 Kolping Members and Friends that were able to begin the holiday season with a beautiful mass and holiday party at the Kolping House on December 7th. So nice to see some of the members that attend every year: Franziska Schmitt, Barbara Grimm, Pat Farkus, Doris Petsche, Helmi Pinner, Ernst Endrich, Karl & Rita Fister, Heidi Bruegger, Anton & Heather Dengler, Cecelia and Sixto Portilla and all the children that were there.

The party room was beautifully decorated by Kolping House Staff and we thank Giovanni, Ray, Ken Gilbert and Miguel who did all the set up and preparation for our festivities. Muriel Fullam was there days ahead of the party to lend a hand as well.

Thank you to Fr. Richard Bretone who celebrated a beautiful mass and to Don Simons who provided the music. We thank Bob Dowgiallo, Ted, Jr. and Brynne Keller for helping at mass with the offering and readings.

A new member ceremony was held and we welcomed in three new members to our Kolping Family—Tracie Truncellito, Herta Stang and Mary Lozoda are the new members and their sponsors Jennifer Scheuermann, Chris Lovasz and Maria Stang were all there to celebrate along with them.

Our Chef Wolfgang Hahn with the help of Giovanni prepared a fabulous meal that definitely was enjoyed by all. We truly do not know how they got it all done to perfection, but we surely appreciate all their efforts and thank them so much for all their hard work. Not only do they spend hours and hours cooking but they also travel around the tri state area shopping for all the special food items. A great big thank you to all our servers—Jenna Richardson, Kelly Weinborg, Donna Richardson, and Brynne Keller—who were able to get all the roasted pork, mashed potatoes, chicken, spaetzle, red cabbage and vegetables served up quickly to all of our guests.

Katrina Dengler presented Person of the Year Awards to Bill and Irene Leili via telephone. They reside at KOH during the summer months but spend their winters in sunny Florida. Both Bill and Irene are always busy helping with many of the KOH projects and lending a helping hand at all the summer events. Bill and Irene also have been our delegates at our National Conventions over the past few years.

A person of year award was also presented to Donna Richardson who coordinates all the children's activities at our St. Nick party every year. In addition, Donna is a NY Kolping Board Member, volunteers as a delegate for our National Conventions as well as organizing the annual Arrowwood Golf Event. We really cannot thank them enough for all they do.

Katrina Dengler introduced all of our honorary members who have reached a membership anniversary milestone this year.

Congratulations go to John Noonan and Albert Sartorius who celebrated their 65 year membership milestone. Both John and Al serve as board members and also work endlessly on many of the Kolping Committees that keep the Kolping Society running so smoothly.

The 50 year milestone members this year are Willy Bittermann, Ronald Seelbach, Willi Dunz and Herbert Specht. The 25 year milestone members are Alex Schmitt, Michael Scheuermann, Ann Gallwitz, Irene Benvenuto, Marlene Bittermann, Waltraut Korcek, Jack & Cecelia McGlew. Not all of these members were able to attend the ceremony but we send our congratulations to each and everyone of them.

Thank you to Joan Dengler and Teddy, Jr. for all their help in selling the baked goods; Brynne Keller, Jenna Richardson and Kelly Weinborg for helping St. Nick (Gerry Ladenhauf) with all the gifts and candy for the children. There were lots of happy excited children when St. Nick appeared. Thank you to Donna and Jenna Richardson who do all the shopping and wrapping of the gifts each year.

Everyone enjoyed singing the Christmas Carols along with Andy Marrusich and Richey Povolonis who led the way.

It was a truly enjoyable day and we thank everyone for their contributions in making it a great success. Special thanks to Father Bretone, Katrina Dengler, Joan & Ted Dengler, Bob & Ann Hemsing, John Noonan, Al Sartorius, Donna Richardson, Muriel Fullam, Heidi Umland, Ann Marie Urban, Lou Colletti, Gerhard Schmitt, Don Simons, Wolfgang, Giovanni, Miguel and all of the the staff at Kolping House.







# Stories of Interest

## An Amazing Connection submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Mistletoe and tinsel and sleigh bells jingle—Nativity scenes beckon while church bells ring out the joyous hymns. This is the way Christmas is celebrated. But, those of us in our twilight years remember a much different Yuletide. It was 1944, and Hitler made his final gamble: the Battle of the Bulge or the Ardennes Break-Through, as it is sometimes known.

His generals, and even Armament Minister, Albert Speer, told Hitler the war was lost; but, he preferred to rely on astrology, hunches, and tea leaf readings. Besides, there were promising signs; 100 V-1 rocket bombs were getting through to London daily; the U486 torpedoed the S.S. Leopoldville carrying 800 service men to the bottom of the Atlantic; and, preparations were complete for 13 Heinkel III bombers, based in Norway, to launch their V-1 missiles over the North Sea so they would detonate in London as Christmas midnight mass was beginning.

Conditions were worse on the other side however. Whenever flying weather was suitable, thousand bomber raids were carried out; civilian casualties neared 700,000 and great German cities Hamburg, Berlin and Dresden were being reduced to heaps of rubble. No, there wasn't much peace on earth and good will toward men then, except maybe an incident involving a wounded Jewish-American soldier and a German medic.

U.S. Army Pvt. Bob Levine, from the Bronx, dredged ashore at Utah Beach right after D-Day. His mortar unit headed inland when they were ambushed by German paratroopers. In the fire-fight, a grenade landed near Levine, and the explosion shattered his right ankle. His band surrendered, and as he was being carried to an internment camp, an American artillery shell fell short and exploded in their midst. Levine survived, but a large piece of shrapnel tore into his right upper leg.

Levine woke up on the dining room table of a nearby French farm house. Dr. Edgar Woll of the Wehrmacht Medical Corps responded and examined the patient. The severity of his wounds demanded immediate amputation of the right leg. After the surgery, the doctor was about to leave when he noticed Levine's identification tag had the ominous letter "H" meaning Hebrew or Jewish stamped under "religion". At great personal risk, if he were found out, Dr. Woll removed the tell-tale tag and had it destroyed. Without it, Levine had a much better chance of survival.

The Nazis did not afford Jewish P.O.W.'s the benefits of the Geneva Convention. They made laborers of them; in "chain gangs" many died of over work. Similarly, medical supplies in Germany were scant. German Wehrmachts were the first priority, then civilians, next, non-Jewish P.O.W.'s: finally, if any left, Jewish prisoners. The doctor's removal of Levine's "dog tag", with the "H" greatly increased the American soldier's chance at survival.

The doctor and the patient both lived through the war and resumed their civilian lives. In 1981, Levine returned to the scene of his capture and the French town historian furnished him with details of the medical emergency 37 years earlier, and Dr. Woll's identity.

The doctor had died in 1955, but his widow and two daughters were still alive. Levine, a prosperous fast-food owner, contacted the Woll's and arranged a meeting. Levine presented the widow with Dr. Woll's case report on Levine and it was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. With mutual respect the Levine's and Woll's coalesce into an "extended family." Mr. Levin said he was astounded things turned out so well. What diplomats can't negotiate at the conference table, people with good hearts can at the coffee table.



Levine presented Woll's widow with a framed triptych: a photo of himself as a young soldier and another of Edgar as a young doctor. In the middle was the handwritten note, explaining what Woll had done for him.



# Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application

◆ TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED. 1ST AWARD: \$2,000 / 2ND AWARD: \$1,000 ◆

2015 Topic: *Pope Francis and the recently assembled Catholic Bishops released a preliminary document calling for the Church to welcome and accept gay people, unmarried couples and those who have divorced as well as the children of those less traditional families. How would your relationship with the Church change if these modifications were adopted?*

## Scholarship Applicants must:

1. Be a member or the child or grandchild of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York.
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no more than 1000 words. Please follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar and vocabulary will be taken into account.
4. The essay must be on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
5. Not be a previous winner.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
7. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015**. Please email materials electronically to **bfp19@msn.com**. If you prefer, you can mail the materials to Christine Preisser, 19 Revere Road, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Please contact the Christine Preisser at 914-693-5537 with any questions.

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Kolping Ski Trip

Fri-Sun, March 6-8, 2015

Mount Snow, Vermont  
Mountaineer Lodge

## ROOMS ARE GOING FAST

Make your reservation by phone or email

Single: \$220  
Double: \$310  
Triple: \$410  
Children 2-12: \$55\*

*Includes two breakfasts,  
wine & cheese reception,  
Saturday dinner, tax & gratuity.*

*We fill the lodge so  
there's plenty of  
Gemutlichkeit!*

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Mail checks payable to Kolping to Joan at 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562

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