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NOTE the DATE

february

14 Ash Wednesday

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

20 Executive Board Meeting Kolping House 88th Street

22 February Bulletin Last day to submit material

march

3 Annual Elections & **General Meeting** Kolping House 88th Street

8- Kolping Ski Trip

10 Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow.

19 Full Board Meeting Kolping House 88th Street

31 Easter Sunday

The oldest and most important Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus

april

6-7 KOH Cleanup Kolping-on-Hudson

13- KOH Cleanup

14 Kolping-on-Hudson

16 Full Board Meeting Kolping-on-Concourse

FEBRUARY

PLEASE JOIN US!

Membership Meeting

Mass, Lunch, Annual Elections & General Meeting

All members are requested to join together on Sunday March 3, 2024

We will convene for German Mass at 10:00 am:

St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street, NYC

Lunch and meeting will begin at 12 noon: Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street, NYC

Please come together with your Kolping family for the annual meeting of our general membership. This is our opportunity to set the course for our Kolping Society in the coming year. Hear reports, pose questions, vote for the members who will serve on our Board of Directors for the coming term. If you're interested in serving on the Board, reach out to one of the Directors listed here in the bulletin.

A scrumptious lunch will be provided—menu details to follow.

\$25 adults, \$12 children 12 and under. Please RSVP to Joan (kolpingny@gmail.org or leave a message at 914 432 2535.) We would appreciate your response by February 27 so we can purchase enough food.





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 contact Joan Smyth Dengler (914-432-2535) or email kolpingny@gmail.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 FEBRUARY

Meghan Allen, Michael Beldotti, Bob Boeschl, Karl Buckel, Ivan Cantu, Lisa Coen, Bernie Dengler, Michael Fenech, Jerry Fullam, David Gallo, Elizabeth Giordano, Bud Gramer, Anne Hemsing, Chris Henriques, Joseph Kovar, Elisabeth Lersch, Matthes Lersch, Joan Mahoney, Barbara Maltese, Walter McDonald, Stephanie McGill,

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SPECIAL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes go out to David Gallo, Liz Giordano and Walter McDonald.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

KOLPING AND VOCATIONS

Catholic Kolping Society New York has a project directed to supporting young people who would like to explore a trade. College is only one path and it is sometimes difficult to know where to begin to explore other options. Father Kolping worked as a shoemaker before becoming a priest and he thoroughly understood the challenges and satisfactions of being a craftsman. When he opened his first Kolping House it was to support young people as they moved away from their childhood homes to work in trades and become independent. Funded by a generous legacy gift, the Kolping Occupational and Vocational Apostolate project contributes to defray the employer's cost of training a young person who is endeavoring to enter a particular vocational training and learn new skills. A KOVA grant is a one-time payment to help encourage an employer to take the extra time and energy of investing in training the next generation. Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Persons interested in KOVA (employer or trainee) should email kolpingny@gmail.com. Inquiries will be forwarded to the KOVA committee for consideration.

THANK YOU!

We thank Gerhard Zoeller for his gift to KOH in memory of all the Kolping Brothers and Sisters who passed away in 2023.

Thanks go out to Ferdinand Zipprich for his donation to KOH to support the beautiful location.

We thank Ron Seelbach for his generous gift to the Society.

Thanks go out to Chris and Anna Buckley for their gift to KOH sent along with this year's dues.

Thank you for your support of the Advent Project:

Al Sartorius and family, Reinhold and Ingrid Stehle, and Ferdinand Zipprich.

NATIONAL RAFFLE WINNERS:

First Prize: Heddy Freese, Cincinnati Kolping **Second Prize:** Michelle Buhz, Brooklyn Kolping

Third Prize: Omischi, Chicago Kolping

Kolping Classifieds



THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The German Society of the City of New York welcomes new members.

We hold quarterly members' luncheons including a mini-concert, a delicious lunch, singing, and German conversation with friends old and new. We provide assistance and support with German pension applications/trouble-shooting; proof-of-life forms; referrals to professionals; probate matters (wills, estates, inheritance issues); tenant/landlord advice; liaison with nursing homes, assisted living, home health care, hospital social work departments, German Consutate and more.

Please call **212 360 6022** or email **bfox@germansocietyny.org**.



NEWS & NOTES

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Family: \$140 • Individual: \$105 • Student: \$40

50-year members: paid up forever!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2024. 87 members have already submitted their dues for this year—thank you for your promptness. Your membership cards are coming soon.

Note that if you didn't get last year's dues paid, you should send that along with this year's payment so that your membership in the Society continues. Our very modest dues payments combined with the savings and contributions of generations of members keeps our Catholic Kolping Society New York operating at all three of our locations—Montrose, the Concourse and 88th Street.

Pay your membership dues by **April 1st** to avoid any late charges. Send your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to: Joan Dengler, Kolping, 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562

JOSEPH SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2024

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED – 1st award: \$2,000 / 2nd award: \$1,000 Watch your email—the essay topic will be determined soon. Applications are due in April and the awards will be announced in June.

LOOKING FOR LIFEGUARDS

Summer is coming soon even if it doesn't feel like it today. We often have jobs available at Kolping on Hudson for certified lifeguards. If you or one of your children are interested, please reach out to Tracie Truncellito at kohmanager95@gmail.com

NATIONAL KOLPING CONVENTION

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Starting Friday, September 6, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri.

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR KOLPING EMAILS?

If you're not getting the emails and you'd like to, please send an email to Joan Dengler at KolpingNY@gmail.com with this message in the subject line. In the body of the message, tell us your name so we can update our list. Be sure to check your spam folders and to add us to your address book (kolpingny@gmail.com).

ATTENTION PHOTO TAKERS

We are always looking for pictures of our members and friends participating in Kolping events. If you have any photos that you think would be nice for the Bulletin, email them to Ingrid at ingrid22@optonline.net. Please include the date and name of the event.

JOIN OUR LINKEDIN PAGE

Connect with us on LinkedIn—a particularly good tool for job seekers. We encourage all of our young members and anyone in the job market to create a profile and build your network. If you already have a presence on LinkedIn, please connect to Kolping today! Find us here: https://www.linkedin.com/company/kolpingnewyork

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

If you or someone you know have any questions regarding sponsoring a new member, checking the status of an existing application, application process, dues, membership status, or questions about the Society as a whole, please contact membership@kolpingny.org.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY 2024 INTENTION

FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



Patricia Farkas | April 24, 1943 - January 17, 2024

In the 1980's Pat and her late husband, Edward Farkas, along with the late Father Walter Pruschowitz were instrumental in forming the Holy Trinity Kolping Family in New Jersey. This Family was later absorbed into our New York society. Ed served as the National Administrator for many years and upon his death in 2004, Pat assumed that role. As National Administrator, Pat supported the National board, coordinated and published the Kolping Banner and ran the fundraising raffles to support our National organization. Pat often joined us at our St. Nickolaus Party in Manhattan and we shared in the excitement of drawing the winners for the annual raffle. Her duties were rounded out with the biennial Convention and work on the annual Lenten projects.

Pat is already very missed and we hold her memory in our hearts.

Patricia Katherine (nee Geiger) Farkas, 80, of Clifton, passed away on January 17, 2024. Born in Passaic, Pat resided in Clifton for most of her life. Before her retirement, she was employed as an Administrative Assistant with Lewis and Company in Rivervale, NJ.

Pat had been a faithful parishioner of Holy Trinity R.C. Church in Passaic for many years where she was a member of the Golden Agers. More recently, she has been attending Masses and served as a lector at St. Nicholas R.C. Church in Passaic. Pat was a longtime member of the Catholic Kolping Society of which she served as the National Administrator for over 20 years.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Edward in 2004.

Survivors include: her devoted daughter, Karen Byers and her husband, Joshua Aldridge; her loving granddaughter, Tegan Byers; her brother, Werner Feiter; and three nephews, Eric, Thomas and Kurt Feiter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Kolping Society, 311 Greene St., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

LENTEN PROJECT

For our 2024 Lenten Project we will again support the Kolping Families in Kenya

Our National Kolping Society is continuing support of Kolping brothers and sisters in Kenya.

Do you want to make a difference in the world? Can you find \$1 to share with a Kolping brother or sister? Kolping's Lenten Project this year is again designed to help some of our Kolping brothers and sisters rise from poverty to self-sufficiency. We've partnered successfully the past few years by providing them with goats and the training to care for the animals and use them to help feed their family and provide a small income.

This year we will focus on the water shortage there. We will help provide water collection tanks that sit on the roofs of homes to collect rain water. Additionally we'll help to purchase multi-story container gardens which use water more efficiently. The water tanks cost about \$335 The container garden sets cost about \$20.50. Can you help by contributing to the Lenten Project?

If each of us in NY Kolping gives \$1, we could provide two families with goats. If each of us gives \$10, we'd be helping 20 families take a step forward. And if we could each give \$1 for every day in Lent, or \$40 each, that would impact 80 families! Kolping International is coordinating this project with Kolping in Kenya. Please send your gift today—see how big of a difference we can make when we come together.

Gifts should be sent to Catholic Kolping Society of America, 311 Greene St, Mill Valley, CA 94941.