

KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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note the date

april

- 4-5 Easter Weekend**
No Cleanup at KOH
- 11 Easter Egg Hunt**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 11- KOH Cleanup**
12 Kolping-on-Hudson
- 14 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping-on-Concourse
- 18- KOH Cleanup**
19 Kolping-on-Hudson
- 22 May Bulletin**
Last day to submit material
- 25- KOH Cleanup**
26 Kolping-on-Hudson

may

- 2-3 KOH Cleanup**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 9 Last Day of KOH Cleanup**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 10 Mother's Day Mass & Dinner**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 12 Executive Board Meeting**
Kolping 88th StreetH
- 25 Memorial Day Barbeque**
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 31 New Members Mass/Brunch**
Kolping-on-Hudson

APRIL

KOH Annual Easter Egg Hunt **DATE CHANGE: APRIL 12**

Join us **Sunday, April 12th at 1 pm** for our 5th Annual EASTER EGG HUNT! Help with the clean-up and find Resurrection treasure! Families with children 12 and younger are invited to join in an Easter Egg Hunt on the picnic field to search for Easter eggs and surprises. Scavenger hunt for all ages! Egg Races and Egg Toss for older children and adults!

WHO will find the GOLDEN Egg?

WHO will find the KOLPING Egg?

Basket and Prizes!

FUN FOR ALL!

Bring your own baskets, please. Before and after, join other Kolping families and pitch in with the clean up items to help KOH open for the season! Please contact Cecilia Portilla by April 10th by phone, text or email. Let her know the participants names and ages for the Egg Hunt. cdgportilla@gmail.com or (516) 761-8801.



KOLPING-ON-HUDSON SPRING CLEAN-UP

Weather permitting the first day of cleanup is scheduled for April 11th. We are calling for all helping hands—projects for everyone big and small. Lunch will be served for the volunteers. Please let Heidi Umland know what days you can help with the spring cleanup. There are always many chores to be done and we appreciate all those volunteers that come out. Contact Heidi at 718-805-0552 weekdays, and 914-736-0117 weekends. Email: heidiumland@Verizon.net.



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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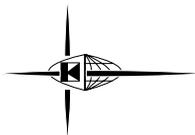
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Milestones & Passages



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 APRIL:

Linda Ahrens, Stanley Beckett, Nick Bellet, Willi Bittermann, Russell Borner, Nancy Byrne, Michele Calhoun, Brian Carey, Michelle Cervello, Romeo Cojocar, Luca Matthias Colletti, Nichole Corrigan, Thomas Corrigan, Cristina Cretara, Steven Crowley, Christian DeMatteo, Erna Dengler, Katrina Dengler, Kurt Dengler, Veronica Dengler, Linda Doerr, Robert Doyle, Willi Dunz, Pat Farkus, Theresa Farley, Alfred Ferony, Donald Finnegan, Sara Franz, Gregory Fuchek Jr., Jessica Lynn Funnell, Kevin Gaffney, Angelique Gallwitz, Chris Geisler, Sophie Gormley, Joseph Haneman, Bob Hemsing, Vincent Hierspiel, Robert Jaki, Elizabeth Jaki, Andrea Janny, Mark Janny, Johan Jung, Ria Jung, John Keller, Christine Kern, Francis Kiernan, James Kiernan, Bret La Racque, Hans Lechner, Bill Leili, Max Lorenz, Linda Mallon, Brian Marx, Katrina Marx, Michelle Marx, Don Maxson, Bridget McCusker, Helen McGuire, Judith Mersits, Natalie Minarik, William Minnauge, Jane Mohapp, Anthony Mongiello, Detmar Nieshalla, Luitgard Nieshalla, Tom Nieshalla, Reinhart Oelerking, Elfie Orlowski, Evan Ostroff, Cecilia Portilla, Joseph Preisser, Charlotte Rahm, Franz Recklingloh, James Reilly, Elizabeth Reitter, Marie Reyes, Michael Reynolds, Sean Reynolds, Joseph Saetta, Nick Saladino, and Dieter Schmitt, Frances Schulte, Patrick Schwarte, Clarissa Solano, Lisa Specht, James Stang, Michael Stilowski, Christine Trastevere, Marlena Umland, Barbara Weber, Sharon Weigand, and Nancy Whalen.

SPECIAL APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Linda Ahrens** and **Bill Leili**.

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

Lenten Project: Thank you to **Margaret Cirincione, Katrina Dengler, and Gerhard & Alex Schmitt** for your generous donations.

Congratulations to **Frank Kurcz** for winning the 50/50 raffle held at the March 1st General Meeting at the Kolping House. The proceeds of \$120 will be donated to the Lenten Project.

REMINISCING

Thank to Irmgard Pastore and Wally Holzner for sending in this photo of the Ladies Auxiliary, probably taken sometime between 1952 and 1956. They were able to identify 4 of the 9 ladies, but maybe some long-time members can help in naming the others.

_____ Wally Holzner _____ Minnie Ulrich _____ Edith Hemsing _____
_____ Frieda Freudenthal _____ _____ _____



2015 DUES

We appreciate everyone that have paid their dues and want to remind everyone else that they are due by April 1st. **Please forward your payment to Catholic Kolping Society, 95 Montrose Point Rd, Montrose, NY 10548 Att: Jan Kessler**

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.

Edward D. Schmitt, Esq. is a Kolping member, and also the lawyer for Kolping. If you are in need of law services, he comes highly recommended.

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News & Notes

REQUEST FOR CONVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for the following committees:

Registration Committee: This committee will be sending out convention letter invites to all Kolping USA members, keeping track of all who register and their payments; being at the hotel to greet them, register them, give out goody bags, keeping track of who is a delegate, name tags.

Transportation Committee: to obtain and organize buses to various events; to escort and assist people on/off the buses during the convention

Boat Tour dinner: Sunday night we are planning a Dinner Boat cruise. This committee would pick the cruise provider and arrange the dinner.

Non-delegate Tour: to arrange a bus tour for the non-delegates. Also, if you would like to be a personal tour guide for your fellow Kolping members, on Saturday morning or Monday.

NEW MEMBER INTERVIEWS

The new membership committee will be setting up interviews for those that are interested in becoming members of the NY Catholic Kolping Society sometime in April or May. The new members mass and ceremony will be held on May 31st at Kolping on Hudson. Sponsors need to be members for 3 years and in good standing. Please be sure to let Jan Kessler know if you need a new membership application for any of your friends or family. Also contact Jan with any questions that you may have: jkessny@aol.com or cell # 914-462-7649.

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 and let her know your thoughts and ideas. It will be here before you know it!

RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL!

Receive your Kolping monthly bulletin via email. Many members have decided this works out well for them. Call or email Jan Kessler (914.462.7649) or jkessny@aol.com. Also note that you can visit our website 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.

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).

OUR HOLY FATHER'S APRIL 2015 INTENTIONS

UNIVERSAL: Creation—That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

EVANGELIZATION: Persecuted Christians—That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

Stories of Interest

Georg Müller (1805-1898) submitted by Martin A. Kelly



It would seem strange that the British press would extol a German evangelist for his successes in the English slums. But, it happened in 1898, at a time when both nations were diplomatically at odds.

This unusual man was Georg Müller born Sept. 27, 1805 in Kroppenstadt, Saxony. His father was a grain dealer who guided his son toward the Lutheran ministry. Despite his intelligence, this Wunderknabe preferred the Bierstube to the study hall. On the slippery slope to (Nichtigkeit) failure, Muller felt the “divine calling” and turned his life around (Umschwung).

He whole-heartedly embraced the Pietist (Pentecostal) belief, an off-shoot of Lutheranism, which upheld sound moral living and confraternity with “the Almighty.” He choose to go to where the need was the greatest, the slums of England.

King Henry the VIII of England had split with the Catholic Church over its refusal to grant him a divorce. His solution was to start his own church in 1534; this way, he was free to re-marry (7 more times). In addition, he confiscated church property (monasteries, schools, hospitals, etc.). He also, expelled Catholic priests, nuns, and outlawed Catholicism (1556).

The losers under this new regime were the majority of his subjects who were cheated of the charitable services the church had previously provided. For centuries, Catholic nursing sisters had staffed hospitals (exp. Order of St. Vincent de Paul). After their departure, the medical staff became whatever was available including convicted woman sentenced to “work in the wards.” To her credit, Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) is honored for organizing the nursing profession. But, these women were only doing what Catholic nuns had been doing for centuries.

The lost youth of England presented another social problem. Nobility was a caste system of a sort in which “divine right” kept the royalty (lords, dukes, al.) on a superior social level. The novelist, Charles Dickens (1812-79) exposed this social injustice in “Oliver Twist” in (1838) in which homeless boys were trained as pick pockets by the arch criminal, Fagin. Also, in “Christmas Carol” (1842) the heartless employer, Scrooge, pays his employee Bob Cratchit stingily, so that his son, Tiny Tim will remain a cripple. It was a “schwerer Zeitgeist” (bad era).

Müller arrived in Bristol in 1832, the second largest English city and a commercial center in England. Müller threw himself into the Lord’s work. He opened Sunday schools, orphanages, educational institutions, etc. Choosing to “light one candle, rather than curse the darkness” his charity projects became models worldwide. As his obituary commented, he saved thousands of victims from street crime, thousands of youths from lives of crime and delinquency.

Ironically, it would be less than 20 years after Müller’s death that some of the youths whose lives he had salvaged would be killing the youth of Müller’s homeland in World War I.

Official Reporting? Allegedly Taken From Court Records submitted by Jack McGee

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a mail or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town, I’m going with male.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to? **WITNESS:** Oral.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And the best for last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

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.

I hereby apply for the Joseph Sartorius 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: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Kolping Ski Trip *Thanks to Joan & Ted Dengler for once again organizing the weekend.*

Kolping Members and friends and family once again enjoyed beautiful sunny & snowy Vermont weather at the annual ski trip to Mount Snow. Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing were the order of the day accompanied by much gemütlichkeit at the Mountaineer Inn. If you missed this one, plan to join us next year!



General Meeting & Elections Submitted by Jan Kessler. Photos by Dennis Noll and Edward Specht

In spite of the inclement weather, we managed to have a good attendance at the General Meeting. Many attended German Mass and coffee hour at St. Joseph's Church and then joined the others for a wonderful lunch at Kolping House. I am sure Wolfgang might have preferred to stay a little longer in Florida, but thank goodness he got back in time to cook a delicious meal for all of us. We all were able to enjoy roast pork, chicken with mushrooms, mashed potatoes, mashed sweet potatoes, red cabbage and homemade spaetzle. Thank you so much to Wolfgang and Geovanny for all their hard work in preparing a delicious lunch. Thank you to the Kolping House Staff that helped in organizing the meeting room and Ken and Ray who always handle all the office details.

We really appreciate all the members that joined us for the afternoon. It was the perfect day of enjoying a wonderful lunch with friends and catching up on Kolping business. We also welcomed CPT Charles Brown, a German instructor at USMA-West Point and Officer-in-Charge of the USMA German Club and 9 cadets who all joined us for lunch.

Thank you to Donna Richardson, Richey Povolonis, Andy Marussich and CJ Smith for all their help serving the buffet lunch; Carina Schmitt for all her help with the sale of our Centennial Beer Steins, hats, pins and tote pins. Emily Specht and Christine Szoldatis sold all the 50/50 raffle tickets—and the winner was Frank Kurcz who won \$120—the remaining half of the proceeds will be donated to the Lenten Project.

Our Chairman of the Board, Lou Colletti kept our General Meeting agenda moving along. Katrina Dengler, President, opened the meeting and provided updates on our upcoming NY National Convention which will be held in September 2016. We thank all of the following Board Members and Committee Members who provided us with all of the Financial updates along with House Reports: Gerhard Schmitt, Bernie Preisser, John Reitter, Heidi Umland and Rich Povolonis. The minutes from this meeting will be published in an upcoming bulletin.

Immediately after lunch, Gerhard Schmitt and Al Sartorius got the board elections underway. Several of our senior board members were reelected. We are pleased that Robert Hemsing, John Reitter and Donna Richardson will continue to serve on our board. It takes a lot of dedication and personal commitment to serve on the board and we appreciate all that they do.

The junior board positions had 3 openings and there were 4 nominees. We are so pleased that Al Sartorius, Jr and Dennis Noll who have both served on the board for many years will remain on the board. We congratulate Linda Szoldatis who was elected to the junior board and we look forward to her bringing all her expertise to the board room.

The meeting concluded with Fr. Bretone offering us his prayer and we thank him always for his guidance.



KOLPING MOMS: JOIN THE KOLPING TEAM ON MAY 1!



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To Support Homeless Youth

Mothers Edition

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Will you join them?

When

7:00 PM – 7:00 AM

Where

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460 West 41st Street
New York, NY

Why

To support the life-changing work being done for NY and NJ's homeless kids

If you would like to learn more about **Sleep Out: Mothers Edition** or are ready to register, please contact us at sleepout@covenanthouse.org.



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