

KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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NOTE *the* DATE

april

1-2 KOH Cleanup
Kolping-on-Hudson

9 Easter Sunday
Celebrate Christ's Resurrection

15- KOH Cleanup
16 Kolping-on-Hudson

18 Full Board Meeting
Kolping-on-Concourse

22- KOH Cleanup
23 Kolping-on-Hudson

27 May Bulletin
Last day to submit material

29- KOH Cleanup
30 Kolping-on-Hudson

may

6-7 KOH Cleanup
Kolping-on-Hudson

13 KOH Cleanup
Kolping-on-Hudson

14 Mother's Day
Mass & Dinner
Kolping-on-Hudson

16 Executive Board Meeting
Kolping 88th Street

28 Memorial Day BBQ
Kolping-on-Hudson

APRIL

KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

Spring Cleanup

JOIN YOUR KOLPING FRIENDS



Mark your calendar for the KOH cleanup weekends in April (weather permitting)!

Every one of us—big and small—has talents to offer.

Projects will range from gardening and raking the grounds to sweeping out the dust and cobwebs to washing windows so our Hudson views are perfect to preparing our kitchen for the delicious meals to come.

This year's cleanup dates are: April 1-2, April 15-16, April 22-23, Apr 29-30 with maybe a bonus on May 6-7. We'll work together for a few hours with all of our individual contributions making a big impact. In advance, please let the KOH

committee know what days you can come so we can have the right tools ready to make the most of your generous gift of time.

Email KOHManager95@gmail.com

And if you find yourself unexpectedly available, come on by even without an RSVP. Our Society only functions when all of our members share their time and talent. Which days will you be working with us?



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.

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to announce the passing of **Miss Betty Boecklen**. Betty grew up in New York City. Her parents were active participants in the Catholic Kolping Society of New York, and Betty remained a member until she passed away this past fall at the age of 93. Please keep Betty in your prayers and all of our recently deceased Kolping members and their loved ones.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN APRIL

Linda Ahrens, Gerald Beyrer, James Bradley, Mary Buono, John Buono, Nancy Byrne, Michelle Calhoun, Brian Carey, Joe Carroll, Andrea Cela, Michelle Cervello, Jean Cianci, Sean Coen, Romeo Cojocar, Luca Matthias Coletti, Stewart Cooke, Colleen Croce, Edward Croce, Steven Crowley, Debbie Dengler, Katrina Dengler, Kurt Dengler, Veronica Dengler, Nicholas DeVaugh, Patrick Doherty, Willi Dunz, Maria Ebbri, Pat Farkas, Alfred Ferony, Sara Franz, Jessica Funnell, Sophie Gormley, Bob Hemsing, Bobby Jaki, Johan Jung, Rea Jung, Christine Kern, Brett LaRocque, Hans Lechner, Max Lorenz, Robert McCarthy, Helen McGuire, Judy Mersits, Trudy Miksits, Kerry Murphy, Lulu Nieshalla, Reinhart Oelerking, Kyla O'Neill, Elfriede Orlowski, Cecilia Portilla, Charlotte Rahm, Heather Rauch, James Reilly, Betty Reitter, Michael Reynolds, Alessandra Schiavi, Dieter Schmitt, Therese Sinks, Jimmy Stang, Michael Stiloski, Patricia Tompkins, Christine Trastevere, Barbara Weber, and Sharon Weigand.

SPECIAL APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Michele Calhoun, Andrea Cela, Maria Ebbri, Pat Farkas, Max Lorenz, Elfriede Orlowski, and Heather Rauch.**

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.

LENTEN PROJECT

For our 2023 Lenten Project our Board of Directors is suggesting two causes worthy of your consideration.

THE SCHMITT FAMILY

As you know by now, our longtime Kolping member and current President, Gerhard Schmitt, has suffered some severe medical challenges and is looking ahead to a lengthy rehabilitation.

Checks payable to Catholic Kolping Society can be mailed to our Kolping House at 165 East 88th Street, NY, NY 10128 or to our Secretary—Joan Dengler, 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining NY 10562

Our National Kolping Society is continuing support of Kolping brothers and sisters in Kenya via the GOAT PROJECT

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 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. The project is evolving and this year Kolping in Kenya will be providing cisterns to capture and store valuable rainwater. 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 for the Kolping Kenya partnership project should be mailed to National Kolping, Pat Farkas, P.O. Box 4907, Clifton, NJ 07015-4907.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our projects to date!

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NEWS & NOTES

DUES FOR 2023

Family: \$135 • Individual: \$100 • Student: \$40
50-year members: paid up forever!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2023 (AND 2022 if you missed them). 89 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 2022 dues paid, you should send that along with your 2023 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.

Send your check made out to Catholic Kolping Society and mail it to:
Catholic Kolping Society, % Joan Dengler, 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562

ST. JOSEPH'S OF YORKVILLE

St. Joseph's of Yorkville celebrated its 150 anniversary on St. Joseph's day on March 19th. There will be a gala dinner at the Liederkrantz on Saturday, June 2nd. Cardinal Dolan will be saying a special mass on Saturday, April 15th at 4pm at St. Joseph's Church: 404 East 87th Street, New York, NY 10128
phone: 212-289-6030 email: info@stjosephsyorkville.org

NATIONAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Submitted by: Lou Colletti, National Trustee

Calling on all Catholic Kolping, NY Members, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren: SUBMISSIONS DUE BY APRIL 30, 2023

Information, details and requirements can be found on the Kolping National website: **Kolping.org**. Good Luck to all entries!

BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS WESTCHESTER

90th Jubiläum Celebration: Saturday, April 29, 2023

2:30 pm Mass at St Mary, Mother of the Church

106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY 12524

Banquet – 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Caterers

17 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Music by: Die Spitzbuam Band

Any questions, please contact Gloria McSweeney

845-240-3227 / zumleben1231@yahoo.com

"I'M NOT GETTING KOLPING EMAILS!"

If you're not getting the emails and you'd like to, please send an email to 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).

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 APRIL 2023 INTENTION

FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON VIOLENCE

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence,
by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our Society convened at our house on 88th Street in Manhattan for the Annual Membership meeting. The day started with German Mass at St. Joseph's on 87th Street. Geovanny Ramirez and company prepared a wonderful meal of sauerbraten, chicken, pasta, potatoes and the most delicious vegetables. We missed Wolfgang Hahn who inspired our menu and we keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Treasurer Peter Carruthers opened the meeting with a welcome to all in attendance. Annual reports commenced with details on the operations of our three properties, the state of our finances, membership statistics, special funds and an update on the National Kolping Society and International Kolping. Minutes of the meeting are included in this bulletin. Please read them to learn more about the operation of our Society.



KOLPING GENERAL MEETING 2023 / MINUTES

submitted by Alex Schmitt

The **MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York held at 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY on March 5, 2023

Board Members present:

Father Bretone, Natasha Borodin, Peter Carruthers, Lou Colletti, Katrina Dengler, Ted Dengler, Frank Kurcz, Donna Richardson, Jennifer Scheuermann, Alex Schmitt, Gerhard Schmitt, Chuck Smith, Mia Steigerwald, Tracie Richardson Truncellito, and Alfred Vogl.

Peter Carruthers opened the meeting at 1:02 pm and Father Bretone offered a prayer. Gerhard made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2022 General meeting, Katrina and Lisa Carruthers seconded, and the motion carried.

Elections: Alex Schmitt presided over the election process. There was 1 nomination from the floor for a senior board position. The following people were voted in for the following positions:

President/Vice President:

Gerhard Schmitt/Katrina Dengler

Senior Board:

Ted Dengler, Mike Scheuermann, and Frank Weigand

Junior Board:

Jennifer Ahrens Scheuermann and Tracie Richardson Truncellito

Ted Dengler gave the financial reports

KOH: There was a net positive at the end of 2022 as a result of many hours of work fulfilled by willing volunteers and by a transfer of funds from the Preservation Fund. Much of the work included repairs, managing, and running events. As a result of all the volunteerism payroll expenses were kept low again thus generating a surplus.

KOC: Although there was an increase in income in 2022 the year ended with a loss as the result of playing catch up with no shortage of the repairs and upgrades that needed to be done and some arrears.

K88: As COVID has been winding down interns have returned to K88. Income increased significantly in 2022 compared to the 2 prior years. K88 finally ended with a surplus after 2 years.

SOCIETY: The Society covers many expenses which helps to support the 3 houses such as the accounting firm, the Secretary's salary, communications, contributions to other organizations, The Bulletin, and the Directors and Officers

insurance. Fortunately, K88's surplus is helping the support the Society because the dues income is not enough.

Peter mentioned that one should consider putting the Kolping Society in his/her will. The proceeds would help to the support the Society's infrastructure.

House Reports:

K88 report given by Gerhard Schmitt: As of Friday there are 81 residents or 92% occupancy. We have visitors from all over the world including Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Peru, Finland, South Korea, Italy, Lebanon, Spain, Russia, India, Ireland, France, and Bangladesh. For the month of March we have 14 reservations, for April we have 16, for May we have 17, for June we have 18 and for July we have 5. Once again we will be offering the Aramark interns a discount to stay during the summer. More reservations are expected once applications for the summer and fall are reviewed. A scaffold has been set up so that the façade can be inspected closely to comply with Local Law 11, level 3.

KOC report given by Kelly Moeller: October was Kelly's first year anniversary working at KOC and she and Peter were initiated as Kolping members in December. Income increased overall compared to 2022. She has established relationships with various entities, such as the Botanical Gardens, universities, New York Conservatory, and Aramark Sports Entertainment in order to acquire new interns from all over the world. Income is expected to increase in 2023 with the latest rental increases. Arrears have been reduced since she became manager by various means. Kelly made it her business to acquire any and all financial aid from NYC. Monthly reminders are sent out and late fees are imposed. Vacancies have been fluctuating, currently there are only 6. As the building is 101 years old there is no shortage of projects and necessary updates. Although expenses exceeded income in 2022 it is important to protect the investment of our Bronx home. Eventually this will turn around. As rooms are vacated renovations get done right away to welcome a new resident. Whether it is the kitchen, plumbing, heating or fire alarm systems Kelly is making sure the building is a safe, secure, clean, and welcoming place to stay.

KOH report given by Ted Dengler: 2022 was a good year financially and socially. We were able to have all our usual events. We had our second annual Clam Bake which is very successful and well received. We thank Brett LaRoque for his help with this event. The Murder Mystery dinner is also popular. In 2023 it will be expanded to a two day event, a dinner followed by a luncheon the very next day. KOH has been doing so well financially because of all the volunteers. We will miss one of our volunteers, Tom Waitkins. He helped out with leadership and the grounds. He left us too early and he will be missed. Our regular volunteers have committed to coming back in 2023. More volunteers are welcome to assist with projects, tasks, and events.

Karen Staub is once again donating 4 Subway Series baseball tickets. Game date is June 14th at 7:10 pm. This year she has decided that the Schmitt Family will be the recipients of the proceeds from the raffle tickets.

President's report given by Gerhard Schmitt: He started by thanking the membership for voting him as President for another term. He expressed his deep gratitude to the Society for all the support and generosity bestowed on him and his family during his illness. Thanks were given to the staff for preparing the room and the food for the meeting and to all the volunteers who helped run the event. The President was very happy that many people attended the General Meeting and encouraged the membership to endeavor to come every year as it is important to be a part of important decision making. The list of upcoming events was mentioned including the ski trip, clean up days, and Mothers' Day. Last September was the National Convention in Cincinnati. It would appear that soon New York will be hosting a convention as there are less Families nationwide able to do so. The Advent Project raised funds for a new organ for St. Christopher's Church in Buchanan. K88 has acquired a new weekly tenant called the Meta Church. Please let the Society know if there is an insurance broker that would be able to help with acquiring insurance at a better rate. Finally, please keep Ernst Endrich and his family in your prayers. He recently passed and had contributed greatly to the Kolping Society.

KOLPING GENERAL MEETING 2023 / MINUTES [continued]

Vice President's report given by Katrina Dengler: The city, in checking the Society's not for profit property tax exemption, has asked for a copy of K88th deed. Luckily, it was found and a certified copy was sent. There are two Lenten projects this year, the Schmitt Family and the National Project. St. Joseph's Church is celebrating their 150th Anniversary on April 15th at the 4:00 pm mass and the Cardinal will be there. This is the second parish that the Kolping Society had joined after moving uptown. Come and show your support for St. Joseph's.

Treasurer's report given by Peter Carruthers: Peter has restructured some of the Kolping Society's assets in order to reduce some of the risk inherent in bond funds as well as capture yields within the cash component of the portfolio. In particular he moved funds from the bond allocation yielding a negative return as well cash yielding zero and purchased 6 month Treasury Bills yielding 4.69%. These will be held to maturity negating the risk of loss. He recommends anyone can do this for their own portfolio. Additionally, the Investment Committee is looking into swapping products within each respective allocation in order to lower costs while remaining within the allocation and products prescribed within the Investor Policy Statement (ISP).

UN report given by Frank Kurcz: The UN met in person on February 7th and February 14th. The Kolping sits on the Society of the Family and Social Development at the UN. On the agenda was how families recover post pandemic. It is also believed that the children were most impacted by the COVID pandemic. On March 22 there will be a meeting and the Ukraine War will be on the agenda. It appears the war is intensifying.

Membership report given by Joan Dengler: In 2022 7 new members were inducted into the Kolping Society. 28 more applications are in process. We currently have approximately 500 members. There are 62 members who did not pay in 2022. An increase in dues for 2024 has been voted in by the membership. Family dues will be \$140 with a late fee of \$15, individual dues will be \$105 with a late fee of \$15, and

students will remain at \$40 with a late fee of \$10. Please let Joan know if you wish to receive the Bulletin via email only and make sure she has your correct email to receive them.

National report given by Lou Colletti: The National Convention was finally held in Cincinnati in September 2022. The 2 year delay was due to the COVID pandemic. The hotel where we stayed was in at Covington, KY across the Ohio River. The upcoming 2024 Convention will be held in Missouri, where the first Kolping Society was established in the U.S. Lou thanked the longstanding members who supported the National Raffle over the years. The National had discussion about Fr. Kolping finally becoming a saint. We need to pray more to make this happen. The National Lenten project has been helping support our Kolping brothers and sisters in Kenya since 2018. National has raised \$92,081 since 2018 enabling the purchase of 502 goats which were given to 24 families. In response to drought conditions experienced recently this year's donations will go towards the purchase of water collection tanks and multi-story container gardens. The National Kolping Scholarships will be available online March 15th and due by April 30th. These are available for High Schoolers and college students.

Corresponding Secretary's report given by Charles Smith: NY Kolping receives many messages of thanks, including from scholarship recipients and Lenten Project and Advent Project beneficiaries. We received a letter of thank you from the Cardinal for having been invited to KOH last year in July. We are still endeavoring to have the Cardinal serve a mass for the Kolping Society. We have received notice that the estate of Paul Rederer has bequeathed a gift to the Kolping Society.

Radio report given by Katrina Dengler: The Kolping Society has been sponsoring a low power FM radio station in Westchester. There were some licenses available and through the work of Norbert Dengler we got a license for a radio station that rebroadcasts Relevant Radio out of Wisconsin. The license was successfully renewed last year. Paperwork is being filed with the FCC for the Emergency Alert System. If you

would like to volunteer with the Radio committee please contact Katrina.

KOVA report given by Gerhard Schmitt: 3 grants were given in 2022. Currently there are 2 applications waiting to be fulfilled.

Scholarship report given by Gerhard Schmitt: The scholarship fund is in good shape. In addition to the National Scholarship we have scholarships offered by New York, The Joseph Sartorius Scholarship for college undergraduates or students in post-high school vocational programs and scholarships for high school students. We encourage participation in all these opportunities.

Praeses report given by Father Bretone: As we are in the Lenten season Father encourages us to do the way of the cross at our parishes. We are fortunate to have that devotion in our Church. As Christians we know how to make sense out of the sufferings of life. We unite our suffering and our crosses to Jesus. He turns all of those sufferings into sacrifice and when we have sacrifice we have purpose, and when we have purpose and we have God with that purpose we can get through everything. The Kolping Society's focus is always on Jesus Christ, He is our strength. It is Him that we serve and we want to bring Him to others. It is Father's job to remind us of this. One of our past members, Ernst Endrich, was an example of the Kolping example. We prayed a Hail Mary for him, an Our Father for Gerhard, and a Glory Be for everyone.

After all the reports motions were made and seconded to accept and the motions carried.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Schmitt

Alex Schmitt

KOLPING SKI TRIP

A group of nearly 50 Kolping members, family and friends came together at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover, Vermont to share gemütlichkeit, laughs, delicious food and wonderful time spent on the mild and sunny slopes of Mount Snow. We skied Carinthia and the main mountain, Sundance and Sunbrook. Nitro Express and the Bluebird lifted us high into the hills so we could soak up the sun while we cruised downhill.

We toasted the memory of our dear friend Ernst Endrich who was a fixture on our ski trips for so many years.

Plan ahead for next year and consider joining this terrific family activity.





Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application 2023

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

THEME: Father Kolping always said: "The times will tell you the problems". How would Fr. Kolping approach the immigrant problem of today?

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 1,000 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. Please double space all lines in your essay.
5. Submit essay on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
6. Not be a previous winner or applicant.
7. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
8. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by midnight **SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023**. Please email materials electronically to bob42@optonline.net or U.S. mail to Bob Hemsing, 1106 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520.

Please contact the Bob Hemsing at 914-231-5601 with any questions.

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

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

Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly): _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date



KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

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Upcoming Events

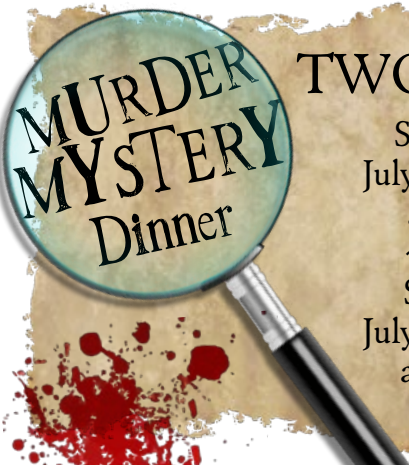
Memorial Day
BBQ ★★

★★ Sunday
May 28, 2023

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FOURTH OF JULY
★ **BBQ** ★

★★★ Monday
July 3, 2023 

Hawaiian
 *Luau*
Saturday
July 15, 2023 

 **MURDER MYSTERY Dinner** **TWO DAYS!!**
Saturday
July 29, 2023
at 6pm
~ and ~
Sunday
July 30, 2023
at 12pm

Clam Bake
 
Saturday
August 5, 2023

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Sunday
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