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note the date

june

4 Pentecost

Commemorates the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles 50 days after the Resurrection.

14 Flag Day

Commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the U.S. flag in 1777.

18 Father's Day at KOH Mass and Dinner

25 Full Board Meeting at KOH

26 Last day to submit materials for July Bulletin

july

4 Independence Day

The day of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The observance began in Philadelphia.

22 Tropical Night at KOH Dinner and Dance

24 Last day to submit materials for August Bulletin

august

20 Oktoberfest at KOH Picnic, raffles, prizes and more...

26 Kinder Olympics at KOH -27 And family campout



FATHER'S DAY AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

You are cordially invited to celebrate Father's Day with us on Sunday, June 19, 2005. Our menu will include: Fresh Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Coffee and Cake. The price for dinner is \$16 per adult/\$8 per children under 12 years of age. Please make your reservations early. The price will be \$2 more for those without reservations. Please call Heidi Umland for reservations or for more information. Weekdays: 718-805-0552 and weekends: 914-736-0117.

The Father's Day Mass will be celebrated in honor of Steve Yehl and Vincent Lambot.



A TRIBUTE TO KOLPING ARTISTS

On Father's Day, June 18, we will introduce "A Tribute to Kolping Artists, Past, Present, and Future." This is a chance for all our members to show off your artwork in Assmuth Hall at Kolping on Hudson. We invite you to bring up anything you consider your art—paintings, needlework, photography, sculpture, etc. so we can admire your talent. We want to encourage your children and grandchildren's work so bring them and also things you may have collected from your parents. We will have tables and walls and people to help you set up. If you have questions, want to come early or just tell me you are coming, please call Ann Horan.



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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In Our Prayers

We were saddened to learn our dear friend, Vinnie Lambot, beloved husband of Rosemarie, passed away on May 7th. Please take a moment to read on the next page an article about Vincent written by Karen Byrnes.

Prayer list for continued good health:

Maria Reuber, Rosemarie Lambot, Anita Buchholz, Inge Schmitt, and Mary Minarik

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.



Happy Birthday to those born in June:

Mary Anne Augart, Rosemarie Bartzick, Bert Bruegger, Camile Yvonne Cantu, Margaret Cirincione, Robert Coletti, Jr., Anne Marie Cunningham, Daniel Cunningham, Nick DeMarchis, Nicholas Dengler, Theobald Dengler, Jr., David Dougall, Gerard Farley, Diane Franzoso, Phyllis Froebrich, Megan Fuchek, Caterina Garon, Bill Gessner, Xavianne Gruno, George Heinz, Tom Hickey, Jr., Maria Hollenbeck, Christopher Jones, Bridie Kleinbub, Elizabeth Lentner, Linda Losonsky, Jacoba Maas, Vincent McConnell, Megan McCusker, Richard McCusker, James Patrick McLane, Alfredo Melita, James Minarik, Jr., Emily Neff, June Noonan, John Noonan, Jr., Eugene Orłowski, Gary Ostroff, Andrew Preisser, Christine Putre, Michael Raouf, Alexa Richardson, Stephen Richardson, Jr., John Roche, Danielle Rosenberg, Jonathan Rosenberg, Carmen Ruggio, Franz Schroeder, Karen Schroeder, Klaus Schubert, Johan Severin, Janell Sokol, June Talaric, Amanda Tropiano, Heidi Umland, Brian Peter Weigand, Charles Weltner, Christine Wernig, Patrick White, and Julia Winter.

Special Milestone Birthdays:

Al Ahrens (Happy 70th on June 27th!), Robert Dowgiallo, Maureen Hierspiel, John McHale, and Wayne Moraitis.

THANKS

Donations to KOH

Jackie Maas, John & Johanna McGreevy, John & Betty Reitter, Ernst Schmidburger, and Helmut Augart

Other Donations

Frank Weigand – Lenten project

Bert and Heidi Bruegger – in memory of Steve Yehl and Vincent Lambot

Sharon Callery – in memory of Steve Yehl

Barbara Jason – niece of Steve Yehl in his honor

Those who put in "extra" for the KOH chances:

William Grimm, Maria Reuber, Katrina Dengler, Albert Sartorius

A special big thanks

The Harry S. Truman Foundation donated \$1,000 to KOH. Our member, Arthur Kessler, is a member of the Harry S. Truman Lodge. They have held their picnic at Montrose for the last several years.

In Memory of J. Vincent Lambot

May 24, 1916 to May 7, 2006



Our dear friend, Vinnie Lambot, beloved husband of Rosemarie (nee: Steffens) died on May 7th. Members and the Board of Directors of the Kolping Society will remember Vinnie as a person who passionately cared about increasing the membership of the New York Kolping Society. But Vinnie was just not a Board

Member, or Chairman of the Membership Committee, he was the gentleman that you always saw helping his dear wife, Rosemarie. We can remember seeing Vinnie at the door of the main room of the 88th Street Kolping taking admission tickets with Rosemarie, or helping at the Concourse Kolping House at one of the Communion Breakfasts, or in Asmuth Hall in Montrose at a Mother's Day or Father's Day Mass, and it was Vinnie and Rosemarie who were instrumental in asking Fr. Sean Horrigan (R.I.P.) to be the Kolping Praeses. That's what makes Rosemarie's and Vincent's 60-marriage so special. Their love was so evident in everything they did together, whether it was in Rome with the Kolping Society, or on a cruise with friends. Vinnie enjoyed people, and it showed.

History: Vinnie served in the National Guard prior to World War II. He was a photo-engraver for many years, and later a bank teller at Chase Manhattan Bank. When he retired, he volunteered at the Bedford Park Multi-Service Center (the basement of St. Philip Neri Church) which was founded by Sr. Annunciata Bethel. Vinnie was the dispatcher of the service cars which picked up senior citizens for daily senior lunches. Besides his activity in the Kolping Society as member, and Board Member, Vinnie served on the Parish Council of St. Philip Neri Church, and was an active member of the Don Bosco Society.

We members of the Kolping Society can be very proud of the large number of members who attended both the wake

on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9-10, and the funeral Mass on Thursday, May 11th. Sometime we think that when a person gets close to 90 years of age, there won't be many people at the funeral. Well, we're wrong! Vinnie had a large crowd of mourners including parishioners, family, friends, Kolping Society members, and Don Bosco members.

The highlight of the funeral Mass was the homily by Fr. John S. Bonnici, S.T.D., Pastor of St. Philip Neri Church. He related a story about Vincent and Rosemarie welcoming him almost 5 years ago when he was named Pastor of St. Philip Neri. Rosemarie and Vincent stopped Fr. Bonnici at the end of the 12 noon Mass, introduced themselves, and invited him to the Concourse Kolping Residence for dinner. Vinnie immediately gave Fr. Bonnici a copy of the Kolping Bulletin. Fr. Bonnici remembered Vincent as very sincere, with a resounding voice, and said it was evident that Rosemarie was a loving wife who was always supporting of her husband. Fr. Bonnici told us that we would leave the church in sadness about losing a loved one, but we would never lose hope. It is that hope that each Catholic has—the hope in knowing that Vinnie is in a better place with God in Heaven, and one day we would join him when our time on earth is over. Vinnie would be welcomed in the loving arms of Jesus and his mother Mary. Our Kolping Praeses, Fr. Bretone said a few brief remarks about Vincent's love of Kolping, and said the final prayers before the recessional hymn, *In Paradisum* (May Angels Guide You).

Vincent was buried in Ascension Cemetery in Monsey, NY. It was comforting to Rosemarie to see that Vincent was buried very near the "Hanratty" grave. Mary Hanratty, wife of Edward Hanratty (R.I.P.) and her son, Michael have always been good friends, and were extremely supportive in helping with the funeral arrangements. After the interment, Rosemarie invited all those who came to the cemetery, to a luncheon in honor of Vincent at Madisons Restaurant in Riverdale where we laughed and spoke about our good times with Vinnie.

Submitted by: Karen Byrnes; photo courtesy of Jack McGee

Classified ads free for Kolping Members! How do I submit an ad?

Free! Classified advertisement section, both on the KolpingNY web site and printed in the Bulletin. 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. You can email your classified ads (or any questions) to: classifieds@kolpingny.org

You can also mail them to: Ingrid Resmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563.

Or Ads can be posted on the web site: www.kolpingny.org.

Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

2006 DUES

Please send in your dues as soon as possible. These funds are needed for the Society to meet its financial obligations.

Individual: \$80

Family: \$95

Student: \$40

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.

LAST CHANCE

THE JOE SARTORIUS MEMORIAL AWARD

If you have a child or grandchild that you feel would benefit from the \$250 award given each year to a child under the age of 16 to continue his or her life's ambition, please send a letter listing the child's qualifications and send to Ann Horan, Catholic Kolping Society, Att: Joe Sartorius Service Award, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128

Please mention any church or community service performed by the child, as we feel that those were the areas of importance in Joe Sartorius' life. Please send in your letter ASAP. The award will be presented to the winner at K-O-H in Montrose on Father's Day, June 18, 2006.

OKTOBERFEST AT KOH

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 20.
Food, Music by BUD GRAMER,
Children's Games, Chance Booths,
and Raffles. Enjoy a "gemütlich" day
with your friends and children, too.
The fun begins at noon until sundown.

NY Kolping News

MOTHER'S DAY

The opening day at KOH was on Mother's Day and what a great day it was. It was great to see so many members and their families. We had several families with three generations which speaks well for our strong ties to Kolping. The meals were prepared by Jennifer and Mike Scheuermann with the very able assistance of Jennifer's mom and dad – Al and Linda Ahrens, Mike's mom and dad – Christel and Fritz Scheuermann, Jennifer's sister Evelyn and of course our own Doris Pitche. We are so grateful to these families who spent so much time helping out. Kathy Weinborg was in charge of getting the food to our guests and we give a big thanks to the Weigand family. John was cutting the meat. Frand, Ingrid and Debra all helped with the serving. In between settings we held the drawing for the chances you all bought to benefit KOH. The winners were:

- 1st Herta Koenig - \$300
- 2nd William Grimm - \$150
- 3rd Anita Buchholz - \$100
- 4th Max Mittermeier - \$50

Father Bretone said our Mass and did his usual inspiring job. After Mass we initiated 19 new members.

We welcomed: Bob Kellher, Tony Restivo, Johan & Maria Jung, Muriel & Jerry Fullam, William & Judith Breining, Christopher Breining, Barbara & Emerich Janney, Agnes Tretter, Linda Doerr, Robert Doerr, Edward Stinson, Robert & Jennifer Schmidt, Kathleen Ullrich, and Debra Weigand.

The crowning of Blessed Mother followed. This year's crowners were J.P. Reitter (son of John & Sylvia Reitter and grandson of John & Betty), and Kristen Curley (daughter of Deneen and Kevin, and granddaughter of Wilfrede & Erich Roessler). Thanks to all who worked, who ate, and of course to all our mothers!

RETREAT DAY

On Saturday, May 20, ten Kolping members traveled "over the river and through the woods" to Father Bretone's home and retreat house in Highlands, NY. What a great time we had!

Father Bretone was surely a gracious host. He must have thought we were very skinny because he kept feeding us – first with great food and then with great food for our souls. His place is the perfect place to get away from it all and think about God for a while. His chapel is so warm and inviting. We could see his waterfall as he said Mass.

I hope this will become an annual event for us and I hope more of you can come and experience Father's place next year.

JUNE BOARD MEETING AT KOH

Sunday, June 25. Dinner is at 1:00 and the meeting is at 2:30 pm.

TROPICAL NIGHT AT KOH

July 23, 2006. Dinner at 7pm, dance 8:30pm. Cost: \$25 per person.

Don't forget to visit our New York Kolping web site: www.KolpingNY.org

Picture Gallery

photos by Ann Horan and Frank Weigand

Mother's Day at KOH



John Weigand, Evelyn Ahrens, Mike & Jennifer Scheuermann



Maria Reuber and Johanna McGreevy



Elizabeth Jaki, Bill Gessner, Crystel Scheuerman



Three generations of Bittermanns



Bernie Dengler and Family



Initiating new members after Mass



J. P. Reitter and Kristen Curley

Retreat Day with Father Bretone



Inside the Chapel, overlooking the waterfall



Crossing the bridge



Group photo in front of the waterfall

World Cup Soccer Comes to Germany

COME WATCH THE MATCHES AT KOH ON OUR 42-INCH WIDESCREEN TV: JUNE 9 - JULY 10.

Submitted by James Stang

GROUP A Germany Costa Rica Poland Ecuador	GROUP B England Paraguay Trinidad & Tobago Sweden	GROUP C Argentina Cote d'Ivoire Serbia & Montenegro Netherlands	GROUP D Mexico Iran Angola Portugal	GROUP E Italy Ghana USA Czech Republic	GROUP F Brazil Croatia Australia Japan	GROUP G France Switzerland Korea Republic Togo	GROUP H Spain Ukraine Tunisia Saudi Arabia
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MATCH SCHEDULE – STAGE 1

MATCH	GROUP	DATE	TIME	TEAMS	MATCH	GROUP	DATE	TIME	TEAMS
1	A	June 9	18:00	GER:CRC	25	E	June 17	21:00	ITA:USA
2	A	June 9	21:00	POL:ECU	26	E	June 17	18:00	CZE:GHA
3	B	June 10	15:00	ENG:PAR	27	F	June 18	18:00	BRA:AUS
4	B	June 10	18:00	TRI:SWE	28	F	June 18	15:00	JPN:CRO
5	C	June 10	21:00	ARG:CIV	29	G	June 18	21:00	FRA:KOR
6	C	June 11	15:00	SCG:NED	30	G	June 19	15:00	TOG:SUI
7	D	June 11	18:00	MEX:IRN	31	H	June 19	21:00	ESP:TUN
8	D	June 11	21:00	ANG:POR	32	H	June 19	18:00	KSA:ESP
9	E	June 12	21:00	ITA:GHA	33	A	June 20	16:00	ECU:GER
10	E	June 12	18:00	USA:CZE	34	A	June 20	16:00	CRC:POL
11	F	June 13	21:00	BRA:CRO	35	B	June 20	21:00	SWE:ENG
12	F	June 13	15:00	AUS:JPN	36	B	June 20	21:00	PAR:TRI
13	G	June 13	18:00	FRA:SUI	37	C	June 21	21:00	NED:ARG
14	G	June 13	15:00	KOR:TOG	38	C	June 21	21:00	CIV:SCG
15	H	June 14	15:00	ESP:UKR	39	D	June 21	16:00	POR:MEX
16	H	June 14	18:00	TUN:KSA	40	D	June 21	16:00	IRN:ANG
17	A	June 14	21:00	GER:CRC	41	E	June 22	16:00	CZE:ITA
18	A	June 15	15:00	ECU:CRC	42	E	June 22	16:00	GHA:USA
19	B	June 15	18:00	ENG:TRI	43	F	June 22	21:00	JPN:BRA
20	B	June 15	21:00	SWE:PAR	44	F	June 22	21:00	CRO:AUS
21	C	June 16	15:00	ARG:SCG	45	G	June 23	21:00	TOG:FRA
22	C	June 16	18:00	NED:CIV	46	G	June 23	21:00	SUI:KOR
23	D	June 16	21:00	MEX:ANG	47	H	June 23	16:00	KSA:ESP
24	D	June 17	15:00	POR:IRN	48	H	June 23	16:00	UKR:TUN

Yorkville News *Submitted by Jack McGee*

The corner of Lexington Avenue and East 86th Street is getting a much-needed facelift. The fast-food joints and junk stores are being replaced by Barnes & Noble booksellers and clothing retail giant H&M. East 86th Street has been searching for a clear retail identity ever since the disappearance of its once plentiful German-American restaurants and food shops. Few New York City streets have had such a choppy retail legacy as East 86th, once the main street of "Germantown" with eateries such as Kleine Konditorei and food halls including Bremen Haus. We all look forward to seeing this transformation!

In Case of Emergency

(courtesy of Brooklyn Kolping newsletter)

On your cell phone, you should have a number or two listed as ICE (in case of emergency). If you are alone anywhere and unconscious, a police officer will automatically look up this number on your cell phone. It doesn't have to have anybody's name next to the number, just a number to call.

Stories of Interest

Luchow's Restaurant, 110 East 14th Street

submitted by Martin A. Kelly



Luchow's was a German restaurant founded by Guido August Luchow in 1882, when the Academy of Music across the street was at the heart of the city's theater district. After remodelling in 1914, the former beer saloon became famous, drawing tourists as well as theatrical and musical celebrities. It survived Prohibition and the decline in the neighborhood's fortunes as the theater district moved north to Times Square.

Abbott chose not to isolate Luchow's unusual facade, which combined three nineteenth-century buildings with German Renaissance details. Instead, she used a handheld camera to capture the busy street scene, including the new movie theater next door to the old restaurant.

Luchow's did not survive the 1970s decline of Union Square, and by the 1980s, it was abandoned and surrounded by empty lots. Despite the efforts of preservationists, the restaurant was not granted landmark status and was demolished in 1995 after a suspicious fire.

Away with the stories of national obesity and junk foods; and in with the pleasure of fine dining.

There was a time, not so long ago, when people—who could afford it—indulged their appetites without regard to calories or cholesterol.

One of the foremost restaurants catering to the German taste was Luchow's located on East 14th Street and Irving Place in Manhattan. In 1840, the site was the location of a bar and eating place. One of the waiters, an enterprising immigrant from Hanover, August Luchow, bought it and named it after himself in 1882.

At that time, 14th Street was the hub of musical theatre, literary, and political activity. The frequenters of Luchow's read like the "who's who" of New York City's society with plenty of just plain folks out for a treat or celebration.

A surmise of the daily menu would only excite our digestive glands. Suffice it to say that if Franz Joseph would have read it, he would have winced with envy.

But Luchow's was more than an eating place, it was a museum of German culture with rooms dedicated to mounted hunting trophies and exquisite drinking Steins. Regularly, oompah bands would play for the entertainment of the diners.

As East 14th Street changed, Luchow's lingered as a memorial to a bygone era. By 1982, the higher rent, competition with cheaper, foreign cooking vendors and other factors forced its closing.

About the superiority of the German diet, an anecdote concerning the Chinese might be revealing. Before World War I, European nations had colonies there. The Chinese peasants used human dung to fertilize their crops. As the story goes, German waste brought a higher price because its (undigested) nutrients would produce a more bountiful harvest for the farmers.

"Der bestimmt Professor" (The Determined Professor)

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

The professor put his students to sleep with his boring lecture. It was the summer and the air conditioning had broken down.

To arouse the dazed students, the professor shouted "What is the difference between man and woman?" He waited a few seconds; and, then, pointed his finger at a bleary-eyed freshman.

Taken unaware, the flustered student blurted out, apologetically: "I can't conceive".

What's Happening in New York This Month?

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



The Metropolitan Opera via Channel 13. Thursday June 1 at 9p.m.

A celebration and retirement concert for Joseph Volpe who has been manager of the Metropolitan Opera for the past 42 years. Over two dozen singers will pay tribute. A once-in-a-lifetime concert for a lifetime of service. A "thank you" of musical magic from the Met. If you miss it, check your TV Guide during the next few weeks, chances are channel 13 will repeat it.



The American Ballet Theater has Arrived at the Metropolitan Opera House. The season from May 22 to July brings both new productions as well as revivals. Tickets start at \$23. Evenings at 8pm, with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 2pm.

June 1 – Three one-act ballets by Stravinsky
June 2, 3(M), 3, 5, 6, 7(M), 7, 8, 9, 10(M), 10 – Cinderella
June 12, 13, 14(M), 14, 15, 16, 17(M), 17 – Gisella
June 19, 20, 21(M), 21, 22, 23, 24(M), 24 – Manon
June 26, 27, 28(M), 28, 29, 30, July 1(M), 1 – Swan Lake

ZION ST. MARK'S, 339 East 84th St., Manhattan (between 2nd & 1st Aves.).

Sunday, June 11, 2006 at 2:00 PM. Zion St. Mark's invites you to our popular annual STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL. Enjoy German-style Erdbeertorte (with or without Schlagsahne), coffee, tea, live entertainment with a special surprise, music and song, good company and fun. Contribution \$9.

EMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 197 Manville Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570 (914) 769-1559

Sunday, June 11, 2006 at 7:00 PM. Emanuel Rings Annual Handbell Concert.



Metropolitan Museum of Art

Hatshepsut: From Queen to Pharaoh. Runs through July 9th

Daughter of Thutmose I and his principle queen, Hatshepsut married her younger half-brother, Thutmose II. His untimely death left her regent for Thutmose III, his son by another wife. She decided to govern jointly with the boy and took on the title of king. Later, she assumed the title of pharaoh and ruled Egypt until her death. There is a lot to see at this special show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, perhaps too much for one visit.



HIGH 5: TICKETS TO THE ARTS. Summer 2006 Season On Sale May 29th @ 3:00 p.m.

Go to www.high5tix.org for thousands of High 5 tickets to the hottest arts—theater, music, dance, museums and more. **Pick an event.** Tickets to all performances: \$5 (buy at least one day in advance). Museum tickets: two for \$5 (available in advance or on day of visit). Each teen can buy an additional ticket to any High 5 show—Take a friend, date, parent, guardian, teacher or mentor. **Take 5:** Got five friends? Through the Take 5 program, student leaders, parents and teachers can buy five tickets and get the sixth one for free. Make reservations online!

No internet? No credit card? Call 212-Hi5-TKTS to place an order with the High 5 staff.

Let your voice be heard! Join High 5's Teen Reviewers and Critics (TRaC) program!

Visit the Buzz section on www.high5tix.org to read reviews, download an application form and get on TRaC!

German-Affiliated Events and Happenings

St. Joseph's School – Yorkville Celebrating its 125th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 10:00AM TO 6:00PM, 87TH ST. – STREET FAIR (RAIN DATE SATURDAY, JUNE 17)
Games, kid's crafts, inflatable rides, raffles, booths, food galore, a bake sale, a book sale, a flea market, and more...
87th Street (Between 1st & York Avenues) . All proceeds benefit St. Joseph's School - Yorkville

Anything you can donate would be appreciated. Some items we need are: hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, sodas, 8 oz. and 12 oz. water bottles, sugar packets. We are also looking for a donation to help us fix up our school. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, you can call the school at 212-289-3057.

WALTER GARON, KOLPING MEMBER

Swim & Sports Club – Flanders, NJ Soccer Over 50 Family Day

Sunday, July 16th, Game Time: 9am. Admission Fee \$5 per person, \$3 per child.

Also, **German Heritage Day** at noon, featuring: Bernie Bungers German Band, D'HeimatsGruppe Dancers, Traditional Wooden Keg Tapping, German Beer on Tap, and German Specialties from the kitchen.

Bavarian Club Edelweiss – Westchester Summer Fest

Saturday, June 17th at Kolping-on-Hudson. Admission \$8.00 (children under 12 – free). Doors open at 12:00.
Music by The Schwarzenegger Connection starting at 1:00. Schuhplattler and folk dances performed by Bavarian Club Edelweiss. German and American food, beer, wine, and soda available. For further information, call Margaret Mezcic at (914) 245-8631, www.bavarianclubedelweiss.org.

Carnegie Hall – NYC 50 years Ernst Mosch: His music lives on

Monday, September 18th at Carnegie Hall, 57th Street and 7th Avenue—a spectacular concert with The Original Ernst Hutter and Die Egerlander from Germany and Fifteen Time Grammy Award Winner Jimmy Sturr & His Orchestra from America. Ernst Hutter took over the succession of the legendary orchestra from founder Ernst Mosch in 2003. Tickets priced at \$35 and \$25 per person at Carnegie Hall Box Office, or Carnegie Charge at 212-247-7800, or online at Carnegiehall.org (fees apply). Tickets go on sale July 15th. Reserve your group now – call 1-800-724-0727.

PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ The 33rd Annual German Heritage Festival

September 10, 2006. Featuring Eberhard Hertel, Stefanie Hertel, Stefan Mross and their Band "Wolkenlos". Rides for children, folk dances, car show, brass bands, soccer tournament, mass chorus, German food, plenty of free parking, beer available. For tickets call: 609-585-6757; 908-561-4382; 732-388-6858. Visit their website at www.germanfestival.org.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES by Jack McGee

BROOKLYN It is amazing to follow the agenda of Brooklyn Kolping each month. One always has to ask "have you found the fountain of youth?" While the membership continues "graying", their energy belies this fact. On many Saturday evenings their Praeses comes to celebrate Mass, which is followed by a home cooked dinner. Several Sundays a month they gather at 1pm for dinner and activities for a Sunday afternoon. Recently they held their own version of "Hawaii Night", and the snapshots published in their monthly newsletter illustrated that a wonderful and "creative" time was had by all.

CINCINNATI Cincinnati is making serious plans for our Detroit Convention this Labor Day weekend. Cincinnati is entitled to 9 delegates because of their membership size. After the election of their delegates, they will be having a delegates meeting before going to the convention to review the issues that will be voted upon there. They have chartered a bus to take a representative membership to the convention. This will be combined with a little touring and sightseeing, as well. They have encouraged their membership to consider submitting proposals for the betterment of the Society. All proposals will be submitted to the National Secretary for convention consideration.

DETROIT

By this time every Kolping member should have received a Kolping Convention invitation. Detroit is asking members to return the various request sheets enclosed in their invitation envelope. They brought to our attention their request to consider placing an ad in their convention book to help defray the costs. They suggest that many members place ads in memory of a loved one.

KOLPING SOCIETY NEW YORK – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2006

submitted by CECILIA PORTILLA

Laurence Dengler opened the 118th Annual General Meeting of the New York City Branch of the Catholic Kolping Society. He first reminded everyone who had not yet paid that dues were due for 2006. A reading of the Minutes from the 2005 General Meeting was dispensed with.

First order of business was to elect members to the Board of Directors. Three members of the Senior Board were up for reelection: Bert Bruegger, John Reitter, and Gerhard Schmitt. There were no further nominations for candidates from the floor. As all were running unopposed, the Secretary cast a vote for reelection for each of the three positions.

Two openings in the Junior Board were to be voted on. Roy Sokol (re-election) and Mark Walkol were candidates. There were no further nominations for candidates from the floor. As both were running unopposed, the Secretary cast a vote for each.

House Reports followed.

Kolping 88th Street report given by Bert Bruegger. The house is full occupied, well managed and under decent repair. The current management is exploring the possibility of setting the house up with internet access for the residents.

Kolping on Concourse report given by Bernard Preiser. Current House Committee sees location as a problem for the facility. The facility is in good repair. Upcoming projects include electrical repair and the possibility of parapet repair. KOC is a very welcoming place, a good place for reflection, discussion and meeting for residents and members of the society.

Kolping on Hudson report was given by Bob Hemsing. The winter weather has brought down several trees and branches which have to be cleared. Clean-up weekends will start on April 1st. Looking forward to another good season. Heidi Umland is the manager and contact for party/rental arrangements for the facility and grounds.

The **Financial Report** was given by the Comptroller, Ted Dengler X. Kolping New York is in good financial shape. KOC is in the positive, yet will have expensive repairs for which it may not have the funds. KOH is having problems paying insurance bill and will be taking money from the Preservation fund as well as money transferred from K88 to pay this bill. K88 is able to generate a surplus due to a location that is in high demand and efficient management.

A report was given on the **Endowment Fund** by Bernard M. Dengler. 2005 was a fairly good year with modest gains. The funds made by the Endowment Fund pay for the Kolping New York website programming and maintenance, the monthly bulletin, office expenses for the society, a percentage of the secretary's salary, the meals for new and 50year members, as well as the

buses to KOH. An exciting upcoming project that the Endowment will be funding is a didactic video on Kolping NY: the social, religious activities of the society and the houses. Also working on a brochure for KNY recent history. There were no contributions to the fund this year. Bernard asked members to remember the fund yearly and in their wills so that the publications and promotion of the society can be perpetuated.

The **Membership Report** was given by Ann Horan. Current Membership consists of 145 families and 161 singles (451 paid members). March is the last month for reduced rate for dues, this information was explained in an earlier mailing.

The Report on the **General Society** was given by Society President, Katrina Dengler. Thanks were extended for those in attendance and those who participated in the 2005 events. Big projects KNY for 2006: KOC is in the process of triaging work to be done and expenses. KOH will have the same work to do, and will be starting clean up weekends on April 1st. The lawn will need raking, picnic tables to be set up, and much indoor cleaning.

The **National Convention** will be held in Detroit, MI this year; everyone is encouraged to show support for the other US Kolping Societies.

Note of change on the calendar: Kolping annual picnic in KOH will be on Sunday August 20th. Please note the change and plan on attending!

The Lenten Project for 2006 (presented by Bernard Preiser) Everyone has heard of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina to New Orleans and the surrounding area. One area visited by Bernie was Bay St. Louis. The first 3 miles of the area were wiped out by 30ft 20mph waves. Two-thirds of the area churches were destroyed. Many lost their homes, schools, jobs, churches, and cars in one day. Bay Catholic Elementary School is on school that has suffered much in the natural disaster: over \$100 million in damages (their insurance only covers \$35 million.) Funds collected for the Lenten project will go directly to the parish and school.

Father's Day will be held as usual with a celebration of Holy Mass at 3:30pm. This year there will be a tribute to Kolping work with a display of art, sculpture, and photography in Asmuth Hall where all are invited to contribute.

The Joe Sartorius Fund is a scholarship fund offered to Kolping youth members or relatives of members who have been outstanding examples of Kolping's work and have contributed to their community in a positive way. Nominations are being sought.

The UN Report was given by John Reitter. Kolping accredited with the UN as an economic and social development delegate. We are able to submit written statements to be read on the floor. Some forums that Kolping has participated

in are: poverty, education, family values, and the status of women. The United States has been a good example on Women's issues especially compared to other parts of the world where women have no property rights, there is genital mutilation, no educational opportunities. Kolping has contributed to proposals and statements asking world governments to take corrective action on these practices. The hope is that the world will be forced to pay attention and take action on these issues with the help of the UN and efforts of Kolping and other organizations.

The Praeses Report was given by Fr. Breton. This year will be the first Kolping Retreat. All are encouraged to attend. He has generally noted that there is a current lack of enthusiasm for Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration will be encouraged on the retreat. Fr. Nori Clark at Fordham University inspired Fr. Breton's search for a waterfall as a backdrop for Eucharistic Adoration in his Retreat Chapel. The Retreat will be for spiritual renewal. Kolping should not only have a social aspect, but also seek more activities that are motivated to accomplish more of God's work.

The KOVA report was given by Daniel Dengler. KOVA is an initiative pursuing vocational training for those interested. It will be taking a new turn this year and attempt to provide both vocational and spiritual follow-up for those involved. Many have education and skills in a trade, but no job and are looking for help. Current Kolping members are asked to volunteer their time and expertise to critique resumes, help find entry level positions, and sign up as a contact in the KOVA database for info and assistance to those seeking it in their particular area of expertise.

Daniel Dengler also took some time to give a report on **World Youth Day**. Members from New York and Los Angeles represented Kolping USA. This contingency met with Kolping members and youth from all over the world and were encouraged and encouraged others to stay involved in the activities of the Catholic Church, Kolping and their own communities.

New Business:

Ann Horan reminded everyone that **Lenten Project donations** were to be sent to Kolping New York. This money will then be sent as one check to the Bay St. Louis Church. Also: Thank you to Ernst Endrich for his dependability and work for the Kolping Society.

Laurence Dengler noted that the Society will be sponsoring a **photo exhibit** of Kolping members past and present in active in their vocations. There will be a prize for the best photo. Please no photos prior to 1888. This event aims at encouraging pride and pursuit of a vocation.

Thanks were extended to K88 staff and Board, Al Sartorius, John Neunan for organizing the meeting. The meeting was closed with a prayer and the Kolping song.