

note the date

Below are the currently scheduled events. We will continue to modify our plan accordingly with the highest regard for safety, and keep you posted on the status of the situation.

july

23 August Bulletin
Last day to submit material

august

TBD Tropical Night
Kolping-on-Hudson

TBD Murder Mystery
Kolping-on-Hudson

september

6 Oktoberfest
Kolping-on-Hudson

15 Full Board Meeting
Kolping 88th Street

19 Steuben Day Parade/Party
Kolping 88th Street

26 Schlachtfest Dinner
Kolping-on-Hudson

october

10-11 Fr. Bretone's Annual Retreat
Barryville, NY

13 Executive Board Meeting
Kolping 88th Street

17 Close Out Dinner
Kolping-on-Hudson

JULY

SUMMER 2020

in the Kolping Society

My fellow Kolping members,

Phase Four is here and KOH is opening on Tuesday, July 7th with capacity limits and strong safety measures in place.

Our opening is dependent on our adherence to very strict compliance with the Covid-19 Reopening Plan issued by the Westchester County Department of Health. We are all in this together and together we can make it work!

Anyone who violates any of the Health Department rules will be placing the Kolping Society of NY in a position for the authorities to shut us down.

Since we are operating at reduced capacity, **only members** will be allowed at KOH for the foreseeable future—no guests. So make sure your dues are paid up!

Please see back page of this Bulletin for the new rules and guidelines.

While we have all endured much throughout this unprecedented year, there is finally light at the end of the tunnel. If we pull together in the spirit of Father Kolping, we can make this a great season despite some inconvenience.

Treu Kolping!

Gerhard Schmitt, *President*

Lou Colletti, *KOH House Committee*

Joan Dengler, *Society Secretary*



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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 honor of Willy Bittermann

As you know, we lost our dear, dear friend Willy Bittermann this Spring after a lengthy illness. Willy and his lovely wife Marlene joined Kolping in the 1960s. They were part of a core group of members who worked hard every day and came together to build up our Kolping House in Montrose. All of us enjoying Kolping today owe a debt of gratitude to Willy and his family. To further honor and celebrate Willy's life, Marlene has made an extremely generous donation that will be used to purchase and install modern, efficient windows in our dining room. Now every time we enjoy a meal in the dining room, we will think of Willy's glorious smile as the sun shines down on us through our beautiful new windows.



Inge Schmitt

With great sadness, we announce the death of Inge Schmitt on Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Inge's son Gerhard is President of our Catholic Kolping Society New York. With her late husband, Horst, Inge was part of Kolping since the 1950s. Her children (pictured with her below: Roland, Gabriele, Gerhard, Renate, and Barbara) spent many good times at Kolping while they were growing up. Our

Society is currently benefitting from the wisdom and hard work of Gerhard and his wife Alex. Their children Carina and Stefan have celebrated many milestones with us.

Inge has made a multi-generational impact on Kolping and we are grateful to her.

Please keep Inge and the entire extended Schmitt family in your prayers.



Agnes Tretter

Agnes Tretter has passed away after a lengthy illness. Her dear children, Theresa, Elizabeth and Edward have helped her throughout her sickness just as she was devoted to them throughout their lives.

Agnes joined Kolping over 20 years ago after her husband Victor (from Gussing, Austria) passed away. She and her family spent many happy times on the grounds of Kolping on Hudson and it was her favorite place to spend Mothers Day with her children. We visited with her often at our special events and could always count on a warm smile and warmer greeting.

Please keep Agnes, Theresa, Edward and Elizabeth in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S JULY 2020 INTENTION

UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: OUR FAMILIES

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

2020 DUES

Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128 **Att: Joan Smyth Dengler, Secretary**

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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, Joan Smyth Dengler. She will be updating the files and will include your email address on her email account. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.

Member News



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JULY:

Kathleen Allen, Paul Baum, Irene Benvenuto, Delores Bernat, Theresa Bernert, Chris Beyrer, Ada Brauweiler, Richard Brunhuber, Peter Buchholz, Beverly Cantu, Terence Carolan, Anne Carolan, Chris Coletti, Bart Considine, Joe Considine, John Crisci, Bonnie Dengler, Ralph Dengler, Siobhan Dennehy, Lauren Doherty, Catherine Ferrero, Matthew Finnegan, Jennifer Flannery, Wayne Gorski, Robert Maurice Hemsing, Alex Hernandez, Carissa Hiltzley, Kerryanne Jacobson, Rudolf Kogler, Matthew Kurcz, Gerald Ladenhauf, Genevieve Longworth, Roger R. Lounsbury, Eva Lupica, Kirsten Maas, Kevin Manner, Amanda McNamara, Kristina Mickelsen, Melissa Morley, Richard Morley, Chris Morris, Michael Murphy, Kelly Noll, Dominic O'Dell, Susan O'Reilly, Krissy O'Sullivan, Evelyn Petriccione, Marianne Pollack, Sixto Portilla, Lyn Price, Gary Raniolo, Sabour Raouf, Antonia Rehr, Robert Reinisch, Andrew Joseph Reitter, John Reitter, Jr., John Reitter, Sr., Donna Richardson, Charles Ruppmann, Katarina Elise Sartorius Grunwald, Valentine Sartorius, Carina Schmitt, Delia Schmitt, Gerhard Schmitt, Stefan Schmitt, Lisa Severin, Dagmar Simons, Lisa Smith, Radiance Steigerwald, Ursula Stiloski, Jozsef Szoldatits, Kristen Szoldatits, Steven Szoldatits, Claire Tandy, Antonio Teixeira, Jennifer Travis, Harrison Tripaldi, Alfred Vogl, Sarina Ward, Stephanie Weber, Frank Weigand, Ernest Wieting, Ada Williams, Klaus Wolters, and Christopher Zale.

SPECIAL JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes to **Kathleen Allen, Ada Brauweiler, Catherine Ferrero, Evelyn Petriccione** and **Robert Reinisch**

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 Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL!

Thank you to Joe Szoldatits for again tackling the great big job of trimming the hedges overlooking the Hudson River. You make our grounds look so beautiful!

Thank you to the members who have been mowing our lawns and grounds—Frank Kurcz, Lou Janny, Peter Mersits, Ted Dengler X and Teddy Dengler.

A super team of talented and hard-working members have spearheaded and executed many critical projects during the time we have been closed.

A partial list includes:

Mike Scheuermann, Alfred Vogl, Mike Weinborg, Steve Lovasz, Dennis Noll, Peter Bruegger, John Weigand, Arty Kessler, Nick Colletti, Ted Dengler, Natasha Borodin, Kathy Weinborg, Jen Scheuermann, Tracie Truncellito, Lou Colletti, Frank Kurcz, Bob Boeschl, Peter Mersits, Judy Mersits, Mia Steigerwald, Kevin Bruegger, Alina Lovasz, Izzy Lovasz, Lou Janny, Joe Szoldatits, Sebastian Hernandez, Jimmy Stang, Robert and Elizabeth Herman.

Thank you to Heidi Umland and Rich Povilonis for keeping us organized.

And to those not named, thank you for all that you do to keep our Society strong and flourishing.

The logo for Roy Sokol Realty features a stylized 'R' inside a circle, with the name 'ROY SOKOL REALTY' in bold, block letters below it. The tagline 'Call us for a free consultation.' is written in a smaller font.

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Scholarship Awards



James Reilly, the first place recipient of this year's Joseph Sartorius College Scholarship Award.

How can you make sure you do not take for granted the gifts God sends you?

In today's modern, fast-paced society, it is easy to take for granted the gifts God has bestowed upon us. As materialism and worldly desires swept across the world in recent decades, we as a people began to lose touch with all of the capabilities and luxuries we are blessed with. God sends us countless gifts and joys, but we rarely turn to thank Him. If we learn how to be grateful for everything we have been blessed with, ultimately we will be able to live more joyous and prosperous lives.

Japanese-American journalist Philip Toshio Sudo once wrote, "We take life for granted, sleepwalking until a shattering event knocks us awake...don't wait until the car accident, the cancer diagnosis, or the death of a loved one to get your priorities straight. Do it now."

Unfortunately, for many of us, it does take a "shattering event" to force us to realize the true gifts from God in our lives. I am not excluded from this group. Five years ago, my aunt was diagnosed with a life-threatening viral infection that attacked her brain. She spent weeks in the hospital hiding on to life by a thread, while all we could do is watch as doctors attempted to save her. As this happened, I began to understand and appreciate the gifts God has given me: good health, a loving family, and intelligence. The more often you see something, the less likely you are to appreciate it; I continuously had good health, family by my side, and a bright mind to the point where I thought that was the norm, turning to a life of complacency. However, when I saw my aunt laying there in the hospital, I realized what I have been blessed with in my life, vowing to do whatever possible to appreciate what I have been given and share in others the gifts that have been bestowed upon me.

One way that I make sure not to take for granted what God has sent me is through community service work. For the past six years, I have been a member of the Hendrick Hudson Leos Club and president of the Leos Club for the past two years. As a community-service based organization, we run and participate in a plethora of events that work to help and support others in our area. Every winter, we organize a Midnight Run to New York City to distribute clothes, food, and toiletries to the homeless population. By doing so, I am reminded of how much I have been given throughout my life that others may not have been granted. Additionally, we organize and sponsor an annual cancer fundraiser. Last year, as a member of the organizing board, we decided to revamp the entire event from the ground up, building a sport-based fundraiser to financially support families battling cancer in our area. Those who have not been blessed with good health deserve help from those who are in good health and are able to support others. However, the most rewarding experience I have gained through this organization is the opportunity to work with children diagnosed with neurological diseases and disorders. Seeing and working with these children prompted me to recognize what blessings I have been given, inspiring me to do scientific research in the field of mental health treatment. For the past two summers, I have done novel, independent research in a professional lab at Columbia Medical Center in New York City. My work focused on using probiotics to prompt an alteration in the function of the dopamine transporter in the brain (a neuro-signaling protein that in instances of abnormal function causes many of the behavioral side effects related to neurological disorders, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and schizophrenia). I was able to identify four compounds produced by bacteria that can enter the brain and influence the dopamine transporter, normalizing the behaviors of those with neurological disorders in a much more natural way than the harsh man-made psychostimulants currently used in the medical field. Not once during this experience did I ever forget the children I had worked with through the Leos club. I used the gifts of health and intelligence that I have been blessed with to help others have a greater quality of life.

Furthermore, my blessings of good health, familial support, and intelligence have inspired me to pursue a profession in the medical field. Every day, families lose loved ones to diseases and sicknesses; five years ago, I nearly did too. Doctors and others in the field of healthcare use their own blessings to save lives and keep families together. With my blessings of health and intelligence coupled with my desire to serve others, the medical field is the perfect path for my future. I wish to use my gifts from God every day, not for my own benefit, but to aid in the betterment of the lives of others that may be less fortunate. Moreover, I will stop at nothing to do so. I pledge to put every effort into the progression of my goals, never once losing sight of my purpose in this journey we call life. A blessing not shared and a blessing not used is a blessing wasted. Those who take their gifts from God for granted are those who think what they have been given is normal or ordinary. I refuse to be that kind of person and will use my blessings to help others, never forgetting to thank God for everything that He has sent me in this life.

Lastly, in the light of gratitude and giving thanks, I would like to thank the Joseph Sartorius scholarship committee for giving me and all other applicants this opportunity to have a more favorable financial circumstance in our university studies and express our appreciation of the gifts God has bestowed upon us. God Bless.

KOLPING SCHOLARSHIPS

1. FORDHAM PREP

The Kolping Scholarship committee will be awarding a \$2,500.00 one time scholarship to a son or grandson of a Kolping member. The student must be enrolled and entering the Prep in Sept 2020.

2. CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The Kolping Scholarship committee will be awarding two \$2,000.00 one time scholarships to a son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter of a Kolping member. The student must be enrolled at a Catholic High School in Sept 2020.

If no one applies who is a Freshman, the award could go to a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior but not some one who has previously applied.

Please submit applicant name, address, phone number, relationship to Kolping member and proof of enrollment at a Catholic High School, and whether freshman, sophomore, junior or senior.

Also submit a small statement about yourself and service you have done for church, school and/or community.

All applications must received by Aug. 4, 2020

Please send your application to Bob Hemsing

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Croton on Hudson, NY 10520.
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Member News submitted by Lou Colletti

During these difficult times and days with Covid19, Kolping member Don Simmons has found a way to cheer up people in our community—by playing music. Music is good for the soul, spirit & mind. Don is a great example of Fr. Kolping's Mission. Below is an article that was published in the Westchester Examiner. Thanks Don!

Montrose Accordionist Serenades Frontline Workers Every Night

By Ariel Markowski

Some days just a few cars line up to listen and watch Don Simmons perform. Other days there are many more.

Regardless of the turnout, the socially-distanced gathering forms during the 80-year-old's daily 7 p.m. accordion performances in front of his Tommy Thurber Lane home in Montrose.

Since Mar. 15, Simmons has been playing outside each evening, and intends to continue until the coronavirus no longer forces him to stay home. Simmons, a liver transplant recipient, has a fragile immune system and has prudently remained in or around his residence for the past three months.

Upon discovering the early evening salutes to first responders and healthcare workers in Spain and Italy, as well as some neighborhoods in New York City early on during the crisis, Simmons thought he could treat his neighbors to something special as well.

"I feel a debt of gratitude for nurses and caregivers, especially since I had a liver transplant 14-plus years ago," said Simmons, who added that there are several medical professionals and first responders who live on his street. "I have volunteered (played) at hospitals and nursing homes since that time."

During his first performance, a neighbor happened to have her window open. She heard and enjoyed his music, and decided to ask him about it. With the encouragement of that first audience member, Simmons decided to have a daily concert.

"She's my most frequent audience (member)," Simmons said.

Simmons plays many different styles and genres of music from throughout the world, including Irish, German, Italian and French music along with rock, swing, Big Band, pop, country and show tunes. On an American holiday, he may play patriotic songs, or when appropriate, he'll perform hymns.

"(On) Sunday nights, because I used to play in the church before the coronavirus...I invite a couple of the people who sang with me, and we do hymns," he said.

Simmons' daughter, who lives a few miles away, decided to join him last Sunday. Once a week, a friend who enjoys rock music stops by.

Simmons has played the accordion since he was about 10 years old. He has several accordion models, including an eight-year-old Dino-Baffetti 120-bass piano accordion Concerto III model that he has been using.

As an adult, his interest in playing was rekindled by a fellow accordionist, and once his five children were grown he resumed playing.

"I'm having a good time doing this," Simmons said. "I nap a little bit more... although my wife doesn't like to see too much of it."

Despite having been home-bound for three months, Simmons makes a concerted effort to keep busy. During the coronavirus lockdown, his musical talent has allowed him to do just that. He's also noticed that the music he plays brings people together in a unique way. With a video of him posted on YouTube, he's received accolades from far and wide.

"I'm getting some very positive responses... all over the country," Simmons said.

Although he's enjoying himself and some of the attention that has accompanied his accordion playing, the crisis has had its drawbacks. Only once has he seen his 14th grandchild, Milena, who was born Apr. 24.

Simmons said that everyone can help others in their own way. He emphasized his faith in the power of prayer, and hopes that people use their own beliefs to guide them through this unprecedented time.

"There's always something that you can do," he explained. "I see thank-you signs by the curb...and I'm encouraged by that."

To hear Simmons' music, visit <https://youtube/RoUjR5MDxcE>, or drive by his house and listen in person.



Don Simmons has played his accordion outside his Montrose house every evening for three months to pay tribute to the frontline workers during the COVID-19 crisis.

LEGACY DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Kolping on Hudson

Although the pandemic pause required us to delay opening of our summer home in Montrose, Heidi Umland and a small group of skilled workers made use of this time to safely complete repairs and improvement projects that will benefit us years into the future.

The Hemsing Wing received critical repairs to walls and plumbing systems plus a fresh, new coat of paint. Assmuth Hall was thoroughly cleaned and painted. Critical leak mitigation was performed on the dining room roof. The trails have been cleared and trees and overgrowth trimmed back. Railings have been repainted and the main building is in the process of receiving a new coat of paint.

The latest project is to repair and reconstruct the dining room walls as we prepare to install our new energy-efficient windows. The dining room roof would benefit from additional work in the short term. We estimate that supplies for the wall and roof would cost approximately \$6,000. Skilled Labor will be donated. If you are able to make a gift to contribute towards this project, please send your check payable to Kolping to Heidi Umland, Kolping, 95 Montrose Point Rd, Montrose, NY 10548. For more information, please contact Heidi or Joan. Mark your legacy with a gift to Kolping. Gifts of every size will help achieve the goal.





KOH NEW RULES AND GUIDELINES

SAFETY GUIDELINES

1 – Physical Distancing

Maintaining 6 feet of distance between ourselves and others helps us fight transmission of disease.

2 – Protective Equipment

Face Masks stop the spread —when with people outside of our immediate household and closer than 6 feet, we should wear facemasks so that we reduce the risk of transmitting germs to others.

3 – Process

Screening – employees will be screened each day they work.

Contact tracing – we will maintain a log of members and staff on the premises each day.

Disinfection of common surfaces – extensive cleaning and sanitizing procedures have been layered on top of our already-strong safety systems.

CHANGES

1 – Pool Area Furniture

Since we cannot adequately ensure cleaning between uses, we are removing the communal furniture from the pool area. Members are welcome to bring their own chairs for use while they are in the Pool Area.

2 – Pool Sessions

With a limit of 30 people in the pool area at one time, we are setting up two swim sessions in case there are more than 30. AM Session will run from opening time to midday, PM Session will run from after lunch to closing. If we have fewer than 30 people, members are welcome to enjoy both sessions. If there are more, we have to share.

3 - Patio Furniture

To ensure capacity guidelines and social distancing, there will be less furniture on the patio deck. We plan to set up more seating areas on the lawn so that our members can enjoy our beautiful grounds safely.

4 – Entry Procedures

Members are asked to check in upon arrival. After you park, please look for the sign-in desk. We are piloting an easy three step process: Come up with your masks on, Names in our Visitor Log, Sanitize Hands, Have Temperature Taken. We will adjust the procedures as needed.

5 – Bar

All Seating will be OUTDOORS only.
Bar transactions will be conducted through window onto patio.

FOOD & DRINK

Beverages will be available for sale through a window to the bar area.

We are working to develop delicious food service options like we've enjoyed in prior years.

Watch your email for announcements of weekly specials and snack bar launch.

