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NOTE the DATE

august

- 5 Clam Bake Kolping-on-Hudson
- 22 September Bulletin Last day to submit material

september

- 3 Oktoberfest Picnic Kolping-on-Hudson
- 16 Steuben Day Parade and After-Party Kolping 88th Street
- 19 Full Board Meeting Kolping 88th Street
- 23 Schlachtfest/ **Harvest Celebration** Kolping-on-Hudson

october

TBD Fr. Bretone's Annual Retreat

Barryville, NY

- 7 Closeout Dinner Kolping-on-Hudson
- 17 Executive Board Meeting Kolping 88th Street
- 29 KOH Rental Season Ends Kolping-on-Hudson

Please note that some of the 2023 events were rescheduled from their original dates as printed in the calendar. The final date will be here in the bulletin and also in the email updates.

Three Special Events



- \$10 entry fee per person (just \$8 for members).
- · Pool available for \$5 special rate that day.
- Free parking.
- · Music provided by Alpine Squeeze!

Sunday, September 3 Noon until sundown

Bring your family and friends and join your Kolping family for a day of fun, food and festivities.

See flyer on back page

For more information and to reserve your spot, contact: kohmanager95@gmail.com

or call 914-432-2535

Steuben Parade Post-Party AT KOLPING HOUSE

165 EAST 88TH STREET

Saturday, September 16

9am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parade marches up 5th Avenue.

Reserve a spot at the Kolping House to enjoy some gemutlichkeit afterwards.

For reservations call or email Lou Colletti: (914) 275-7481 / LCookie1129@aol.com Watch your email for details

HARVEST DINNER (SCHLACHTFEST)

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on Saturday September 23 for Schlachtfest at Kolping on Hudson. The menu is still to be determined—watch the weekly email blasts for info.



MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family; we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.

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MILESTONES & PASSAGES



Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please contact Joan Smyth Dengler (914-432-2535) or email kolpingny@gmail.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN AUGUST

Charles Aviles, Kerry Beyrer, Maureen Beyrer, John Brauweiler, Anita Buchholz, Cecilia Cohn, Edelbert Cohn, Emily de la Vega, Allegra Dengler, Matthew Dengler, Jim DeSharnais, Marcela DeSharnais, Cathy DeVitta, Vito Donato, Margaret Dougall, Christina Farley, Hannelore Farley, Patrick Farley, Karl Fister, Jessica Franzoso, Julie Froebrich, Amy

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SPECIAL AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to Allegra Dengler, Joan Pires, and Christel Scheuermann.

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.

THANK YOU

We are delighted to introduce the newest addition to our KOH Breakfast crew—Elizabeth Kogler!

A heartfelt 'thank you' goes out to Elizabeth for generously donating her time and efforts, making our Sunday mornings at KOH savory and sweet, and all-around comforting!

Dear Elizabeth, making breakfasts with you was a total win, especially on one of our busiest Sundays to date! Your presence made the morning shine - not a single toast was charred, and every egg was expertly scrambled:)

We are looking forward to creating more wonderful moments as a team!

Elizabeth Kogler and Barbara Roche joined Natasha and Peter's breakfast crew this summer. John and Sharon Weigand have been helping out since last year. Volunteers make it all come together! Thank you for your efforts.

THANK YOU FROM THE SCHMITTS



Alex & Gerhard Schmitt at a K-88 Steuben Day party

We were looking forward to the end of a very busy 2022 and when the corner turned to 2023 we were shocked how sick Gerhard became in January. We are eternally grateful to our Kolping family for your immediate and overwhelming response. Your support has helped carry us through this unexpected medical journey. Thankfully, Gerhard is doing great after his surgery and is very ready to get back to it albeit with some restrictions for now. We look forward to many more years of fellowship with you all.

Gratefully, The Schmitt Family

IN MEMORIAM



FATHER GREGORY PATRICK LYTTLE

Fr. Lyttle, having served our Chapel for 7 years, was loved by many of the longtime residents at Kolping-on-Concourse.

Father Gregory Patrick Lyttle, 81, of Princeton, West Virginia, died Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at home with his family by his side. Born January 7, 1942, in the Bronx, New York, he was the son of the late John William Lyttle, Sr. and Mary Drury Lyttle.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted family: John William Lyttle, Jr. and wife, Connie; Mary Ellen Campbell; Patricia Joan Hatfield; Robert Michael Lyttle and wife, Gail; David Francis Lyttle and wife, Patricia; Jeanne Marie Schmauss and husband, David; Nephews Charles Hatfield, Conor, Sean, Alex and John Lyttle; Nieces Jennifer Viger and Kerry MacDonald; Grand-nephews Briger and Turner Viger and Colin and Trever MacDonald;

Grand-nieces Megan and Ellie MacDonald and Hayden Lyttle; Dear friend and caregiver, Coty Dennis; Wonderful friends and neighbors Jim and Loretta Lintz and David and Wilma Styers; Sherry Lusk, the caring nurses' aide from Amedisys Hospice, and Amber Dunford and Aiden Butler who assisted with Fr. Greg's care.

Father Greg began his seminary training at the Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining, New York. He joined the Order of the Company of St. Paul, Milan, Italy in the 1970's. He learned of the Company through his mentor and spiritual director Father Ronaldo Borzaga. In May of 1975 Greg was ordained into the priesthood. His first ministry was in his hometown parish, St. Peter the Apostle in River Edge, New Jersey, as the director of religious education. In 1980 he continued his ministry as director of religious education at St. Patrick's parish in Yorktown, New York. In 1984 Father Greg went to Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York, to work in campus ministry. He lived with Father Borzaga and two other priests. During this time Father Greg served as one of the Catholic chaplains for the Kolping Residence in the Bronx, and at Marian Woods, a home for elderly religious Sisters in Hartsdale, New York. In 1995 he served as the Catholic chaplain at the Veterans Hospital in the Bronx. He retired 14 years later in 2009 and came to West Virginia to care for his mother. He and his sister, Mary Ellen, took care of their mom until she passed away in 2011 at the age of 100. During this time many parishioners from Sacred Heart Church in Princeton, West Virginia, would sit with his mother so Greg could continue to say Mass at the two parishes in Princeton and Bluefield. Throughout his priesthood, Father Greg traveled to Milan, Italy, and was elected as the Secretary of Priests in the Company of St. Paul. For many years, he traveled to Long Island in the Bahamas to cover various churches for Christmas and Easter. He also covered many churches in West Virginia: St. Patrick's in Hinton; Sacred Heart in Rainelle; Sacred Heart in Springdale; St. John in Marlington; Sacred Heart in Williamson; St. Peter in Welch; Sts. Peter and Paul in Oak Hill, and St. John Neumann in Powhatan.

Online condolences may be shared with the family via www.memorialfd.com.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent in Father Lyttle's name to: Amedysis Hospice Care, 545 Airport Rd., Suite 201, Bluefield, WV 24701.

RUDOLPH SKRAPITS

It is with great sadness that the family of Rudolph Skrapits announces his passing on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 12:10 pm at the age of 88. Rudy was born on June 5, 1935 to Rudolph and Mary Skrapits in Szentpéterfa Hungary. He was the oldest child and a great example to his siblings, Julianna (predeceased at age 4), Mary Janny, Cathy Farago, and Victor Skrapits. After a very difficult childhood in Hungary, Rudy emigrated with his family to the United States in December 1956. He married Ethel Kozarits on May 28, 1960 and they had a wonderful 63 years together. In 1972, Rudy and his family moved to Yorktown Heights, New York, where he spent most of his life.

He is survived by his two daughters, Judith Mersits and Lisa Specht, and their spouses Peter Mersits and Edward Specht. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Christopher Mersits, married to Shannon Mersits, Amanda Mersits, Julia Specht, and Emily Specht, whom he deeply cherished. Rudy was a hardworking, family man and centered his life around his family. In his younger years, he was very active and loved soccer, bowling, and golf. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Please keep Rudy and his beloved family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

Kolping Classifieds



THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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

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

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



NEWS & NOTES

DUES FOR 2023

Family: \$140 • Individual: \$105 • Student: \$50

50-year members: paid up forever!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2023 (AND 2022 if you missed them). 247 members have already submitted their dues for this year—thank you for your promptness. 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

RISE UP FESTIVAL

On Saturday, August 12, 2023, the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, NY will hold the Rise Up Festival from 2–10pm. The Marian Shrine is operated by the Salesians of Don Bosco. During the day there will be food, games, an outdoor Mass celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Rosary, Worship Music Events and Fireworks. www.marianshrine.org/events/annual-rise-up-festival-mass-music-food-fireworks

SERVICE PROJECTS

FURRY FRIENDS can be made more comfortable with our clean, cast-off towels and bed linens. We'll be collecting these at KOH for the SPCA.

WINTER COATS are needed every year and we make it easy for you to thin your closets now and bring to KOH. We'll deliver them to partners in Westchester who provide them to people in need when the weather turns.

FOOD DRIVE: Once again we'll assist the local Let it Shine Again food pantry. If you can donate any non-perishable food items, please bring them with you to KOH. You'll see the donation box when you enter the main building. Thank you for showing our neighbors that we care about them.

ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

The German American Social Club of Peekskill will be holding their annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 9 (3-10pm) and Sunday, September 10 (12-7pm). Featuring entertainment by Red, White and Brews and Die Heimatklange. For reservations and additional information, call Herb Seeff at 845-621-1872.

SAVE THE DATE

First Burgenländer Austria SC of NY

100th Anniversary Katharina Fest Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 1-6pm Plattduetsche Park Restaurant, Franklin Square

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 AUGUST 2023 INTENTION

FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Kolping's night in the tropics was celebrated in July. Fittingly, we had a tropical thunderstorm lasting about 10 minutes just before we were ready to welcome the guests. The team quickly lowered umbrellas, then set them up again and grabbed towels to dry off tables and chairs. We thank the KOH Committee for their fast action and response to whatever comes our way.

Diners and dancers arrived and were welcomed with the evening's signature drinks. An outdoor Tiki Bar made sure that refreshment was easily available. The menu included a whole roast suckling pig, Huli-huli chicken and a bountiful array of side dishes. Our bartenders kept up with drink orders, keeping everyone well hydrated! The DJs played into the late evening to get everyone out on the dance floor. And the pig was carved expertly! A good time was had by all, and a big thanks goes out to all of our many volunteers.























































POHL FAMILY VISIT FROM KOLPING HÜCKESWAGEN (NEAR KOLN)

Submitted by Alex Schmitt

The Pohl family is from the Hückeswagen Kolping family. They flew to Chicago where the adventure started. They rented an RV and made their way to KOH, where they stayed the weekend of Hawaiian night. Their names are from left to right: Antonia, Christina, Johann, Heinz, and Robert.

On the Sunday I took the kids thru the trails and we took the selfies on the rocks by the water. It was great to get to know them all!



Nine Gifts That Do Not Cost a Cent...

Submitted by Katherine & Walter Weigand

1. The Gift of Listening...

But you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

2. The Gift of Affection...

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and hand holds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

3. The Gift of Laughter...

Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you"

4. The Gift of a Written Note...

It can be simple. "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime and may even change a life.

5. The Gift of a Compliment...

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job." or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

6. The Gift of a Favor...

Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

7. The Gift of Solitude...

There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

8. The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition...

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really, it's not that hard to say, "Hello" or "Thank You."

9. The Gift of Acceptance...

Everyone does the best they can with what they have to work with be it their head or their heart.

CHEERS TO



Saturday August 19, 2023 2 to 4 PM

\$40 per person, includes all supplies.

Reservations required. No Walk-Ins.

Beverages and Light Fare will be available for purchase. Please email KOHMANAGER95@gmail.com or KolpingNY@gmail.com to reserve your spot.







Sunday, September 3

noon until sundown

OPEN TO THE PU

Admission \$10 per person / \$8 for members / Children under 12 free Free Admission for First Responders who show a current valid photo ID

Chance Booth · Raffles · BBQ

Bar will be open all day, serving authentic German beer.

Live Music Featuring Alpine Squeeze!

Children's Games • Pool open all day (\$5) Plenty of parking