

# KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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## note the date

### december

**4 Defensive Driving Course**  
Kolping-88th Street

**7 Mass & Christmas Party/  
St. Nikolaus Day**  
Kolping-88th Street

**8 The Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception**  
The feast focuses on the concept that the Virgin Mary was conceived without sin.

**16 January Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

**25 Christmas**  
Commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ.

### january

**1 The Solemnity of Mary,  
the Mother of God**  
On this holy day of obligation, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.

**6 The Feast of the Epiphany**  
Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, celebrates the visit of the three wise men to the Christ Child.

### 2016 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We are calling on all members to help the 2016 New York Kolping Convention Committee. If interested, email Katrina Dengler [kdengler67@hotmail.com](mailto:kdengler67@hotmail.com)

# December



## Kolping 88th Street Annual Christmas Party & St. Nikolaus Day Celebration

Sunday, December 7, 2014

It all begins with Fr. Richard Bretone celebrating mass at 10:30 and immediately after our new members ceremony will take place. During the course of the day we will also be honoring all those that have reached their NY Catholic Kolping Society membership milestones: Willi Dunz, Herbert Specht, Willy Bittermann and Ronald Seelbach will be honored for their 50 year membership. Our 25 year members are Alex Schmitt, Marlene Bittermann, Michael Scheuermann, Irene Benvenuto, Waltraut Ladislav, Jack & Cecilia McGlew, and Anna Gallwitz.

Congratulations to our 65 year members Albert Sartorius and John Noonan. We hope they will all be able to join us to celebrate this great honor.

Our NY Kolping Society members of the year will be announced and they will receive a distinguished service award plaque.

We are so pleased to know that Wolfgang Hahn and Giovanni will be cooking our holiday feast. They are planning a delicious menu of chicken with mushrooms, roasted pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, lots of vegetables, and the wurst salad that everyone looks forward to. There will be holiday cookies and cake for dessert, along with coffee and tea.

Plan a great holiday family event at the Kolping House and visit with your old friends, make new friends and enjoy lots of Christmas carols. St. Nick will be there with toys for children under 10. Traditional German holiday specialties including stollen, cookies and brandy beans will be available for purchase.

Please call or email your reservation to Jan Kessler at 914.462.7649 or [jkessny@aol.com](mailto:jkessny@aol.com). Please also let me know if you are bringing children age 10 or under.

*We wish everyone a Merry Christmas  
and a Very Happy & Healthy New Year!*

— Ingrid Reslmaier, Jan Kessler,  
and the Kolping Bulletin staff and contributors.



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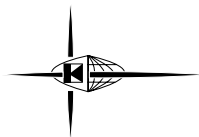
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# Milestones & Passages



Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please contact Jan Kessler (914-462-7649) or email jkessny@aol.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER:

Daniel Allen, Richard Bennet, Laura Beyrer, Judith Breining, Dina Breitschwerd, Stacy Connolly, Kevin Crilly, Mary Crowley, Sean Crowley, Michael Cunningham, Daniel Dengler, Justin Dengler, Christine Duffy, Ernst Endrich, Lisa Farsang, Michele Fascolino, Michael Flannery, Laurie Fonseca, Matthew Freifeld,

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### SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Herta Stang!**

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email either me at editor@kolpingny.org or Jan Kessler at jkessny@aol.com.

### DONATIONS

Thank you to **Gerhard Zoeller** for his generous gift of \$300 to KOH in memory of all the deceased Kolping Members. We are always so grateful for these donations as they are used for the ongoing cost of maintenance and repairs in order to maintain the property for all of us to enjoy.

### ADVENT PROJECT

Advent begins November 30th and the Board of Directors have chosen **Croton Caring** in Croton, NY as the charitable organization that will receive our Advent donations this year. The mission of the Croton Caring Committee is to enlist the resources of the community to help those among us who are frail, elderly, homebound, handicapped, or families in need of temporary assistance.

They help those residents maintain their independence and dignity, protect their privacy, support their efforts to participate in community affairs, advise them of available services, and assure them that they are loved, respected and not forgotten.

Croton Caring is a non-profit organization that provides social services to the residents of Croton-on-Hudson, NY. Established in 1981, their unique volunteer-supported group provides medical transportation and home meal delivery to those in need, as well as the hosting of luncheons and breakfasts which encourage social interaction. In addition, they help to ensure residents receive needed assistance from village services, local organizations and government agencies, along with the support necessary to remain in their homes and live healthy, happy and productive lives. For more information, check out their website: [www.crotoncaring.org](http://www.crotoncaring.org).

We look forward to all of you for supporting this charity and ask that you send your Advent donation to Catholic Kolping Society 95 Montrose Point Rd, Montrose, NY 10548 (Att: Jan Kessler)

### OUR HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER 2014 INTENTIONS

**UNIVERSAL:** That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

**EVANGELIZATION:** That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

# 2014 DUES

A reminder to those members that have not yet paid dues to please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Kolping on Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548 **Att: Jan Kessler**

Family: \$105

Individual: \$90

Student: \$45

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please take an extra minute to fill in the bottom of the letter **with your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information. Mail it back with your dues to our new secretary, Jan Kessler. She will be updating the files and will include your email address on her email account. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.



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## News & Notes

### **JOSEPH SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

We are ready to award \$250 to a member's child or grandchild, which will be presented at our Christmas Party on December 7, 2014. Just send a letter to Jan Kessler about the grade school child that is committed to doing good deeds in school, at home, or in the community. We give the award in memory of Joe Sartorius who was dedicated to working with children and always made sure they had fun things to do when they came to Kolping. Please send your letter to Jan Kessler, Kolping on Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548.

### **ZION-ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**German Christkindmarkt:** December 6th from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

German Lebkuchen, Cookies, Christstollen, Christmas ornaments, and much more. Enjoy German Gluehwein, coffee, Christstollen, and Christmas spirit!

**Advent and Christmas Celebration:** December 14th from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m.

Enjoy our beautifully decorated parish hall, colorful Christmas Platters with the traditional Stollen, fruit, nuts and other Christmas goodies, coffee/tea. A fun raffle awaits the lucky winners. We will play Christmas music and sing familiar German and American Christmas songs. Contribution \$10.

### **NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK: SEPT 2-4, 2016**

Our branch will be hosting the National Convention in 2016! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Kolping brothers and sisters from all parts of the United States, and a great way to learn what their missions and activities are.

We are calling on all members to help the Convention Committee....party planners, people with organizing skills, and people of good will in general. Email our President, Katrina Dengler, at **kdengler67@hotmail.com** and let her know your thoughts and ideas. It will be here before you know it!

### **RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL!**

Reminder that the Kolping monthly bulletin can be received via email if you so desire. Many members have decided this works out well for them and it helps to save the trees. Call or email Jan Kessler (914.462.7649) or [jkessny@aol.com](mailto:jkessny@aol.com) if you would like to receive your copy by email.

Please also note that you can visit our website [www.kolpingny.org](http://www.kolpingny.org) where you can find copies of the monthly bulletins, list of upcoming events and so much other information that you may find helpful.

### **APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP WANTED:**

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) is an academic year program for high school and gap year students to study abroad in Germany. Congress-Bundestag scholars serve as 'youth ambassadors' of the United States, sharing their life and culture with their German hosts and local government officials, and gaining new perspectives on global current affairs. Program website: [www.usagermanyscholarship.org](http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org). Application Deadline (ET) on January 8, 2015.

### **GERMAN MASS St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.**

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 10am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).

# *Communion Luncheon at KOC* submitted by Muriel Fullam

On a windy and cold November 2, 2014 (All Soul's Day) about 40 New York Kolping members made their way to the 11:15 Mass at the beautiful Saint Philip Neri Church on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. A beautiful Mass was said by Msgr. Kevin O'Brien. Our New York Kolping President, Katrina Dengler read the Prayer of the Faithful, which included prayers for these deceased members of Kolping—Willi Stang, Erich Roessler, Agatha Frassman, Erna Koelbl and Imelda Holzner. Thank you to Saint Philip Neri Parish and Msgr O'Brien for welcoming us so heartily.

After Mass we walked to Kolping-On-Concourse to enjoy a meal together. Thank you to KOC Manager, Tony Aguiluz and his staff for a wonderful meal and a very nice afternoon. We started with wine/soda/juice, and appetizers consisting of cheese and crackers, grapes, salami, and strawberries. We moved on to the main course of lentil soup followed by a chicken cutlet, baked potato and asparagus. And as if that wasn't enough—we were served coffee/tea and tartufo for dessert. All this for \$12! Truly Amazing. And we got to sit and catch up with our friends. Here are some of the people who attended, John & Ada Brauweiler, Stephanie Brickner, Heidi Bruegger, Phillis Coletti, Katrina Dengler, Erna Dengler, Bernie & Bonnie Dengler, Norbert & Marilyn Dengler, Mr. & Mrs. Anton Dengler and their 2 children, Ernst & Wilma Endrich, Karl & Rita Fister, Gerard & Hannelore Farley, Barbara Grimm, Bob & Ann Hemsing, Herta Koenig, Gerty Mohapp, Sixto Portilla with his two most well behaved boys (they sat nicely and quietly during the whole Mass!), Helmi Pinner, John & Betty Reitter, Al & Valentine Sartorius, Karen Staub, Katherine Weigand & Frank Weigand. That is all I can think of—I am sure I left out some people. So sorry to those people—but we all had a wonderful afternoon.



# Stories of Interest

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## Hell Above Earth submitted by Martin A. Kelly



The suspect B-17 bomber commander (Captain Werner Göring, far right) and the co-pilot who had orders to kill him (First Lieutenant Jack Rencher, far left)

The Freedom of Information Act declassified data which had been held secret for various reasons of National security. But not all stories were released; like the saga of Air Force pilot Werner Göring.

Like almost all German-Americans, he answered the call to the colors to defend the United States in World War II. His father had innocently inquired of Air Marshal Hermann Göring if they were related since both had an ancestor with the same name. This was in the mid thirties and the world was at peace. This exchange of communication did not go unnoticed by the U.S. Postal Authorities. When the father, Karl Göring, saw the direction the Nazis were headed, he ceased his letter writing to the Air Marshal.

Werner, his son, won his coveted “wings” and was assigned to pilot a B-17 Flying Fortress. His father’s inquiry of Hermann Göring, however, cast a shadow of suspicion over the son. The security services in this country, including J. Edgar Hoover, finding no disloyalty, worried that Werner’s capture by the Nazis would be a propaganda boom for Goebbels and his misinformation department.

The bizarre solution was to assign a secret assassin as Werner’s co-pilot with orders to kill his pilot if the plane were to be forced down over enemy territory. The “hit man” was found in Texan Jack Rencher, a kid from the other-side-of-the-track, who had cut his first tooth on the front sight of a 45 cal. six-shooter. In a rush to do anything that might shorten the war, Rencher assumed this secret role.

The “odd-couple” survived 50 bombing missions over occupied Europe, sustaining damage to their plane and losses among their 10 member crew. With war ended, Werner choose to remain in the Air Force which became the Strategic Air Command; Jack Rencher became a commercial pilot for Lufthansa Airlines.

The “secret assignment” might have remained unknown had not Rencher made a slip-of-the lip comment. Author Stephen Frater picked up on it and the truth was out and eventually found its way into a book. A meeting was arraigned between the two comrades in arms, and no animosity was displayed. Both were private persons and had much to show for their years. Göring and his wife are devout Mormons and live Spartan lives devoting much of their income to Mormons Church projects. Jack Rencher and his wife are also model citizens. Both choose to leave their wartime roles behind them.

Ironically, the Mormon Church, which has a passion for family trees and genealogy, declared, after deep research, that it is most unlikely that Werner Göring was the suspected nephew of Hermann Göring. So what might have been unimaginable tragedy was based on a false assumption from erroneous information. (“Hell Above Earth”—Stephen Frater)

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## If I Were the Devil submitted by Jack McGee

If I were the devil...if I were the prince of darkness, I’d want to engulf the whole world in darkness and I would have a third of its real estate and four fifths of its population, but I wouldn’t be happy until I seized the ripest apple on the tree...thee.

So I’d set about however necessary to take over the United States.

I’d subvert the churches first. I’d begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you, as I whispered to Eve: “Do as you please”. To the young I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad, is good, and what is good is “square”. And the old, I would teach to pray, “Our Father which art in Washington”. And then I’d get organized.

I’d educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I’d threaten TV with dirtier movies, and vice versa. I’d peddle narcotics to whom I could. I’d sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I’d tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I’d soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, nations at war with themselves until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I’d have mesmerizing media, fanning the flames.

If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions—just let those run wild until before you knew it, you’d have to have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade I’d have prisons overflowing. I’d have judges promoting pornography. Soon I could evict God from the courthouse, and then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress.

And in His own churches, I would substitute psychology for religion and defy science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money.

If I were the devil, I’d make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle. If I were the devil, I would take from those who have and I would give it to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

And what would you bet I couldn’t get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich. I would caution against extremes in hard work, in patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on TV is the way to be. And thus I would undress you in public, and I would lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure.

In other words, if I were the devil, I’d just keep right on doing what he’s doing.

# Stories of Interest

## Home Safety for Every Phase of Life *submitted by Jack McGee*

Many home accidents are preventable by following a few simple precautions. Here are tips to help keep your home a safe haven:

- Clear stairs of all objects, and always use handrails when walking up or down steps. Install baby gates at the tops and bottoms of all stairs if children live in the house.
- Install light switches at the tops and bottoms of all staircases.
- Ditch throw rugs and carpets. Rugs are the second-biggest culprit, behind stairs, for causing falls. Use nonskid mats on stairs and bare floors. Install wall-to-wall carpeting instead of area carpets.
- Clean up spills and messes immediately. Wet surfaces can be slippery, and scattered objects can also cause falls.
- Keep all pathways clear of objects, including cords, footstools, plants and wastebaskets.
- Use armchairs whenever possible, even for dining. Rising and sitting is much easier when using armrests for support.
- Install handrails and grab bars in the bathroom, and replace towel racks with grab bars. Use a shower stool for bathing.
- Apply nonskid treatments to bathroom tiles, tubs, and showers.
- Keep frequently used items, such as dish soap, on the counter, rather than under the sink. The less bending and reaching you do, the better.
- Use night lights to keep stairwells, hallways, and entryways lit.
- Disengage locks on interior doorknobs to avoid inadvertent lock outs, especially if children are in the house.

- Keep electrical heaters away from curtains, carpets, furniture, and other flammable objects.
- Make sure all areas of your home—inside and out—are well lit.
- Annually, make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, water heaters, heaters, air conditioners, chimneys, and fireplaces are inspected and cleaned every year.
- Unplug all small electrical appliances when not in use to prevent electrocution.

### Here are additional childproofing steps:

- Install safety latches on all cabinets and drawers.
- Cook on your stove's back burners, with pot handles turned toward the back of the stove. Place protective covers over burners when not in use.
- Install anti-scald systems on faucets.
- Install toilet locks to prevent accidental drowning.
- Cover unused electrical outlets with safety caps.
- Apply corner and edge bumpers on furniture.
- Place furniture away from windows. Remember that screens can't protect kids from falls. The safest window is one that is closed and locked.
- Replace all blinds, shades, and draperies purchased before 2001 with window coverings that do not have looped cords.
- Remove all dangerous objects—knives, scissors, tools, weapons—and keep out of sight in a locked box.
- Store all drugs—prescription and over-the-counter-cleaning products, and other hazardous substances in a locked cabinet that children can't access.

## WORDS WORTH NOTING *submitted by Jack McGee*

Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.

—Pope Pius IX

If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor.

—Albert Einstein

We can't help everyone but everyone can help someone.

—Ronald Reagan

Try to be like the turtle, at ease in your own shell.

—Bill Copeland

Speak clearly if you speak at all, carve every word before you let it fall.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

As sailors are guided by star to the port, so are Christians guided to Heaven by Mary.

—St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

It is always too early to quit.

—Norman Vincent Peale

Don't think there are no crocodiles because the water is calm.

—Anonymous

We should not only use the brains we have, but those we borrow.

—Woodrow Wilson

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM AN AARP FORUM

*Submitted by Marge Cirincione*

Q: Why should 60+ year old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 60+ year olds to have problems with their short term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem, retrieving it is a problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 60+ year olds look for eye glasses?

A: On their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 60+ year olds when they enter antique stores?

A: Gosh, I remember these.

Q: Where can men over the age of 60 find younger, sexy women who are iterated in them?

A: Try a bookstore under fiction.

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you are done, you will have a place to live.

Q: Someone has told me that menopause is mentioned in the Bible. Is that true? Where can it be found?

A: Yes. Matthew 14:92: "And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt..."

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60+ year old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses.



# ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

**Point & Insurance Reduction Program  
December 4, 2014**

Join us at the Kolping House on East 88th St. on Thursday, December 4, 2014 for a program that reduces up to 4 points on your driving record and for three years gives a reduction on the base rate of your liability, no-fault and collision premiums. The course begins with the registration at 3:30 pm.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Reduce insurance cost
- \* Reduce points on driving record
- \* Applies to all vehicles principally operated by the motorist who completes the course

The course is open to the people that sign up with Jan Kessler at 914-462-7649, but please do so as soon as possible. The cost is only \$30 per person.

If you or a member of your family or circle of friends could benefit from this course, please send in the coupon below and enclose your check for \$30 made out to the Catholic Kolping Society. This is the time for people who took the course in November 2011 to renew.

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PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR THE POINT & INSURANCE REDUCTION PROGRAM  
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Plan for your family to enjoy the annual

# Kolping Ski Trip

Friday-Sunday, March 6-8, 2015

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