

THE KOLPING CANADA
NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRAESES

Dear members of Kolping Canada! Autumn has started. It is getting cold. We will probably sit at home from now on until spring returns. It would be a good use of this time to read and study the bible. Father John M. Raab, CMF, the Praeses of the Los Angeles Kolping Society, offers - in the "Kolping Banner" - an excellent introduction of how to go about it: Read the Gospels, beginning with Mark, for a complete overview of all that Jesus said and did. Next pray the Psalms, which summarize the history of His people and gives a glimpse of the interior life of prayer that formed and nourished Jesus. One of the best study programs to help us to understand the Bible better is the lectionary for Mass. Each Sunday interprets the Scriptures by placing one Text along side others that are connected by topic, theme, personality or background. Each sacred Text throws light on the other. As you prepare during the week for the coming Sunday Mass, or recall the memory of it in the days following, pay close attention to what arises in your heart from the readings of the Mass that you have in your missal, or find listed in the church bulletin. You may use these steps for personal reflection, and when reflecting with others.

What theme emerges from the Responsorial Psalm?

What strikes me personally in the Gospel?

What connects the Old Testament Prophecy or Story to the Gospel?

Finally, what is God saying today, to us, and our world?

May God bless you all through your bible study!

Treu Kolping!
Fr. Karl Hoeppe

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to the world of Kolping in Canada. It has been a hot summer, but before you know it, snow will be flying again, so let's enjoy what's left.

Oct. 29 will be "Kolping World Day of Prayer."

Uruguay has printed out very extensive information about their country. Use your own judgement of reducing the program if it's too long for you.

I hope every Society has received the letter by now, if not please let me know. Please do not forget the questionnaire of last January about changing the date of our Annual General Meetings. We want to change them from January to November because many of our members have a problem driving to the meetings in bad weather. The International Society in Cologne is still looking for extra money towards the renovation of the Menoriten Church, and would appreciate every bit of help you could spare for this project. Some very pleasant news from Cologne, the Kolping story will be made into a musical, and DVDs will follow that, I'm sure. Let's keep our eyes peeled for more information. "God has appointed each one of us to this post and wants us to fulfill his holy will with joy "

Treu Kolping - Steve Salb

NEWS FROM EDMONTON

Hello From Edmonton.

Since our last newsletter our group has enjoyed the summer - much more rain than usual here, but very welcome. The June mountain hike in Jasper National Park was so nice. We had a

relaxing weekend in those majestic surroundings. Our Sunday mass there was truly beautiful. We enjoyed a great pot-luck afternoon at the Kolping cabin. Good food and song. Thankfully, Gunter Breymann had recovered enough from his heart surgery to play the accordion making our singing sound that much better! Kolping Edmonton participated in a casino in July. Thanks to Conrad Tucker for all his work in putting that together. It means a great deal of money for us that we can then donate to local charities. We have held our September meeting. Father Neumann has suggested many topics for us to consider during our monthly meeting. Topics that are pertinent, controversial and relevant in today's society. We are looking forward to participating.

Treu Kolping - Donna Novak

NEWS FROM HAMILTON

With the relief from this summer's hot weather we finally are starting to experience some cooler conditions as fall is making its debut. Our May meeting was cancelled due to the absence of too many of our members. On June 5th, we held our last official meeting. We started at 7:pm with a Holy Mass followed by a Pot Luck supper. Our Ladies last Craft Group meeting took place on June 14th which concluded our spring activities. In August we held our annual picnic in the Klaas' backyard and pool despite the odd rain shower. On Sept.11th. we held our annual Garage Sale at the local Mohawk College which once again was very successful due to the combined efforts of our members. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving,

Treu Kolping, Winfried Klaas

NEWS FROM TORONTO

I'm sorry to begin with unpleasant news; Karl Peichl has passed away. Karl battled cancer for a long time and just when he

thought he beat the disease, his heart gave out. We very much appreciated that he came in from Port Perry, which is 100 km away from Toronto. Karl was also an old member of the male choir, in fact since about 50 years ago, when the argument was whether or not we should call it the Kolping Choir. (Mr. Al. Schormann, a former Kolping president, and also long time director of the choir, just retired two months ago.) " Rest in Peace, old friend."

The summer picnic at the Wensing's farm was again a lot of fun, thank you very much to Milla & Heinz. It is a slow News Day and I can't help talking about the weather...well, it went - in 2 days - from very hot to very cold. It is a sure thing that fall is not very far off. Fall brings us again to other Kolping meetings and events like Parish dinners, Bazaars and Senior Kolping outings. (I know we've been using the term 'senior' meetings instead of just 'Kolping meetings', but it has become one and the same, another sign of the times.) We hope everyone enjoys a beautiful fall.

Treu Kolping - Steve Salb

NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Greetings from Vancouver to all our Kolping friends.

We trust you all had an enjoyable summer, whether travelling to distant countries or just staying close to home. Looking back over the past few months, we observed the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st with a Mass celebrated by Father Deprey. Following brunch in the hall, we honoured three 60-year members: Werner Ganguin, Martin Haenle and Hans Welscher. Unfortunately, Werner could not be with us because of health issues. Hans Welscher, who lives a long day's drive away in Prince George, BC, had sent his regards. Günther Vetter read a condensed address Hans had given us 10 years ago on his 50-year anniversary, in which he spoke of the profound impact Kolping had made on him as a young man and throughout his life. Martin

Haenle then related to us how as a young man in post-war Germany he searched for strong spiritual values and stability in his life and found it through Kolping. We also honoured two 40-year members - Karlhans Diersch and Frank Hawelka. Frank could not attend, but Karlhans told us how grateful he and his wife Ursula were to find a second family in Vancouver after leaving their own families behind in Germany. Many of us who came to Canada decades ago can relate to our Hispanic friends and understand how hard it is to leave behind one's loved ones and strive to build a new life far away from home. We were happy to welcome Dora Parada into our midst as our newest member and are looking forward to getting to know her better. Our president Horst Zimmermann gave us an update on the El Salvador Project. Father Herman Montoya had sent his regards to all of us and was happy that things were progressing nicely. Mr. Eduardo Tovar of Mexico had come to Jucuaran in May to lend support and give a seminar on the process of founding a Kolping Family there. The Internet Café is open for business now, although understandably it will take time to turn a profit. In May there were two groups taking training at the Computer School – ten girls completing their second month and ten children who had just started. Our members, Delmi and Gustavo Romero, have recently returned from a visit to Jucuaran and are very pleased with the progress made so far. The Estate Planning Seminar on May 19th given by Richard Vetter was appreciated and drew much interest by all who attended. Richard, who has had experience in conducting seminars of this type, gave us an insight of the importance of having an estate plan, including all the components such as wills, power of attorney, probates, tax planning and long term care and a range of related topics. June was exceptionally cool on the West Coast, so the attendance at our picnic at the Paar's cabin on June 27th could have been better, but for the brave ones who came prepared for the occasional drizzle, it turned out to be another fun-filled afternoon with delicious Bratwurst and salads, followed by all those delectable cakes and coffee. With the help of our music men, Karl and Matthias, it was a good time among friends. Our thanks go to Inge Haenle and Erika Fahrman for organizing the food.

Congratulations to Patrick Buckley who will be one of 15 men and women of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to receive the Papal Benemerenti Medal at Holy Rosary Cathedral on October 3rd. This medal is conferred on those who have exhibited long and exceptional service to the Catholic Church, their families and community. Of Cree descent, Pat has served in the music ministry since the 1960's and has played at Masses at Holy Family Church for many years. Despite physical handicaps, he is highly involved with the First Nations people, participating in many celebrations, liturgies and funerals for aboriginal people. He also provides liturgical music at many residential care facilities. Our member, Leslie Michael, is happy to announce that he has just published a new book, "The Angel with a Broken Heart", a labour of love which took him over three years to write. As this is his first book and since he is not yet known as a published author, Leslie has to rely on friends to help him spread the word and he would very much appreciate our help. If you are looking for gift ideas for family and friends - it's not too early to shop for Christmas – keep this book in mind. Leslie's email address is lmichaeal@smartt.com For more information about the book and the author, go to Leslie's website <http://lesliemichael.com/> and click on "The Angel With A Broken Heart".

Treu Kolping, Rose Vetter

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG

Greetings to all Kolping members across the miles, from Winnipeg. The first yellow leaves are starting to appear and it's getting colder, sure signs that fall is on the way. The birds will soon be getting ready for their migrations, but we're counting on a great Indian summer, like last year (30 degrees on Sept. 30th). Sadly, on July 24, our long-time member Victor Littau passed away, suddenly and quietly, at home, at the age of 75. Victor

served on both the local and national Kolping executive boards, and could always be counted on to do his utmost on every project. He was a good-natured man, a Mr. Fixit, who loved tinkering in his garage or on his computer. After the funeral mass, a luncheon was prepared by our members in the parish hall. Our sincere condolences go out to Margret, her children Gabbi, Gitti and Monica, and their families.

Our annual picnic on beautiful Lake Winnipeg was held on August 1. (Please see the pictures on our web site.) The day started with an outdoor mass at 11 AM and was celebrated by His Grace Archbishop James Weissgerber, our Praeses and Pastor, Rev. Father Kevin Smith and Rev. Mr. Mark Filips, a seminarian with one year to go before ordination. The weather turned out to be very nice - that day - for a change. All members, their children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren, plus friends and relatives from Germany, had a good time. Reiner and Wendy Ruf and others manned the barbecues so that the rest of us could sit back and enjoy the delicious Bratwurst and/or wieners with Sauerkraut; thank you to both! After lunch it was time for the games. The egg throwing contest, especially, drew a large crowd. The water-filled balloon throwing contest brought lots of laughter. There were races for kids of all ages and there was, incredibly, a race for dogs, (who were lured by their masters with treats (which seems a bit unfair, does it not?!). The dogs ranged in size from small ("Cooper" Knoll), to medium ("Rosie" Ruf), to extra large ("Dasher" Gerstner"), but they put on quite a show anyway.

Thanks to all those who helped look after the races and games, especially Tom Gerstner. Thanks, also, to Bill Burchuk, as always. After that it was time for coffee. The ladies had brought kuchen and torten - what a selection! Everyone had a hard time choosing from the variety. Many members solved the problem by loading up as many pieces as would fit on their plates. With a sing-along, accompanied by two accordions (George and Hans), the beautiful day came to an end. Our next event will be a PIG ROAST, on September 28th in the parish parking lot and Club Rooms. This is a combined event, and all members of Kolping, the Golden Agers, the Parochial and CWL are encouraged to take part. This is becoming popular and is attracting more and more people. \$12 pp

covers all the costs, although people bring baking and some side dishes. It's something to look forward to, and gives us a chance to see people again after the long summer recess. The first meeting after the summer will be on Tuesday, Oct. 5th. The topic will be the Schlachtfest scheduled for October 30. We hope everyone will enjoy and take advantage of a typical and beautiful Canadian fall - warm weather and blazing leaf displays.

Treu Kolping - Hans Kessling/rk

Finally, this message to all Donauschwaben: you will find a film entitled "The Forgotten Genocide" on the Internet (just type in the title and scroll down to page 2). This is a documentary prepared in the US about the ethnic cleansing of the Germans in the former Yugoslavie, the region between the Donau and the Theiss at the end of WWII by that great hero, Marshall (later President) Tito and his brave and glorious partisans. (Personally, I've been waiting for a movie about the latter, starring Brad Pitt or George Clooney or both.) Contact me if you have any problem at reginaknoll@Shaw.ca rk