

THE KOLPING CANADA NEWSLETTER

FALL AND WINTER 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COLOGNE: The International Kolping Society's Board of Directors, which met on June 4, 2012 in Bemberg, elected Markus Demele as the new General Secretary. Markus Demele succeeds Mr. Hubert Tintelott, who is retiring after having served in the position for 39 years. On behalf of Kolping Canada I thank Hubert very, very much for the many years he worked for Kolping International.

As part of the 32nd convention of the International Kolping Society, General Secretary Hubert Tintelott presented his overview of the present status of our Society. According to his report, Kolping is represented in 61 countries with about 450,000 members. The members are organized in 7,086 Kolping Families. Of these, 747 are located in Africa, 1,736 in Asia, 1194 in Latin America, 18 in North America, and 3391 in Europe. The prerequisites for having a national society were met by 45 countries.

In her welcome address to the convention, German Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed a heartfelt 'thank you' to all delegates from home and abroad for the work they have done and continue to do worldwide.

To prove our existence, we, the Canadian Kolping Society, send money to Cologne every so often. This year we sent \$2,500. It was used to repair the roof of a hospital in Benin, Africa.

Please remember that we have been asked by Kolping International to do something special in 2013, the 200th anniversary of the birth of our founder, Blessed Father Adolph Kolping. I have not heard anything from anyone. Perhaps an extra donation would serve the cause.
Something to think about: Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out when you are in trouble. It is a steering wheel, that keeps you on the right path.

Treu Kolping! Steve Salb.

NEWS FROM EDMONTON

We have enjoyed a wonderful summer here with the rainfall we have been praying for. In June we had our annual "hike" to Jasper in the Rockies. The weekend was wonderful.

During the summer we held our pot-luck at the lake cottage, which has been refurbished and looks so nice. It may have been a record crowd with guests! Food was "over the top" and after dinner the many voices were raised in song. Songs from childhood in Germany as well as golden oldies. To hear sweet voices drift over the lake was beautiful.

Now we have begun our fall program, grateful to have all of our membership back with us. Setting up events is a challenge when everyone adds another year to their bodies. But the willingness to do Kolping's good deeds will inspire us once again. In October we will hold our annual fund raiser dinner. Keeping up on Kolping activities in other cities does bring the feeling of solidarity, so we look forward to reading the newsletter and seeing what the rest of the Canadian Kolping family is doing!

Treu Kolping! Donna Novak

NEWS FROM HAMILTON

Once again due to the absence of too many of our members only one meeting was held in the Spring this year, namely in May, however, in August we had our annual picnic at the Klaas's backyard and pool with relative good weather and good attendance.

Our annual Garage Sale, in September, was held at Irma Lanznaster's place due to the fact that our local Mohawk College does not have events like that any more.

In closing we wish everyone a great Thanksgiving and Treu Kolping! Win Klaas

NEWS FROM KELOWNA

Kelowna had a poor Spring this year; in fact we had so much rain and cooler weather we all wondered again and again about the supposed "global warming". However, July and August, and even into September, were very hot - at times reaching 37 degrees Celsius. It was almost impossible to do any kind of strenuous work or even sit outside during the day. Sometimes temperatures reached 25 degrees by 8:00 a.m. The air conditioners were working overtime and the Hydro people at least were apy.

Our Kolping activities seem to be getting fewer and fewer as time goes on - is it our age, or just a feeling of ennui? Hopefully this coming year will show some improvement. Of course we have several people on the sick list, which means the partners are not always able to participate, but the rest of us should be able to put something together. We will, as usual, be having our annual "Kolping Gedenktag"/Advent celebrations - that is one constant in our program at least.

2012 has been a sad one in our little Kolping group here in Kelowna; in the Spring we lost long-time member Alois Lenarcic, husband of Irmgard Lenarcic, nee Wiegert. Alois had been dealing with severe diabetes and the side effects of that devastating disease for quite a few years, but in the end his death came mercifully quickly. Then, this summer we lost Anna Schmalz, wife of Lambert Schmalz and sister of Hildegard Sauter. Anna passed away suddenly, just days after her 75th birthday. We mourn the loss and extend our sincere condolences to the families of both deceased. May they rest in peace and may eternal light shine upon them.

Just a little note: During the time of Anna Schmalz's death, her sister Hildegard Sauter's husband had major surgery, plus her son-in-law broke his leg - all within a few days. Wouldn't that get anyone down? However, Hildegard is managing as usual. We wish all of them well and hope for better times to come.

Treu Kolping! Gisela Howald

NEWS FROM TORONTO

Now that the hottest summer ever is slowly ending, we are starting to think of our Kolping fall and winter program.

Till the end of February 2013 we will be working and planning the following events: We will have our monthly Communion Sundays with breakfast.

There are two unusual after-communion events. On Oct. 14th instead of breakfast we will take part in the redemptorists Garden Octoberfest Charity for the Asha Deep Orphanage in India. The admittance is \$7.50. The usual Octoberfest food, like sausages and sauerkraut and, of course, beer, will be available.

The other breakfast will be replaced by our Christmas party brunch. The ladies will be encouraged to bring some baked goods.

The Kolping World Day of Prayer will be part of the Wednesday Seniors meeting, with a mass at 12 noon.

On Nov. 14th we will again have the Annual Bazaar, but this time for the Redemptorists of Africa and their projects.

We will start the new year with our Annual General Meeting and elections of officers.

Looking back, the June picnic at Milla and Heinz Wensing's turned again into a wonderful gathering, in a beautiful place. Everybody was there. We are trying to simplify it all a bit for that wonderful couple by sharing more in the arrangements. Everyone brought salads and baked goodies, their own drinks, and the women boiled a pot of wieners. Most of us hung on for 6 or more hours. It's so great to meet in such relaxed conditions. Of course we always talk a lot about what ails us, but that is therapeutic.

Our annual retreat was invigorated by a group of Knight of Columbus members from Orillia. It was nice to make these new contacts and have discussions and compare notes. Werner Scheliga, our team captain, is the best. He has everything planned out, from the readers to the songs, all except for the food. That is left to the Mexican sisters. We have five meals when there are no complications.

The moving of the English parish offices into our Settlements House building is almost complete. Many new office areas were thus created and it seems that everything will work out just great.

Treu Kolping! Henry Buss, president.
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NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Greetings from the West Coast, where, after a cool spring, we have been enjoying record-breaking sunny, dry weather with hardly any rain for three months.

On May 6th we celebrated Mass at St. Monica Church in honour of St. Joseph the Worker, followed by brunch in the hall. Contrary to our old tradition of serving open-faced sandwiches prepared by our volunteer hosts, we've had to come up with some creative new food solutions, due to the fact that we have no access to a kitchen. This time the choice was Kentucky Fried Chicken and Coleslaw, and from what I've been told, it was appreciated by all. Thanks to Dora Parada and Leslie Michael for volunteering as hosts. It was good to see long-time member Adalbert Persak, who had recently lost his wife Magdalena, joining the Kolping Family after Mass. As the Zimmermanns had sold their house, some of the Kolping memorabilia they had been storing for the past year had to be disposed of. As we have no permanent storage space of our own at this time, Horst brought along some of the space-consuming objects, such as old soccer trophies and pictures, and found a few willing takers among the members. For the time being, Father Boniface has allowed us to store the rest of the items in his sacristy, which we appreciate very much. Gustavo Romero then gave us a report on our project in El Salvador. It's encouraging to hear that Father Montoya's project in Jucuaran is now providing training and employment for four young people in the café and Internet café.

Our Annual Picnic never lacks attendance, even if the weather is not always perfect. As for our gracious hosts, Frank and Dagmar, what would we do without them? Thanks again to both of you for allowing us to come to your cabin on the hill! It was good to have Father Boniface join us and enjoy the meal of

Bratwurst, salads and pastries. Inge Haenle, Erika Fahrman, as well as BBQ chefs Horst and Günther, again did a super job in the food department. It was another fun afternoon, with music by Karl and Matthias. Thank you all!

Our informal drop-in Outing in Garry Point Park was not attended too well this year, but that can be attributed to the not-too-stable weather system. Nevertheless, for the ten people who ventured out to Steveston that afternoon, it was a relaxing get-together, catching up on the latest news and just shooting the breeze.

We hope everybody had a pleasant and safe summer and send warm Kolping Greetings
Rose Vetter

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG

What a pleasure it is to wake up in the morning to cooler temperatures after the incredible heat of this past, seemingly endless, summer which started very early: + 24 degrees on March 23rd. Unheard of. Although the temperature has now dropped below freezing a couple of times, and most of our flowers have had it, there is still much to enjoy at this time of the year. The trees are changing colors dramatically now, all at once, and it's just beautiful in the sunshine. People are out in the parks and river walks, getting the last kick in before the nastiness starts.

We've had a quiet interval since our last report at Easter. There was just our pizza wind-up and our picnic out at the lake, which actually had to be re-scheduled because of torrential rains on the designated weekend; more than 4" of rain fell in just a couple of hours. The day of the picnic was glorious, sunshine, good friends, lots of kids, games and great food. Weisswurst for BBQ-ing, and all you need with that are some fresh buns, some mustard and, of course, the sauerkraut three or four of our ladies make for this event. Always delicious! Everyone brings their own drinks, and since we are in a private location, beer and wine are perfectly OK. Later on, after the kids' games, there was wonderful coffee and cake and then people started packing up to make the 125 km drive home in the setting sun. Bill Burchuk has been in charge of our picnics for many years, and he has it all down to a science. Thank you, Bill, and thanks to everyone who helped.

This year our new pastor, who has big shoes to fill after our six years with Father Kevin, came out to Hnaua to celebrate the out-door Mass with us, mercifully in the shade, surrounded by beautiful flower gardens. We always do this in English because there are so many young people there. The mass this time was very nice, and Fr. Bo seems to have a knack with kids. A dozen years ago, with the arrival of Father Dado, a couple of our Kolping people coerced the poor man to learn to say the Mass in German, a language which was - and still is - as mysterious to him as his Filippino was and is to us. Then came Father Kevin, and soon he too was learning to 'say' the mass in German. Predictably, Father Boduslaw has now obviously been persuaded to begin as well. Personally I dislike the obvious tension this always creates - the poor priest trying so hard and the people, whose English is perfect for everything else - concentrating on his words rather than what he is trying to say. reginaknoll@Shaw.ca

More and more of our members have been moving from their homes to various assisted care or nursing homes. I well remember our mother fighting such a move until exactly two weeks before her 90th birthday. She went from her own bed straight to palliative care at St. Boniface Hospital, where she died a week later. It was an enormous relief to us, her children, to know that she was safe and pain-free in her pleasant, sunny room where we could be with her 24 hours each day. And this reminds me of the many other things we all have to be grateful for: our much maligned Canadian health care system, the very existence of palliative care itself, all the social workers who are willing and able to help anyone who asks for help (as our family did when our mother was diagnosed with ALS and given one year to 'live'), all the many blessings that this country gives us, and the joy that the three or four generations of our families bring us. Let's all be thankful for the people who love us, the people who make us laugh and who make our lives interesting; the advances in medicine and surgeries, over the counter pain killers; for TV and the media (bad as it may be at times: try to watch just one episode of 'Here Comes Honey Boo Boo!'), the Internet, our cars, shopping centers, and on and on. We should be thankful for the role that Kolping played in our lives, on for Hubert Tintelott who walked these many years with us. None of us could have imagined what we have, and are, today. So, go enjoy your turkey dinner, and thank your God for your blessings.

There are only few old WWII veterans, but many civilian war survivors, left. We salute them all on Remembrance Day.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone of you, and Treu Kolping. rk
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WHY MEN ARE HAPPIER

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours.
Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack.
You can be President. You can never be pregnant.
You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal.
You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
Same work, more pay. Wrinkles add character.
Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100.
People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.
New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.
One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars.
You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.
Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.
You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes..
Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life.
One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.
You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.
You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.
No wonder men are happier.

THE KOLPING SOCIETY OF CANADA Statement of Income and Expenses July 1st, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Revenue:	
Annual membership dues	\$1,708.00
Pins	24.50
Donations to Kolping International	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<u>\$3,732.50</u>
Expenses:	
Bank charges	78.00
Office expenses	0.00
Postage	21.38
International dues	374.05
Dialogue 2009	332.12
International donations	4,500.00
Copying and printing	153.46
Fr. Hoeppe's birthday gift	<u>120.00</u>
	\$5,579.01
Net Income (Net Loss)	(\$1,846.51)

THE KOLPING SOCIETY OF CANADA Balance Sheet July 1st, 2011 to June 30, 2012

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>
Bank:	
Checking Account \$5,824.29	Acct. Payable \$0.00

Equity:
As of July 1st, 2011 \$7,670.80
Net Income (loss) (1,846.51)

Total Assets \$5,824.29 *Total Liab. & Equity* \$5,824.29

The Books and Records of the National Kolping Society of Canada have been reviewed by Konrad Tucker and Anthony Blyth and were found to be in good order.
(Signatures: Konrad Tucker and Anthony Blyth)