



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

DECEMBER 2020

Merry Christmas!

Have you had your first eggnog yet? We definitely missed seeing everyone at our Christmas Mass and brunch. It was always a joy, singing hymns and carols, tasting Hubert's stollen and sharing a delicious brunch, made by our galley crew.

But then this year is different. At our last Board meeting, we discussed what we could do to keep that Kolping Christmas going and Mary Brinkmann quickly suggested: "Why don't we make cookies? I can mix them up, cut them out and bake them off – no problem." ...and off we went.

We made good use out of Hubert's bake shop, with Mary busily getting to work on a Friday afternoon. By Saturday morning, the cookie frosting was dry and decorating began, with Lisa lending a hand. Monika and Wolfgang Weiss dropped by Sunday afternoon and began packing the treats and hanging the holiday

wishes (with the address card) on each bag. Lisa had sorted the member's addresses, so all her Kolping elves would be ready to distribute on Monday.

Cathy Mibach, Ron Kapp, Petra Stottmeister, Cathy Vennemeyer and Lisa met at the Kolping hall, where each "elf" received their pack of goodies for delivery. Cathy and Don Mibach had the Sunset west of 19th; Ron around Miraloma and West Portal; Petra the "northeast" Sunset and Richmond district; Cathy V. Millbrae/ Burlingame, Monika and Wolfgang volunteered to take the East Bay, and Lisa managed the Southern end of the City, So. City and Daly City. A few packs were mailed. It was quite an effort, one of which was enjoyed by all – elves and members!!

As Muffy Friel wrote, "Your kind act is very touching and couldn't have come at a better time. Baked with all the spirit and love of the Kolping community. I would say 'I'll cherish it forever,' but it's already half eaten!"

MARY Santa's Head Baker



JULIA Quality Assurance

Meet our "Elves"



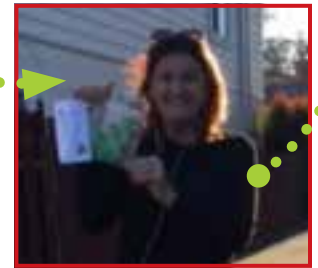
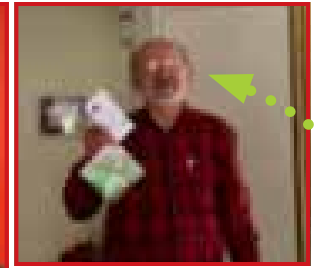
Ron

SF's Miraloma & West Portal Distribution



Cathy V.

Millbrae/Burlingame Distribution



Wolfgang & Monika

Packaging and East Bay Distribution



Cathy M.

SF's Outer Sunset Distribution



Lisa

*Assistant "Tree Trimmer"
SF's Southern End, South SF &
Daly City Distribution*



Petra

*SF's Inner Sunset &
Richmond Distribution*



Update on the Hall

We've been busy during the Covid months, in anticipation for some fun activities at the Kolping Hall. While away, we have purchased new chairs and a chair rack, mulched the back garden (thanks to Petra), replaced the toilets in the restrooms (thanks to Ehrich Plumbing), built out the closets, installed new flooring in the entry way, painted the restrooms, painted behind the bar, reorganized the wall hangings and updated the back valences and curtains. Lisa subcontracted with Raymond Brinkmann to do the painting and not only did he do 2-3 coats in the restrooms, but he used his creative eye to reorganize our plaques, pictures and bar paraphernalia.

We can't wait to have everyone back again! If all goes well, we will plan on a "Welcome Back" celebration for this summer.



Who wore it best?

Every year we solicit volunteers to be our Santa for the day.

Over the years Hubert Brinkmann, Steve Lambly, Tom Biesty, Steve Murphy, Jack O'Keeffe among others were good sports and agreed to 'don the red apparel at the delight of the children and members. We thought it be fun to take a trip down memory lane and see who wore it best?"



A. Jack O'Keeffe (with Renee Kouchakji), B. Kolping's Dessert Table Santa, C. Steve Lambly (with Julia Brinkmann), D. Steve Murphy, E. Tom Biesty

Directors and Officers

I think most members will be happy to know that our Directors and Officers have not changed for the coming year, 2021...with one exception. Mary Brinkmann will step down as corresponding secretary, a job she took over from Julia. Petra Stottmeister has graciously agreed to take on these responsibilities. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please let Lisa know, as we are always looking for new Board members and ideas.

Your 2021 Board and Officers

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Wolfgang Weiss
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Cathy Vennemeyer
Treasurer

Bill McLoughlin
Praesis

Lisa Brinkmann

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Christine McLoughlin

Cathy Mibach

Petra Stottmeister

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Treasurer

Monika Weiss
Recording Secretary

Petra Stottmeister
Cooresponding Secretary

Bill McLoughlin
Praesis / Deacon

Thank you to Mary for her service over these past years and to our 2020 Board and Officers, you've been a great team!

Our annual Dues are due!

We hope you all will continue to be part of our Kolping community and send in your dues to Cathy Vennemeyer. We've included a form with this newsletter to make it easier. We'd love to get your email addresses, if you use it.

Holiday Spirits!

To make a **Manhattan**, you'll need:

- 2 ounces Rye whisky
(or bourbon)
- 1-ounce Sweet Vermouth
- 2 dashes Angostura Bitters
- 1 dash Orange Bitters
- Brandied Cherry (such as Luxardo Cherries)



Add all the ingredients into a shaker with ice and stir until chilled. Strain into a chilled coupe. Garnish with a brandied cherry and enjoy.

Do you Zoom?

"Zooming" is a fairly recent phenomena, thanks to the online software called (of course) Zoom. This platform allows people to meet in a virtual environment and has been used by individuals and organizations for everything from happy hours to book groups and even Bingo games. While it in no way replaces getting together in person, it's the next best thing for staying in touch.

The National Kolping has a Zoom account and has made it available to its branches. This account can accommodate over 100 people for a few hours at a time (vs. the free version that is good for 45 minutes.) If anyone is interested in setting up a Zoom group with Kolping members, please let Lisa know and we'll get the word out. It could be a fun thing to take advantage of while we wait for the o.k. to get back to normal.

If you have a computer, but are not comfortable setting up and figuring out how to use Zoom, let us know. We'll find a way to get you up and running!

Sick List

After speaking to members over the past month(s), our sick list has been like a lazy Susan this year. We wish everyone good health for 2021 with a few less aches and some humor to lighten spirits.

Trick or Treat?

You're probably wondering: "who's names were picked as good neighbors in the trick or treat raffle?" Well, if you had a Whopper and Reeses ticket, your name was written on a raffle ticket and sent back to the National office for the annual drawing. Unfortunately, while you won "the treat", you ended up tricked, as no one from San Francisco won. Maybe next year!

We welcome submissions for the newsletters and topics that might be of interest to all.

Warmly,
Lisa Brinkmann
and Kathy Biesty

Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.

