



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

OCTOBER, the Sequel, 2021

When it rains, it pours...



It continues to be a crazy year. One day, we're worried about wild fires, the next we're living through a bomb cyclone and atmospheric river. I don't even want to ask, "what next?" Oops, I just did!

We were very sad to have to cancel our Halloween bingo. Gunther and Lisa had the Hall set up with spooky table cloths, hanging decorations and a few special surprises. Unfortunately, it was Lisa who was surprised with an early morning call from the guys installing linoleum in the apartment. "What do you mean there's water on the floor?" Lisa drove into the City and met up with Gunther shortly after receiving the call, only to find the main floor in the Hall completely flooded with ceiling tiles dangling precariously from above.

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Parquet floors and water do not play well together.

That day, she learned how to use a snake, purchase and use a wet vac, remove a few hundred gallons of water from a floor and the benefit of developing good relationships with various workers, who assisted with the drain, helped remove some of the debris and provided good old elbow grease when necessary.

As always, a huge thanks to Gunther Ehrich for being there to help and give guidance; Cathy Vennemeyer, Don and Cathy Mibach, Petra Stottmeister, Andy Egger and Karen Taylor for manning the phone tree to alert members of the cancellation; Petra S. and Kevin Cunnane for dropping by during the storm to check on things; and Gunther and Don and Cathy Mibach for meeting with the plumber. And of course, Kathy Biesty for helping me with this newsletter. It takes a team!

Some good news is that we were able to fix a leaky pipe and sheet rock in the stairwell as well as put a good

coat of paint outside in the lightwell area. Hopefully it will prevent future issues. We also worked with Armstrong Carpets to install linoleum and carpet and our handyman, Ignacio, to paint the kitchen, bathroom and some areas for touch-up in the apartment over the Hall. Yes, we've been busy.

Keeping our fingers crossed...

We are very much hoping on having our **Thanksgiving bingo/luncheon** (on Saturday, November 20th at noon) as well as our **Christmas luncheon** (on Saturday, December 11th at 12:30.) We are asking for a \$5 contribution for each of these activities. If you are planning on attending, please send Lisa an email at lbrinkmann@mac.com or give her a call at 415-381-3989.

In lieu of our Halloween bingo, we thought you might like the enclosed treat to great your trick or treaters.

On a positive note...

World Day of Prayer

If you are interested in participating in the Kolping World Day of Prayer, you can do so via Zoom this year!! It will be live streamed on October 31, 2021 at 6:00 am PST (2:00 German time) in the Church of Minorites in Cologne with a Holy Mass at www.kolping.net/en/world-day-of-prayer/