



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

WINTER 2022

New Member



Welcome to Heidi Ehrich our newest member of the Kolping. Heidi who grew up in San Francisco, attending Holy Names and Mercy High School, now lives in Burlingame and works for US Bank Corp. We've enjoyed Heidi's

company at the recent convention in Cincinnati, at the Oktoberfests by the Beach and are thrilled to have her as a member. If her last name sounds familiar, yes, she is the daughter of our V.P., Gunther Ehrich.

Dues are due!

We are doing things a little differently this year and including a self-addressed envelope to make paying your dues a bit easier. We are not raising the dues, primarily knowing that many of our members are on fixed income, so they are as follows:

Individuals — \$25 • Households — \$50

Please make the checks out to: **Kolping Society of America**. We'd love to have a paid membership list by the end of the year, so we encourage you to send them back by December 15th.

Officers Elections

We need members to volunteer for our officer positions. As you may be aware, Wolfgang Weiss recently resigned as Chairman, due to his move to Portland, OR. Monika is continuing as our Recording Secretary, though, and hopes to make most meetings by Zoom. If you are

interested in any of the positions, please let us know. We meet 3 times a year in person and ask that officers lend a hand in planning for events, setting calendars, advising on work around the hall and selecting recipients for our annual community donations.

Christmas Luncheon

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 3rd** for our Christmas Luncheon.

We haven't been able to celebrate in person since almost 3 years! Unfortunately, we are not able to coordinate a Mass, due to difficulties locating a priest for this time/date,

but our Deacon Bill McLoughlin will preside over some prayers and blessings.

Also, we're hoping to have a little sing-a-long to favorite Christmas songs and carols (better practice up!)

We will definitely miss Hubert Brinkmann's stollen and cookies and as such, we are encouraging any baker-members to bring their favorite Christmas dessert to share. The Kolping will supply the lunch (\$5/member, \$10/guest.)

Please let Lisa know if you plan on coming, so she can order enough food. While rsvp's are needed, you are still welcome if your plans change last minute.

Lisa's contact info: home: 415-381-3989, cell: 415-517-3631 email: lbrinkmann@mac.com



BINGO Luncheons

Bingo!!! Calling out that simple word never gets old. While the "end of summer" game was attended by a smaller crowd, we had a great time hanging out. We actually used it as practice for our Oktoberfest luncheon and bingo. Not only is the game itself exciting and fun, but combined with some homemade potato salad and coleslaw, made by our own Mary Brinkmann, and hot bratwurst, dished out by cooks, Andy Egger, Gunther Ehrich and Steve Lambly, you just can't go wrong. Thanks to Petra Stottmeister, we were able to enjoy some delicious apple strudel from Schroeder's Bakery and to Sylvia Hildebrandt who donated the wonderful German beer. We actually had non-beer drinkers asking to buy a bottle to take home!

At this bingo game, good neighbors received a raffle ticket for the annual Kolping raffle (possible prize is \$1,500). Our first blackout winner was Don Mibach, pocketing a hefty \$50, with Kevin Cunane winning the second, \$30 blackout. But wait...there's more. Thanks to the generosity of Shirley Costanza and some remaining Kolping logo gear, many of our raffle winners went home with afghans, shawls, hats and scarves. It was a fun afternoon.



SEPTEMBER BINGO!





OKTOBERFEST BINGO!



Building Update

The saga continues... When I mentioned that getting the Kolping Hall back in shape would take some time after last year's "flood," I didn't realize how true that would be. While it is looking better and better, we still need to address the acoustic issue (there is a definite echo happening.) Thanks to Petra Stottmeister, we will soon have some shear curtains on the back window. A first step. In addition, we have:

- a new security/fire patch panel for the hall, as the previous one was having lingering technical problems;
- power-washed the back of the building and repairing minor dry rot and damage around the door and trim;
- painted the front of the building;
- explored options to clean up the back "landscape."

With fingers crossed, I'm hoping this will be the last of our building projects.



OKTOBERFEST AT THE BEACH!

When the organizers of the Oktoberfest at the Beach approached the Kolping 3 years ago to see if we could partner with them for their (soon to be) annual foray into German culture, namely hosting an Oktoberfest, we were not able to assist with participating volunteers. Instead, we said we would support this effort through our financial sponsorship and "buy" a table or two for our members at the event. And we are glad we did.

Ten of our members and a few guests convened at our VIP table to drink beer, eat wurst and (try to) sing German prosit songs at the top of our voice. There was great music by the Internationals, some folk dancing, an Alpine horn duet and lots of polka'ing.

You can tell it was a fun evening when Lisa leaned over to Millie Gaehwiler and then Gunther Ehrich around 10:00 to ask how they were enjoying the evening: Millie: "It was great, but we're about ready to go." Gunther: "I'm ready, too" Lisa: "Thank God, because we're beat as well, but couldn't possibly let you two be the last party goers at the table!!" Note: both Millie and Gunter are in their 90's!

We wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you at our Christmas celebration. Our calendar for the year will be published sometime in December, so keep an eye out. And if you have any special interest/wish, please let us know.



Thank You

Please join me in sending a HUGE thank you to Kathy Biesty for her unfailing dedication and creative mastery in preparing this newsletter. While Lisa provides pictures and content, Kathy works magic to design a beautiful communication piece. Thank you, Kathy!!

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty