



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

NEW YEAR 2023

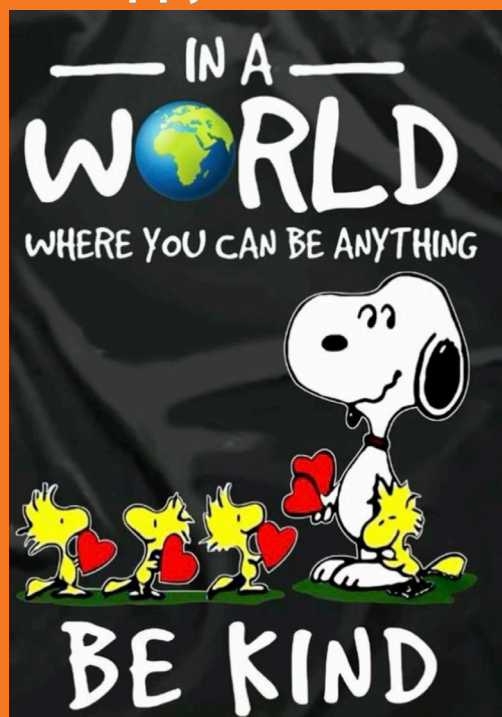
Calendar of Activities

The past two years have been challenging when it came to trying to schedule events/activities. We are listening to members and doing our best to come up with a schedule that works for all.

For the first half of 2023, we will be hosting gatherings, for the most part, on the third Saturday from 1:30–4:30(ish) with coffee, drinks and snacks.

See the back page for all the fun activities we have planned—mark your calendars!

Wishing you all a very
Happy New Year!



New Members

We are so excited to welcome our new (and returning) members:



Patti and Bob Lazzaretto—
Patti and Bob were introduced to the Kolping by Deacon Bill and Chris McLoughlin. Both Bob and Patti were born in the City in

Noe Valley. Currently parishioners at St. Paul's, Patti also attended both its grammar and high schools! Turns out Chris and Patti were in the same nursing school and Patti's brother went to S.I. with Bill! Bob attended Riordan and had a career with the SFPD in administration for 39 years. He is an avid stamp collector and a tile mosaic enthusiast.



Scotty and Helen Thomas—We're so very happy to welcome Helen and Scotty back to the Kolping. Originally introduced to the Kolping by her cousin,

Bill Taylor, Helen and Scotty first joined in 1999 and were active members helping decorate during the holidays and serving beverages at the bar. We look forward to their jovial personalities.



Raymond Brinkmann—Back in the 80's, Raymond joined sister Lisa and other "young Kolping" members for disco dance lessons in the hall and then dancing the night away at the California Hall and other S.F. locales. Raymond recently returned to the Bay Area, living in Berkeley. He currently works with Berkeley Food and Housing, a nonprofit, and works to house homeless veterans in the East Bay. Congratulations to Raymond for recently receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology!

If there is one theme surrounding new members to the Kolping, it's that they are friends and family of members. We encourage you to invite anyone you would like to spend the afternoon with to our activities!

Past Events

The end of the year held two fun activities for our San Francisco Kolping—and ones where the generosity of our members was once again to be lauded.



NOV BINGO!



We had a lot to be grateful for at our...

November Give Thanks Bingo

Thanks to Shirley Costanzo's prolific knitting, we were able to raffle some beautiful scarves and an awesome blanket, with proceeds going to the St. Martin dePorres food kitchen on Potrero Street. And this year, members brought food from their own pantries to donate to the local food bank. Lisa and Cathy Vennemeyer filled Cathy's car trunk with your contributions.

The Taylor family, though, were really the winners with Muffy (Friel) and Karen winning raffle gifts and Muffy and Arlene being the first and second bingo black-out winners.

Christmas Luncheon

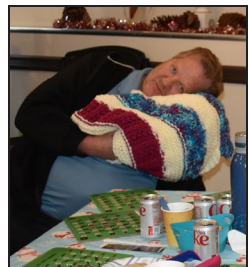
Thanks to the many elves who showed up to help decorate the hall for our Christmas luncheon. Our crew of Rosemarie Azinheira, Karen Celia-Santi, Barbara Eckert, Cathy Vennemeyer, Muffy Friel, Kevin Cunnane, Gunther Ehrich and Lisa transformed the hall into a festive holiday hangout.

Spirits were high – and that was before Gerry's magical mixology at the bar. Our Deacon Bill McLoughlin led us in prayer to start our Christmas celebration and all joined in song. Members were treated to a lasagna lunch with garlic bread and salad – thanks to Cathy V., Steve Lambly and Lisa – and some tasty holiday cookies for dessert!

Before bingo, we were challenged to an emoji Christmas carol game where we had to guess the Christmas song depicted with the pictures and then sing the first few lines of each. Heidi Ehrich turned out to be the "Queen of Carols", guessing almost all of them first. When singing "here comes Santa Claus," Raymond Brinkmann passed out the little gift bags assembled for members by Lisa.

Raffle winnings again went to St. Martin dePorres, with winners showing off their blankets (Raymond), scarf (Irene), gingerbread house (Karen) and holiday kitchen basket (Heidi.) The big winner of the day, however, was Margaret McAuliffe, who not only won a raffle prize, but both the first and second blackout jackpots!

A special thanks to everyone who brought a toy/gift for our Toys for Tots box. Muffy and Lisa brought them over to Fire Station 40 on 18th Ave and when the firemen saw us they said, "Oh wow, this is great. We now have a full barrel to bring downtown on Monday!"



National Kolping News

National Raffle: It looks like our Kolping brother and sister's back East were the winners in this year's National Kolping raffle. Roz Seubert, from Detroit Kolping won the grand prize of \$1,500 while Betty Grammich (Chicago Kolping) came in second with \$1,000 and Jeanne McCooney (New York Kolping) won the \$500 third prize. Congratulations to all of them.

Kolping Scholarship: The National Kolping Society will be offering its annual scholarship program to the immediate family of active Kolping members. Applicants can be members, children/grandchildren and great-grandchildren of any individual who has been a member for more than two years. We will be awarding \$3,000 scholarships to college/trade school level applicants and \$1,000 to high school seniors. Please check your upcoming Kolping Banner for more information or the Kolping website at www.kolping.org.

Next convention: We will be holding the next Kolping convention in St. Charles, MO. on September 9–11, 2024, so mark your calendars! They are a lot of fun.

National Trustees: Congratulations to Wolfgang and Monika Weiss, who will be the national trustees for Kolping and to Lisa Brinkmann for "re-upping" her term as President of the National organization.

Committees

We are looking for help with some of the work needed to keep our Kolping active. If you have interest in any of the following, please let Lisa know. It would be great to see these committees meet once a quarter to plan events. And you don't need to do everything – just be available to help when you can. Below are some suggestions:

Newsletter committee: help with articles, contact members for stories, submit content of interest;

Activity committee: help plan, decorate, facilitate, and/or clean-up at activities. Example—bingos, installation luncheon, crafts/painting?, casino trip?

House committee: be available to meet with repair folks, help check the hall and put together our "to do" list with a timetable for repairs.

Calendar of Activities

It's a Game Day

Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 1:30 – 4:30

Dress in your favorite sport team hat, jersey, scarf for a few games and a "round of bingo"

Kolping Board and Regular Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2023 | 5:30 – 7:00

Members are welcome. We usually have pizza beforehand at 5:00.

Mardi Gras Bingo

Saturday, February 18, 2023 | 1:30 – 4:30

Bring out those beads and glisten for bingo

Luck of the Irish Bingo and Games

Saturday, March 18, 2023 | 1:30 – 4:30

Wear your green!

Palm Sunday Mass and Brunch

Sunday, April 2, 2023 | 10:30 – 1:00

Kolping Board and Regular Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023 | 5:30 – 7:00

Spring Fling (details to come)

Saturday, May 20, 2023 | 1:30 – 4:30

Please feel free to give us ideas and suggestions for future events as we can always add to the schedule.

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty