



## Catholic Kolping Society Of Brooklyn

# Newsletter

Late Summer, 2018



### Kolping Calendar

- **Happy Labor Day, Monday, September 3.** While we may think of Labor Day as the unofficial end of summer, it has much more meaning. President Grover Cleveland signed it into law in June, 1894 as "a creation of the labor movement and it is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of America workers." It came at a time of social upheaval that led to the birth of the labor unions. The establishment of the holiday helped to bring the citizens together. *That is something to reflect on at that backyard barbecue this year.*

- **42nd Kolping National Convention.** The Philadelphia Kolping Family is hosting this year's convention from *Friday, September 7 through Sunday September 9.* Our Kolping family will be attending. Bill Conte, Chris Gerage, Pat Gerage and Anne Novotny will be there to represent us. Let's all say a prayer for the success of the meeting, and for safe travel for all participants.



- **Board Of Directors Meeting; Wednesday, September 12th at 7:30 PM** in the Kolping Center. *Please note the meeting is later than usual and on a Wednesday this month. It was postponed until after the convention concluded.*

- **Board Of Directors Meeting; Monday, October 8th at 7:30 PM** in the Kolping Center.

- **Kolping Family Fall Mass and Dinner.** Our next Kolping Family Mass will be at the Kolping Center on *Saturday, October 20th at 5PM.* Our good friend Father Chris from Holy Child of Jesus Church in Richmond Hill will celebrate the mass for us. This Mass will fulfill the Sunday obligation. After Mass we will serve a **Communion Supper** of bratwurst, sauerkraut and potato salad. The adult dinner donation will be \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. A short program will follow our dinner, commemorating the annual Kolping International Day of Prayer and a remembrance of those who are no longer with us in observance of All Souls Day. We are planning for a raffle table, and we will be collecting canned goods (and cash) for St. Matthias' Food Pantry. *We want to have enough food on hand, so please let us know if you are coming.* Call Bill Conte at 917-862-0637 (please leave a detailed message and we'll get back) or email us at [kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com). Anyone is welcome to attend our Mass; we are asking for a donation for the dinner only. Here is an opportunity to enjoy each others company and get to know the other members better. Please put this date on your calendar and come out to support our Kolping efforts! And why not invite a friend along and introduce them to our Society?



- **Board Of Directors Meeting; Monday, November 12th at 7:30 PM** in the Kolping Center.

- **Kolping Family Christmas Party; Saturday, December 8th at 5:30PM** in the Kolping Center. It is not too early to start asking your friends and family to attend our Christmas Party-we need a full house! We are hoping to welcome kids of all ages (and various heights) for our program, sing-along, and to give Santa Claus a warm welcome. We will serve dinner, dessert, gluhwein and special treats. And there will be special entertainment for the kids! Please put it on your calendar NOW so you won't forget!



And a friendly ho, ho, ho to everyone!

- **Board Of Directors Meeting; Monday, December 10th at 7:30 PM** in the Kolping Center.

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### Our Mission Statement

We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family; we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.

## Kolping News:

**In Sympathy.** It is our sad duty to report that we have lost two members since our last newsletter. **Jean Seidl** passed away on May 30 after fighting cancer for a few years. Jean goes way back and was part of the young Kolping group in the postwar years. She grew up around Kolping families like the Trabold's,

the Wachter's the Sommer's and the Heller's. She married and raised a family, and resigned from the Society after moving to suburban Long Island. Jean visited us when she could, then renewed her membership in the late 1990's. The Kolping Society meant a lot to her, and she was a very supportive and encouraging member. In 2015 when she received her 25 year pin she shared warm memories of growing up in the Kolping Society, and the many activities and events that she participated in. She stressed the sense of family that she always felt at Kolping. She will be missed.

We lost another long time member on July 11, **Bernhardt Poschmann**. Most of our readers will not have a personal recollection of Mr. Poschmann. He lived in Vermont for more than thirty years (*at one time he owned and ran a motel there*) and was not a regular presence at the Kolping Center. The last time we saw him was in 1986 when he attended the Kolping Convention that Brooklyn hosted at the original World Trade Center complex. Our recollection is that Bernhardt immigrated first to Canada, then to New York. He was a New York Kolping member for a while, then transferred to our Brooklyn Family. He always paid his dues promptly. In recent years he became an avid user of email and would send a message to thank us for inviting him to our meetings and events but that he was not able to attend due to the distance.

Our sincere condolences go out to the families. **May they both rest in peace.**

**Thank You.** Every so often we have to take a minute to show our appreciation to the small group of volunteers who are officers, board members or who regularly lend a hand whenever it is needed. Nothing is ever perfect in our Kolping World, but we manage to accomplish so much with just a handful of dedicated members. We treated these folks to dinner in late June to express our thanks. **We owe a debt of gratitude to:** *Father Christopher Heanue, Bill Conte, Chris & Pat Gerage, Inge & John Jellen, Alice Kokasch, Ernie Lauth, Chris & Monica Meyer, Gary & Valerie Meyer, Jessica Meyer, Anne Novotny, Rosemarie Rom, Scott Stahl, Albert Tscherne, Karl Werkmann and Theresa Wiederhold.*

**Happy Birthday** wishes to everyone who cele-

brated their special day this summer. Our July celebrants were *Anton Hoesslerle, Albert Heurich, Sean Josten, Alice Kokasch, Waltraud Mayer, Valerie Meyer and Hubert Ruhs.* In August we send warm wishes to *Evelyn*

*Blatz, Ernst Knapp, and Dr. Tom Reilly.* September's group includes *Rosemarie Elgass, Eleanor Gartner, Claire Heiser, Arlene Heller, Inge Jellen, Paula Josten and Elfriede Loeschinger.* **May you all have a year filled with good health and happy times.**



**Remember to keep our members who are sick or homebound in your prayers.** We have members with health problems that keep them at home and need our prayers. That list

includes *Irene Baunach, Evelyn Blatz, Claire Heiser, Arlene Heller, Ernst Knapp and Steve Wenzler.* Also, two of our members had unexpected surgery this summer, *Inge Jellen and Valerie Meyer.* We are happy to report that both are doing well. Also remember to say a prayer for anyone those who need them—**it will come back to you someday when you need it!**

**Good & Welfare:** Are you aware that in addition to being our treasurer and doing our banking, Anne Novotny has also been our Good & Welfare representative for the past decade or so? If she learns someone is sick she will send a card and, if possible, make a visit. One day this summer Anne started out in Richmond Hill and went to Bayside and had a visit with Evelyn Blatz in her nursing home. From there she went to Jamaica to call on Claire Heiser. When that visit concluded she returned home to Richmond Hill. This is very good work in itself, but when you consider Anne does not drive and gets around on foot and city busses, it is even more impressive. We may not have a large number of volunteers, but we are lucky to have a handful of dedicated people like Anne who work so hard and accomplish so much.



**Be Aware of** New York City parking rules (a.k.a. alternate side of the street parking).

The rules are suspended on these upcoming dates: **Monday, September 3 (Labor Day); Monday, September 10-Tuesday, September 11 (Rosh Hashanah); Monday, September 19 (Yom Kippur); Monday, September 24-Tuesday September 25 (Succoth); Monday, October 1**

## In Memoriam

Here is a list of members of the Brooklyn Kolping Family who have passed away during the months of July, August and September. Please remember the souls of the faithful departed in your prayers. If someone is missing let us know, send a note to the Center or use the email address at the bottom of page one.



### July

Alfred Bayer-1979  
Maria Gnam-1948  
Ludwig Gruber-1980  
Elizabeth (Betty) Oettinger-1996

### August

M. Boeller-2000  
Lisa Heller-1986  
Margaret Guetterbock-2004  
Martha Gnam-1995  
Paul Pfreundschuh-1995  
Maria Schottenhammel-1995  
Irma Trabold-1995

### September

Edward Braun-1970  
Joseph Gruber-2002  
August Hartmann-1956  
Henry Hartmann Jr.-2004  
Dorothy Hochreiter-2012  
Emile Krauskaupf-1963  
Theresa Purschki-1997  
Michael Schneider-1970  
Reinhardt Wilhelm-1972  
Wolfgang Zeising-2009  
John Zernis-1977

(*Shemini Atzereth*); **Tuesday, October 2 (Simchas Torah); Monday, October 8 (Columbus Day), Thursday, November 1 (All Saints Day), and Tuesday, November 6 (Election Day)** Remember, If you park on Myrtle Avenue you need to put money in the pay & display meter, get the paid slip and display it on the drivers side of your dashboard. Meters are in affect daily until 7PM (except Sunday)

### Consider This:



*I believe in the dignity of labor: whether with head or hand: that the world owes no man a living but that it owes every man an opportunity to make a living*

-John D. Rockefeller

*You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.* -C. S. Lewis