



November, 2019

Dear Kolping Members and Friends,

It's that time of year... leaves and the temperatures are on their way down, we 'fell back' to Eastern Standard Time and Thanksgiving and Christmas lie just ahead! We had two fall gatherings at the Kolping Center, and our grand finale for the year is well in the planning stages-the **Christmas Party on December 7** (*flyer enclosed*). We need EVERYONE'S help filling up the Center for this big annual event and making it a success.

This letter should bring you up to date on our recent news and events, hope you enjoy reading it...**Bill Conte, President**

Kolping News:

Our Condolences are sent on the passing of **Irene Baunach, 88**, on August 19. Like Frank Heller and Eddie Sommer who passed earlier this year, Irene was a Kolping lifelong member, her parents Marie and Reinhardt Wilhelm were members early on. In the recent past Irene served on the committee that overhauled our by-laws in the early 00's and served on our Board of Directors at various times over the years. She had many medical issues that prevented her from attending Kolping functions in recent years, but her sister, Mary Lou Wilhelm Goerke, told us how important the Society was to her and that it was always in her heart. May her soul, and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Happy 90th Birthday Wishes! Our longtime member, Franz Kokasch turned 90 with a big party at the Kolping Center on October 7. Franz still plays music with his buddies whenever he can, and they were all there to toast him, along with family and a large circle of friends. Congratulations to Franz, and to his wife, Alice, their daughters Cathy and Theresa and their families on this special and happy occasion.



While we are on the topic of birthdays, let's send out good wishes to those who celebrate in the next few months. In **November** we salute *Louise Gruber Mimicopoulos* and *Bill Conte*. Happy **December** birthdays to *Barbara Autstein, Agnes Hopeck, Gary Meyer, Jessica Meyer, Rosemarie, Robert Wittreich* and *Erika Zinser*. In **January**, our New Year's Babies are *Jeff Blatz, Chris Gerage, Gillian Guile, Larisa Heiser, Ernie Lauth, Arnold Ruf* and *Steve Wenzler* who will **turn 92 on January 4!** Lots of wishes to everyone for good health and happy times with your loved ones.

Fall Mass: In the end we welcomed 47 adults and 5 children to our **Fall Mass and Communion Supper** held on **Saturday, September 28**. Father Chris was unable to be with us, but his handpicked replacement, Father Zwosta, did a great job and incorporated Father Kolping into the liturgy. We were lucky to have many helping hands with members volunteering with setup and food preparation, serving and cleanup. A real community effort. Special thanks to: Gillian Guile for acting as lector and Karl Werkmann who led the singing with his strong voice. Finally, special thanks go to Chris Gerage...since cooking can no longer take place at the Center, Chris cooked our meal at home and brought it all to the Center to heat in chafing trays and serve. **Go to our Facebook page for some photos from the day!**

Our Halloween Party on Saturday, October 19 was a fun time and a social success! A lot of planning went into this, and we have sisters-in-law Jessica and Monica Meyer whose idea it was to thank. They came up with a great decorating scheme, some guessing games and prizes for best costumes in different categories. Thanks also to the many others who helped along-Val & Gary Meyer, Chris Meyer, and Pat & Chris Gerage who all did a lot to keep the

Halloween Party (continued): party moving along...they were not the only helpers, thanks to EVERYONE! We welcomed about 32 adults and 17 kids-who brought lots of energy to this gathering, this is the first non-religious social function we have held in several years, and it was great that the majority of attendees were members, showing we like to get together for fun family activities! There are over 100 photos from this event on our Facebook page. Check it out by searching on Facebook for the **Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn**.

Welcome to our newest members! We were very blessed to induct four new members into Kolping at our Communion Supper on September 28. Family memberships, these couples both carry the Kolping tradition to new generations. Jeffrey Blatz joined along with his wife, Michelle. Jeff joins his sister Allison Blatz Hart as part of their family's **third generation of Kolping**: grandparents Lisa and Frank Heller Sr; then mom Evelyn Heller Blatz and Uncle Frank Heller Jr. Laura Lauth Murphy and her husband John also became official members. Laura is the second generation in her family-her parents Irene and Ernie Lauth are members over thirty years who served in various capacities over the years. Our membership stands 63 members, and we are working to increase that number and become a larger Kolping Family. **Thanks to Michelle and Jeff, and Laura and John for joining us and we hope you become regulars at the Center.**

Don't forget...Brooklyn Kolping is on Social Media! **Webpage:** <http://www.kolping.org/brooklyn/> you will find our newsletters (*current and archived*), upcoming events and a brief history of our Kolping Family here. **Facebook and Instagram:** Search under **Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn**. Lots of photos from our recent events have been posted here. Check it out!

All Around The Kolping Center. **Steve Wenzler** moved to an assisted living unit. If anyone would like to send him a note his new address is *Steve Wenzler, Atria Tanglewood Room 325A, 125 Ocean Avenue, Lynbrook NY 11563*...**Allison Blatz Hart** spent time in Europe this October. While in Cologne she made a quick stop on a rainy Sunday to the **Kolping International Headquarters** and sent photos which have been posted on our Facebook page...We all got to wish young **Phoenix Josten** a happy 6th birthday at our Communion Supper...Congratulations to the **Stahl Family** who celebrated their daughter Juliette's 2nd birthday with at the Kolping Center November 2...That same weekend, the extended **Meyer family** celebrated Miss Lia's 7th birthday-**we are SO BLESSED to have children in our Kolping Family once again**...**Inge & John Jellen** and **Sonia Juran Kuleesza**-went to Austria in October and visited a few spots, including Inge and John's hometown. **We were happy to welcome them back home safely!**

Good and Welfare: Please keep our members who are in poor health or homebound in your prayers: *Evelyn Blatz, Rosemarie Elgass, Eleanor Gartner, Arlene Heller, Ernst Knapp, Irene Lauth, and Steve Wenzler.*

In Memoriam

All Soul's Remembrance: Let's take a moment to remember deceased Kolping Family members. **Passed in November:** *Leopold Blatz (1964), Henry Hartmann, Sr. (1960), Josef Koch (1971), Wilfried Kolsch (1972), Toni Ostermann (2005), Hermann Rueb (2013), Lucy Sperber (1970), Rose Wachter (2015), Rosemarie Wenzler (2013), Barbara Wohlfart (1940).* **December:** *Rev. Eugene Erny (1970), Gertrude Bittel (2000), Rose Ehrbacher (2003), Adele Hartmann (2008), Rev. Joseph Heitz (1970), Frank Heller Sr. (1987), Marie Lohrer (1991), Leonard Melscheid (1970), Louise Rapp (1970), Ida Sommer (2007), John Sommer (1989), Frank Schottenhammel (1970); Willy Sellerberg (2007), Lorraine Tuzzo (1999), Ida Vogel (1951), Frank Wachter (1989), Josephine Zoeller (1999).* **January:** *Hedwig Alt (1988), Fanny Bange (2002), Emma Blatz (1986), Fred Haller Sr. (2008), Rev. Joachim Von Keressenbrock (2015), Rose Linsmaier (2006), Frieda Muller (2006), Lucy Pecnik (2002), Max Rapp (2004), Alfred Rein (1980), Josef Vogt (1983), Rose Zernis (1967).*

Upcoming Events:

The Kolping Family Christmas Party: *Saturday, December 7, doors open at 5:30PM (see enclosed flyer).* Bring the kids-it will be more fun than ever!

Annual General Meeting: *Sunday March 15.* We plan to incorporate a St. Patrick's Day theme into this one!

Kolping Family Spring Mass: *Saturday, April 18 at 5PM.*

REMEMBER—The St. Matthias Parish Food Pantry and Homeless Program is our charity project. We appreciate your donations of nonperishable food items, supermarket gift cards, cash and *new men's socks and underwear.* We collect these items at all our gatherings.