



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

MAY 2023

PACIFICA, CALIFORNIA:

Installation Luncheon

What started out as a foggy day in Pacifica, turned into a beautiful Spring afternoon for our 2023 Installation Luncheon at Nick's Rockaway Beach. With 50 members and guests in attendance, the conversations, laughter and overall fun time could be felt by all.



Nick's did an awesome job again, serving it's humungous portions of prime rib and red snapper. Thanks to Silvia and Gianluca Hildebrandt (of Chrissa Imports) for donating the wine and to Chris McLaughlin for finding the table decorations.



While we did enjoy the social aspects of the luncheon, some business was discussed. Lisa provided an overview of activities and projects accomplished this past year, including changing our bingo times to Saturdays, updating the electrical panels in the hall, contributing \$90,000 to local schools and nonprofits and expanding our social media presence to name a few. We also voted on our new slate of officers and directors, welcoming Anmarie (Muffy) Friel as Vice President as well as Gerry Costanzo, Steve Lambly and Karen Taylor to our board of directors.



One main purpose of our luncheon is to congratulate long-time members and recognize new members. This year we were able to give new member pins to Raymond Brinkmann, Patti and Bob Lazzeretto, Gianluca Hildebrandt, Greg and Teri Costanzo, Heidi Ehrich and Louis Kolenda! In addition, Sue and Tom Biesty were awarded their 25 year pins. Muffy created a wonderful tribute card for our longest-tenured member, Heinz Beering, who will mark 75 years as a Kolping member!!



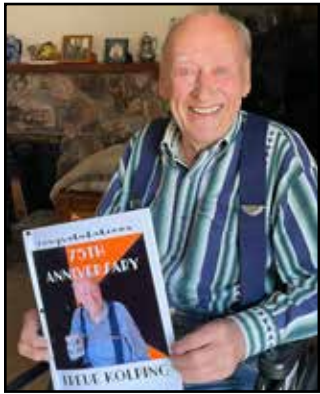
Passing the baton — Muffy & Gunther

Finally, Lisa recognized with a "thank you" gift, the hard work of Kathy Biesty, who is the creative force behind our newsletters and website, and Cathy Vennemeyer, who continues to keep our finances in good standing. And Deacon Bill McLoughlin roused a round of applause for Lisa in appreciation of all the work she has been doing these past years.



MORE FROM THE INSTALLATION LUNCHEON:

75+ Years as a Kolping Member



Heinz Beering remembers joining the Kolping Society on May 1, 1945, the day he became an apprentice cabinet maker at age 14. Heinz explained that the Kolping provided its members classes taught by "Masters" of the trade, in the area in which one might apprentice, as well as in other trades. Heinz took classes not

only in cabinet making, but polishing and finishing as well. For those of us who remember furniture prior to IKEA, it was truly an art and skill to make and maintain fine furniture. When he came over to the United States in 1953, he immediately was taken in at the Kolping House on Oak and Fillmore and lived there as he settled into his new home. Congratulations, Heinz!

KLUB NINETY

Last year at our Installation Luncheon, we acknowledged our members who were 90 years and older by presenting them with

a special Kolping mug, Klub Ninety. This year we have three members for whom 2023 is their 90th year:

**Julia Brinkmann,
Tillie Ferris and
Donna McDonagh.**



Welcome to this distinct Klub!

More Installation Photos



2023 Slate of Officers & Directors

OFFICERS:

- Lisa Brinkmann, President
- Anmarie (Muffy) Friel, Vice President
- Cathy Vennemeyer, Treasurer
- Monika Weiss, Recording Secretary
- Petra Stottmeister, Corresponding Secretary

BOARD:

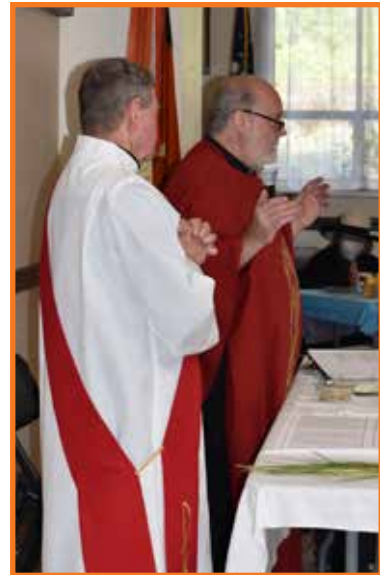
- Lisa Brinkmann, Chairman
- Bill McLoughlin, Praeses
- Cathy Vennemeyer, Treasurer
- Monika Weiss, Secretary
- Gerry Costanzo, Member
- Gunther Ehrich, Member
- Steve Lambly, Member
- Christine McLoughlin, Member
- Cathy Mibach, Member
- Karen Taylor, Member



Palm Sunday

Thanks to Deacon Bill McLoughlin and Father Paul, our Kolping family was able to celebrate its first Palm Sunday Mass and brunch since 2019. It was a very blessed event with everyone participating with the readings, serving the brunch and cleaning up.

Andy Egger attended the bar, while Mary Brinkmann sliced up the tasty ham and Guerra's Market supplied the delicious frittata. We were happy to welcome family and friends of our members and even say hello to a few members we haven't seen in a while. What a wonderful way to end Lent and welcome Easter.





Our St. Patrick's bingo was a great success. After everyone settled down by singing a round of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", we were able to personally award one of our grant checks to Sr. Marguerite Bartling from the Good Shepard Gracenter. It was great to match the names with the person. Al Davila was the big blackout winner, though most of us were happy with the corned beef sliders and cole slaw, prepared by Mary Brinkmann and the various Irish soda breads and desserts.



IRISH BINGO!



Upcoming Events We hope you will be able to join us!

Kolping Board / Regular Meeting

Monday, May 1st at 5:30 — Come at 5:00 for pizza!

Spring Bingo

Saturday, May 13th at 1:30 — *this is the 2nd Saturday!*

Western Round-Up

Saturday, June 24th at 12:30 — *this is the 4th Saturday!*

\$5 for members; \$10 for guest*

Hot dogs, salad, western grub — Join us!

**guest price includes one drink*

Missing you...

For one reason or another, some of our members who we would see at almost every event are unable to attend. We'd like to make sure they know we're thinking of them and send a big...

"HELLO!"

to Mimi Springer, Eleanore Redmond, Mike and Peggy Cooney, Peggy Mylett, and Louise Tschudi.

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty