



Newsletter June, 2023

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Best wishes to all our readers! We are not quite there yet, but let's assume we are heading for a great summer! Things usually get quiet at the Kolping Center over the summer months, but things start up again in September, so check our **Kolping Calendar** below.

This newsletter now goes out to most of you via email. This reduces both our costs and the labor involved. People on our email list get our updates (*and more photos*) on a regular basis and in a timely manner. This print version is a recap of information that some of you have already seen. If you received a printed version of this letter and have an email address, please contact us and we'll update our records: kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com



Save the Date! We are planning a 5PM **Mass and Communion Supper** at the Kolping Center on **Saturday, September 23**. Father Johny will be our celebrant once again, he is making time in his busy schedule for us. I am making a personal appeal to all members and friends of the Society to save this date, come out and support our Mass. Guests are very welcome. A flyer will come out in July...please get on the list as early as possible so we have an easier time planning the dinner.

For those of you who live outside the NYC area and don't get to the Kolping Center but would like to participate in another way, here are two suggestions. First, our Board offers **passive membership** for friends who are out of the area. This would help us build up our member base, and you would be on record as a member. Please contact us if you would like to explore this option. Second, consider sending a **modest donation** to the Brooklyn Kolping Family. Checks made out to **The Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn & Queens, Inc** are tax deductible, as we are a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation. The funds will be put to good use.

One final note...**we will turn 100 in 2024!** Those on our email list have already received some vintage photos and other recollections from our history. We are in the process of planning a dinner-dance to celebrate our Centennial, probably at the Kolping Center in May, 2024. More details as they develop! In the meantime, **best wishes for a fantastic summer!** -Bill Conte

Kolping Calendar:

Fall Mass & Communion Supper; Saturday, September 23 at 5PM in the Kolping Center. **Father Johny Chengalan Thomas will join us once again as celebrant.** The flyer will go out in July...*reserve your spot as soon as possible!*

Autumn Potluck & Halloween Party; Saturday October 28. We learned at our May potluck that our members and friends prepare food well! Our autumn gathering will combine good food plus Halloween fun and games! Bring the kids and costumes are encouraged...hope you saved the date!

Queens Veterans Day Parade. We plan to participate in the Queens Veteran's Day Parade (*along Metropolitan Avenue in Middle Village*) for the second year in a row and bring the Kolping name into our local community.

Kolping Family Christmas Party; Saturday, December 9.

Kolping News:

Annual Meeting: After a winter break, our first get together of the year was our **Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 25**. This meeting was traditionally held on a Sunday afternoon, but our Board decided to try a Saturday evening to see if more members could attend. It seemed to work: we welcomed 28 adults along with 6 of our younger Kolping family members. We started with a cold buffet plus homemade soup prepared by our chef-member, Chris Gerage. The Center was filled with conversation as everyone got caught up!

Once the dishes were cleared, Jessica Meyer set up the tripod, and we assembled for a group photo to add to our archives. The meeting was called to order and we discussed what went on in our Kolping Family in 2022. Somehow our small Kolping group manages to accomplish quite a bit! Topics included finances, membership status, building issues, charity projects, social and educational activities, and our participation in the National Kolping convention last September. *(continued on page 2)*



We signed cards to those who could not be with us, especially **Anne Novotny & Rosemarie Rom**, who were recently hospitalized. A highlight of the evening was inducting **Frank R. Heller** (fourth generation Kolping member) and **Jon Rodriguez**...we hope to have a great relationship with both of these guys. Desert and coffee followed the close of the meeting.

Potluck & Bingo Night. We had a small get-together at the Kolping Center on Friday, May 19, featuring a potluck supper and a few games of BINGO! The dinner was well planned so there was variety and more than enough for everyone. After dinner, we set up for the Bingo game, run by **Michelle Blatz** and **Pat Gerage**, who did a great job. We took a break to enjoy dessert while playing the last few games. Different members of the Stahl Family won most of the games, causing some good natured ribbing! It was lots of fun! We hope you will join us next time we have Bingo night. **Pictured: Pat Gerage, Jessica Meyer, Alice Kokasch, Inge Jellen and Josephine Ristagno.**



Congratulations! Best wishes to members who had happy events! On May 12 members **Evelyn & Jon Rodriguez** welcomed their new son, Sebastian! We love having kids around the Kolping Center and watching them grow up, looking forward to welcoming Sebastian to his first Kolping Christmas Party in a few months. Then member **Sonia Juran Kulesza** welcomed her first grandchild, Margot Frances Weaver on May 16! As you can imagine Sonia is over the moon, and got on the first plane possible to meet her new grandbaby, who lives in Santa Barbara, CA. **We send our warmest wishes to both families on this happy occasion!**



Memorial Day Parade. Our Kolping Family participated for the very first time in the Ridgewood-Glendale Memorial Day parade. We assembled at the Glendale Monument on Cooper Avenue, and marched down Myrtle Avenue to Cypress Avenue. Joining the fun were: **Michelle & Jeff Blatz, Bill Conte, Pat & Chris Gerage, Gillian Guile, Joe Hoeffler, John & Inge Jellen, Paula & Sean Josten, Alice Kokasch, Sonia Juran Kulesza, Ivette & Scott Stahl.** Let's not forget our junior Kolping participants: **Anakin, Gio, Jayden, Juliette, Phoenix, Sonada and Zoey.** Thanks to everyone for giving up part of their holiday weekend, honoring our war dead, and bringing the Kolping name into our local community.

Please Remember Our Homebound Members In Your Prayers. Our longtime member **Anne Novotny** has moved and is now settled in with her daughter in Davenport, Florida. She has recovered from injuries sustained in a fall earlier this year, and her voice is strong and steady again. **Rosemarie Rom** is at home and getting back up to speed after surgery this winter. Also keep our older members in your thoughts and prayers: **Ernie Lauth, Elfriede Loeshinger, Herbert Roethel and Freddy Wittreich.**

Birthdays. Best wishes to those celebrating summer birthdays. June: *Michelle Blatz, Pat Gerage, John Jellen, Margarete Knapp, Herbert Roethel, Reinhard Schmuck and Ivette Stahl.* **July:** *Sean Josten, Frank R. Heller, Alice Kokasch, Waltraud Mayer, Valerie Meyer, Jonathan Rodriguez and Hubert Ruhs.* **August:** *Dr. Thomas Reilly.* **September:** *Rosemarie Elgass, Inge Jellen, Paula Josten and Elfriede Loeschinger.* Hope everyone has a special day! **Belated special congratulations** are sent to **Albert Tscherne**, who hit the 90 milestone back on April 9.



In memory of our departed Kolping Members and Friends: **June:** *Eddie Blatz (2011), Eugene Blatz (1973), Arthur Blenkle (2014), Evelyn Bove (2005), Wilma Buchte (1975), Otto Burger (1991), John Burk (1963), Alfred Cerne (2013), Felix Christ (1976), Franz Huber (1995), Vincent Lieber (1975), Martha Olbrich (1971), Elizabeth Reilly (2000), August Ruhs (1974) and Leo Trabold (1993).* **July:** *Alfred Bayer (1979), Maria Gnam (1948), Ludwig Gruber (1980), Elizabeth (Betty) Oettinger (1996), Bernhardt Poschmann (2018), and Stephen (Steve) Wenzler (2020).* **August:** *Irene Baunach (2019), M. Boeller (2000), Lisa Heller (1986), Margaret Guetterbock (2004), Martha Gnam (1995), Claire Heiser (2018), Paul Pfreundschuh (1995), Maria Schottenhammel (1995), Edward Sommer (2019) and Irma Trabold (1995).* Finally, in **September** we remember: *Edward Braun (1970), Joseph Gruber (2002), August Hartmann (1956), Henry Hartmann Jr. (2004), Dorothy Hochreiter (2012), Emile Krauskaupf (1963), Theresa Purschki (1997), Deacon John Sands (2021), Michael Schneider (1970), Reinhardt Wilhelm (1972), Wolfgang Zeising (2009) and John Zernis (1977).* **May God grant them eternal peace.**