



# S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023

## Upcoming Events

Please note times for lunches!

### Oktoberfest Lunch & Bingo!

**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 16th, 12:30–4:00**

Join us for wurst, beer and some umm paa!

*Members \$5 — Guests \$10 — Paid at the event.*

**If possible, please RSVP to Lisa at**

lbrinkmann@mac.com or 415-517-3631 (cell) or 415-381-3989 (home) by September 13th so we can plan on food.

### Halloween Preview Bingo & Fun

**Saturday, OCTOBER 21st, 1:30–4:00**

No tricks, just treats!

### Day of Thanks Lunch and Bingo

**Saturday, November 18th, 12:30–4:00**

*Please bring a packaged or canned goods to donate to the Food Bank.*

*Members \$5 — Guests \$10*

**Please RSVP to Lisa at** lbrinkmann@mac.com or 415-517-3631 (cell) or 415-381-3989 (home).



**Christmas Mass and Brunch**  
**Sunday, December 3rd, 11:00–2:00**

*Members \$10 — Guests \$15*

*If you can, consider bringing a toy for us to donate to the local **Toys for Tots** program.*

*RSVP forms coming soon!*

## Welcome to our newest members!



*Serena O'Sullivan*

**Serena O'Sullivan:** Marie Chambers invited her friend (and bingo lover) Serena to one our bingos and after meeting so many happy, friendly people, she decided to join! Serena and Marie went to nursing school together at St. Joseph's and later found themselves working at St. Mary's in the nursery and OB department on the night shift. Small world. Welcome Serena!



*Diane Larrecou*

**Diane Larrecou:** Diane was introduced to Kolping by Raymond Brinkmann's friend, Ann Holland. Knowing that she enjoyed bingo and a good time, they asked her to join them at the Day at the Races bingo. Born in Oakland, Diana lived first in Hunters Point for a few years and then, being a Navy family, found herself moving every 2 years to a new small town somewhere in California. I guess always being in motion finally got old, as Diane has lived in San Rafael for over 50 years.

## Scholarship Winner



Congratulations to **Isabella Miccio**, granddaughter of **Trudy Reinhard**, for winning one of the National Kolping scholarships. Isabella is a senior in high school and planning to use the proceeds for college applications.

# Who said bingo wasn't

# FUN?!!

OUR BINGOS have not only been well-attended, but a source of new member recruitment. In last months, we have welcomed six new members, all of whom joined after an afternoon of bingo, fun and nice people. Kudos to our members for being so welcoming.

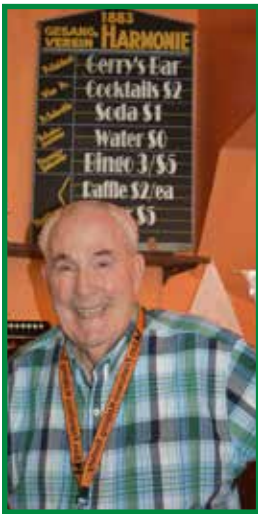
Our July "Day at the Races" Bingo definitely brought out the competitive nature of our members. Lisa created "race tracks" for each table and assigned each their mascots. These ranged from a Swedish horse to Thai elephant, from

a Beanie baby lady bug to a Kenyan rhino. Each table was given dice and at a designated signal, rolled the dice and advanced their mascot around the track. Things got loud, excitement heightened and smiles were shining at the winning table. Everyone enjoyed it so much, they asked for a rematch!



## Raffle Donations

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by our members specifically with regards to our bingo raffles. Members donate the prizes and members purchase the tickets. Each raffle generates close to \$200, which in turn is donated to one of the local nonprofits. It is a wonderful way for all of us to be able to give back to the community. Thanks—this makes us proud!



August's "Day in the City" tested just how well our members knew their City. Lisa handed out trivia questions to each table, asking members to answer the questions within 5 minutes. It was fun—and answers were yelled out with conviction. The table with only three members—Rosemarie, Karen Cilia-Santi and Kevin Cunnane—was one of two that knew the most correct responses. The winning tables received a Chinese take-out container, filled with fortune cookies! Note: our members do know more about the City than an online trivia game—Cow Hollow is NOT the northernmost neighborhood in the City—we stand corrected, but it didn't change the outcome of the game. 😊

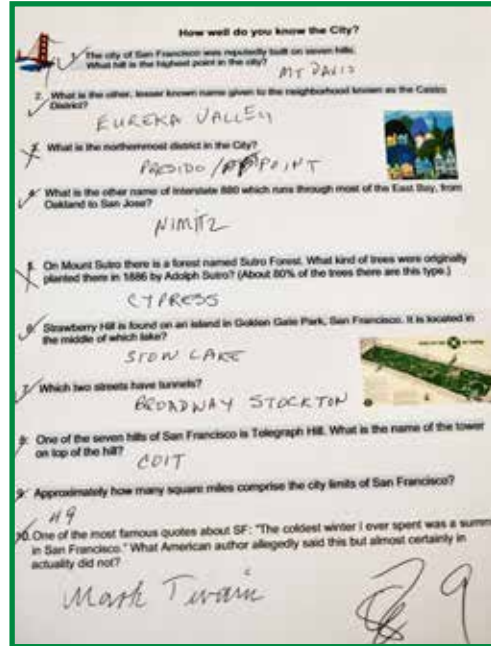


Sadly, some members got their hopes up during the bingo, when they opened their fortune cookie and it said "you will win the bingo blackout." Unfortunately for them, it was a special message Lisa ordered from the Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory in Chinatown.

Congrats to Karen Taylor, who did win the first blackout, and Karen Cilia-Santi, who won the second blackout.



Thanks to **Lucy Chambers** for taking the bingo pictures!



Number 5 correct answer: eucalyptus trees



Do you have a younger member of your family (we're talking 19 – 30 year-old) who might be interested in the Kolping? The National Kolping will be hosting a virtual meeting to introduce Kolping to our youth and solicit ideas for how we might attract them to join. This Jr. Meet-Up will be held on Sunday, September 17th from 4:00 to 5:00. More information can be found on the Kolping website at [www.kolping.org](http://www.kolping.org).

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## Get Well List

**Piet Zuger** is recovering from shoulder surgery. It hasn't been easy, realizing all you are not able to do yourself, without the use of one arm. Piet was seen, however, at the Swiss picnic, making use of his good arm with beer in hand.

**Al Davila** has had a rough go of things since returning from his and Charlene's Panama trip. He discovered a blood clot in his leg and has been in and out of the hospital, hoping it heals soon. Please send him your prayers and good thoughts.

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## Member Moves

*A few of our members have moved lately and we thought we'd just let you know where.*

**Valerie Mc Grew** officially moved to Surprise, AZ. She had been spending much of the year there as of late and finally made the big decision to relocate. Hopefully she'll drop in when she's back in the City.

**Anna Habelt** decided to move to The Magnolia's in Millbrae and according to her daughter, has already made several friends. Donna McDonagh was on her way to happy hour when she last called. If you'd like to send her a card, her address is:

The Magnolia, 201 Chadbourne Ave., Apt. # 207,  
Millbrae, CA 94030-2572. Phone: (415) 712-9917

## Work around the hall



It never ends...I guess this is to be expected if you own property. Just when we thought everything was done around the Kolping Hall, we found a leaky value in our sprinkler system. After much running around—City, fire alarm company, plumber and finally sprinkler installer—Lisa was able to get it fixed. Doing so, she noticed some of the trim on the building had

been removed. To take advantage of her crew, Lisa had the trim replaced, backyard cleaned up, weeds hauled away, ground cover placed, and the steps to the inside stairwell fixed. Fingers crossed for a quiet Fall and Winter!



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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty