



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

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International Convention

I was so surprised when I attended my first International Kolping Convention near Cologne, Germany this Fall. There were over 153 delegates from 43 countries in attendance, from East Timor to Tanzania, from Myanmar to Romania. It was amazing!

During the following days, we took a bus trip to Kerpen, the birthplace of Father Kolping, and toured the museum

where he once lived. The local Kolping family treated us to coffee and cake, before we boarded the bus to Cologne for Mass at the Minorite Church, where Blessed Father Kolping was entombed. I was very proud to be able to represent our National Kolping organization. There will be more on the International Convention in our quarterly Banner.



The National Kolping poster for the USA

A group pictures of delegates...where's Lisa?

New Members!

Welcome to our newest members. We need to get pictures for our next newsletter, but be sure to say hello to:

- **Lenore Lamey:** A native of San Francisco - 3rd generation. Lenore went to Holy Name School, Giannini then Lincoln High School and then on to City College. She worked for the Federal Government for 34 years and retired. She now enjoys doing Needlepoint and has lots of projects.
- **Jeanie Lamey:** A native San Franciscan - 3rd generation. Jeanie went to Holy Name School, then Lincoln and City College. She worked for California Pacific Medical Center and retired after 32 years of service. Enjoys retirement. She is learning to quilt and does Needlepoint.
- **Cynthia Pereira:** A friend of Rosemarie Azinheira.

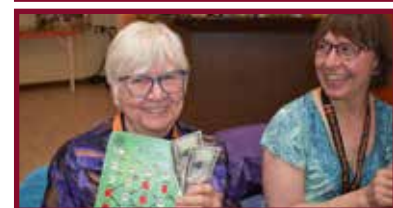
OCTOBERFEST AND (PRE)HALLOWEEN BINGO

Our pictures say it all – fun, laughter and a nice-size bingo pot!

I'd like to give a huge shout out to **Gerry and Shirley Costanzo** for making the **OKTOBERFEST** a fun celebration by inviting their kids, spouses and friends. We had quite the boisterous group, with many taking away the coveted raffle prizes! **Muffy** repurposed a beer keg, converting it into a German-ium planter while **Andy Rolfes** showed off the lederhosen he wore as a child.

The **"PRE-HALLOWEEN" BINGO** was full of tricks, with many raffle prizes. We can't thank our members enough for your generosity in donating these gifts. They are fun to win, enjoyed by all and generate nice donations for our local nonprofits. These past two months, monies from the raffle went to **YouthSF**, the nonprofit operating in our rental space above the hall.

A very special thanks goes to our decoration crew. These individuals show up every Thursday morning prior to our bingos to help set up chairs, tables and decorations. Thanks to **Karen Cilia, Arlene Bushner, Muffy Friel, Karen Taylor, Gunther Ehrich, Cathy Vennemeyer, and Kevin Cunnane.**





The Irish go German

For the past few years, the SF Kolping Society has been showing its support and purchasing seats at the Irish Cultural Center's "Oktoberfest at the Beach." This year these tickets went to our Board members and guests who looked like they had *viel Vergnuegen*.



Board Positions

Would you like to help out the Kolping?

We are looking for individuals who would like to serve on our Board and/or who might be interested in assisting on a committee? One of the most important committees would be the Programs Committee. Currently, we are planning events on the 3rd Saturday of the month (excluding December). We need ideas, helping hands and some dedicated volunteers to help make these meetings fun—and maybe add a few more to the list. Let Lisa (lbrinkmann@mac.com) know if you are interested.



Did you find Lisa?

If you don't have a magnifying glass, here she is!

Next Activities

Join us for our

Day of Thanks Lunch and Bingo
Saturday, November 18th at 12:30 pm

This will include a catered lunch with a lively bingo following. **We need rsvp's** for this event to plan the food, so please let **Lisa** know, either by email (lbrinkmann@mac.com), text (415-517-3631) or home phone (415-381-3989) if you plan to attend.

*Members lunch will be \$5 — Guests will be \$10
Payable at the hall on the 18th.*



We will be celebrating

Christmas Mass
followed by Brunch
Sunday, December 3rd
at 11:00 am

Please send in your rsvp (included in this newsletter) with a check to Lisa no later than Thursday, November 30th.

Note: If you would like to help decorate the hall for the Christmas party, feel free to drop by the Kolping around 10:00 on November 30th. We will put you to work!

Around the City

If you are interested in attending a Christmas Fair, consider the one at the Irish Cultural Center.

UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER of SAN FRANCISCO

Save the Date!
12.16.23

Holiday Boutique & ARTISAN Craft FAIR

Shop local this holiday season at the UICC!

Interested in being a vendor?
Call 415.741.8203

2700 45th Ave, San Francisco
Between Sloat Blvd. and Wawona St.

Prayers & Thoughts

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to **Christine and Bill McLoughlin** on the loss of their daughter-in-law to cancer. We will keep her in our prayers.

Sending prayers and good wishes to **Don Mibach** on a quick and easy recovery after a fall. Don has been in rehab and then experienced a bout of Covid.

Thinking of You

There are a few members who haven't returned to our social events after COVID and we just wanted to make sure they knew we were thinking of them. In particular, we like to say...

“Hi!”

MIMI SPRINGER

BRIGITTA KRUGER

MIKE & PEGGY COONEY

AND

PEGGY MYLETT

... and to one of our long-time, faithful members who moved to Placerville, but follows our activities and often mentions in emails how much she enjoys hearing about the “going ons” at the Kolping...

ARLENE ELLIOTT

Community Credits

Do you have a high school student in the family or friend that might need community credits for school? We're happy to “put them to work” at our bingos or Mass. Let Lisa know and we can coordinate a job for them – it's a great way to introduce our younger family and friends to the organization.

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty