



# S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

JANUARY 2024

## 2024 Calendar

**Upcoming Calendar:** Plan for the **3rd Saturday** of the month! More info as we get closer.

**January 20, 2024 — 1:30 – 4:00**

### Game Day Bingo

Wear something to represent your favorite team.

**February 17, 2024 — 1:30 – 4:00**

### Valentine's Day Bingo

**March, 2024 — date and theme TBD**

**March 24, 2024 – 11:00 – 2:00**

### Palm Sunday Mass/Brunch

**April 20, 2024 — 1:30 – 4:00**

### Sip and Paint

**May 18, 2024 — Noon**

### Installation Luncheon

Nick's Rockaway Beach

**June 15, 2024 — 1:30 – 4:00**

### Day at the Races Bingo

**July 20, 2024 — 1:30 – 4:00**

### Western Round-Up

**September 6-10, 2024**

### National Convention

**September 21, 2024 — 12:30 – 4:00**

### Oktoberfest Luncheon

**October 19, 2024 — 1:30 – 4:00**

### Trick or Treat

**November 16, 2024 — 12:30 – 4:00**

### Day of Thanks Luncheon

**December, 2024 — date TBD**

### Christmas Mass

## Finally, New Members Photos!

We welcomed our newest members in the last newsletter. Here are their photos so you can say hello to **Jeanie Lamey, Lenore Lamey,** and **Cynthia Pereira** at our next event.



Lenore Lamey



Jean Lamey



Cynthia Pereira

BINGOS, BRUNCH AND FUN

# Our Day of Thanks

Our donation food bags took over the front entry as members dropped off contributions for the Food Drive. **Father Paul** was able to add these donations to those at his parish, **St. Bartholomew's** in San Mateo.

As usual, our members were especially generous with the raffle donations and in purchasing the raffle tickets. We were able to raise over \$200, which was donated to the **Martin de Porres House of Hospitality**, which serves meals to the homeless and low-income residents. Congratulations to our bingo winners and **Lucy Chambers**, our "Who is the Biggest Turkey" winner!





# Christmas Mass & Brunch

A special thank you goes out to all of Santa's elves who helped decorate the hall and create a festive atmosphere for our Christmas Mass and Brunch – **Cathy Vennemeyer, Barbara Eckhart, Kevin Cunnane, Muffy Friel, Arlene Bushner, Karen Cilia-Santi and Gunther Ehrich.**

**Father Paul** and our **Deacon Bill** presided over a lovely Mass with members enjoying a few Christmas hymns. Lunch was catered through Guerro's Market and egnogs flew off the bar! Santa's helpers **Greg Costanzo** and his elf, **Muffy Friel**, delivered Christmas gifts to all members. It was a fun, relaxing afternoon truly filled with the holiday spirit.

Thank you to all our members who donated toys to our gift giving efforts. **Bill and Chris McLoughlin** delivered these to a local fire department to regift for Toys for Tots.



*Decking the hall!*

*And, pouring the 'Nog!*



# Annual Membership Dues

I cannot remember the last time we raised our annual dues—and I've been a member for over 25 years. We have steadfastly tried to keep our fees at a minimum, allowing members to enjoy the benefits of our bingos, lunches and activities at very low expense. We do, however, pay a member fee to the National Kolping, which now is more than our local dues.

Given the increase in this expense, the Board has decided to increase our annual dues to \$50/member and \$100/household, effectively January 1, 2024. We have enclosed an envelope in the newsletter to make this payment easy for you.

The dues help cover our subsidized food and beverage expenses, as well as the Installation Luncheon which is free to members. If this increase creates a hardship, please let Lisa know.



## Convention

**Have you ever been to St. Louis?**

**How about St. Charles?**

**How about Missouri in general?**

Well, here is your opportunity to not only visit these cities, but to meet up with Kolping members from around the country for our 2024 Bi-annual convention. There will be registration forms in the next Banner as well as on our

website. The convention itself runs from Friday evening, September 6th to Sunday afternoon, September 8th. Many of us from the West Coast make a mini vacation out of it and leave already on Thursday and return Monday—mark your calendars!

## Scholarship program

For all our members with children, grandchildren or even those going back to school themselves, keep an eye out for the scholarship announcement in the next quarterly Banner. The National Kolping will be sponsoring its program for 2025, with \$1,000 awards to high school seniors and \$3,000 awards to college and trade school students. More news will be posted in the Banner and on the website at the end of January.

## In Memory



**Mimi (Maria) Springer**

I can't tell you how sad I was to get a call from Mimi's son, letting me know that she passed away on Monday, December 11th. Mimi would have been 93 years old on New Year day. Mimi always arrived at the Kolping with

a big smile and often some chocolates to share. She loved spending the evenings with her "besties", Elsa Kehl, Eleanore Redmond and Gustav Heins, as they eyed their bingo cards. We will miss her warm welcome and happy spirit.

## Prayer List

Keep in your prayers the following members who are with us in spirit, but unable to be with us in person.

**MIKE COONEY**

**PEGGY COONEY**

**JULIA BRINKMANN**

**LOUISE TSCHUDI**

## General meeting

If you would like to attend our Board/General meetings, where we discuss projects around the Kolping hall, upcoming events and other activities that keep us going, please feel free to join us at our meetings. We would love more interested Board and general members. The next one will be on Monday, February 5th. We usually have pizza or Chinese food beforehand and start the meeting around 5:45 p.m. If you think you'd like to join us, let Lisa know, so there will be food for all.

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

*Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty*