



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

MARCH 2024



Ann Holland

New Members!

We are very excited to welcome five new members!

Ann Holland – Ann has been a friend of Raymond Brinkmann and his family for close to 40 years. Ann was Raymond’s instructor at cosmetology school at Sklyine College and later coworker, running the front desk at Mr. Lee’s on Jones Street. A native of Bishop, CA, Ann has lived out near the beach on Great Highway for over 30 years.



Linda Cobeen

Linda Cobeen – Linda was introduced just recently to Kolping through her husband, Louis Kolenda. Linda and Louis have four children. Linda is a native Californian and of German descent through her grandfather.

Joe Trott – Joe is the husband of Romy Scott, one of our newer members. Joe is a Bay Area native, working in the trades in engineering underground and home building. Like Romy, Joe is involved in the Gracenter, Mariposa Hunter Point Yacht Club and the Elks Club. He is very involved in home projects and looks forward to our bingo afternoons. (pictures to come)



Uta Wagner

Jere and Sandy Driscoll – Jere and Sandy are native San Franciscans in the St. Paul parish. They have three daughters and six grandchildren, all of whom live in the area. Jere and Sandy were introduced to the Kolping through Cathy Mibach, and have heard good things of our group. (pictures to come)

Uta Wagner – Ute has many friends in Kolping. A friend of Trudy Reinhard, neighbor of Astrid and Gehrd Holder, and lived on the same street as our deceased member, Gustav Heins. Uta worked for 39 years in the accounting department at the Pacific Maritime Association and is a member of the United German American Society and German Ladies’ Benevolent Society.

Get your RSVP’s in!

 **San Francisco Kolping Palm Sunday Mass**
Sunday, March 24, 2024
 11am Mass followed by Brunch

RSVP: by Tuesday, March 19th
 Where: Kolping Center

How: **PAY BY MAIL** – Send this **RSVP Form** and a **CHECK*** for \$10/person – (kids 12 and under free) to:
 Lisa Brinkmann, 311 Greene Street, Mill Valley, Ca 94941
OR give to Lisa directly at a Bingo event.
*Checks payable to CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY OF AMERICA

RSVP Form
 Name: _____
 Number attending: _____
 Looking forward to seeing you there!
RSVP by Tuesday, March 19th.

It may seem a bit early for the Installation Luncheon, but we’re already into March! Please note, enclosed with this newsletter are two rsvp forms – one for the Palm Sunday Mass and brunch and the other for our Installation Luncheon.

New members may not know, but with regards to the Installation Luncheon, we ask that everyone sends a check for \$35/member attendee and \$45 for guests. For members this event is free and the check will be returned at the luncheon. If you rsvp, send a check and do not cancel in time for us to inform Nick’s, we will use your check to cover the cost of the reserved meal.

 **San Francisco Kolping Installation Luncheon**

When: Saturday, May 18th, 12 noon
 Please RSVP by Thursday, May 2nd

Where: Nick’s Seashore Restaurant (Rockaway Beach)
 100 Rockaway Beach Avenue, Pacifica, CA 94044

How: Send a check for \$35 per Kolping member*
 Send a check for \$45 per guest
 Payable to: **CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY OF AMERICA**
 *Members checks will be returned.

Mail to: Lisa Brinkmann
 311 Greene Street, Mill Valley, CA 94941

RSVP Form
 Name: _____
 Number attending: _____ NUMBER OF DINNERS
 Prime Rib: _____
 Catch of the Day: _____
 Vegetarian Pasta: _____
Dinner includes entrée with salad, dessert and beverage.
 Looking forward to seeing you there!
RSVP by Thursday, May 2nd.

BINGO AND FUN

Game Day!

Play ball or rather Blackout! If you were Karen Taylor, these would be magical words to your ears. Many may not have realized, but Karen has won one of the blackout bingos every time she played since August, and this time was no exception. I would have been buying lottery tickets!!

It was fun to see everyone in their favorite team jerseys. Our decoration crew did a great job, hanging t-shirts and flags throughout the hall, adding just a little more festivity to the fun.



Valentine's Day!



What a L.O.V.E.ly time was had – the hall was full of lively chats, banter and cheer. Members gave from their hearts, donating an array of prizes – from sauerkraut to heart t-shirts – for the raffle, raising \$200+ to contribute to the Kolping Lenten project.

Muffy Friel got off to a great start with regular bingos, winning two in a row, while Astrid and Gerhard Holder had the lucky raffle tickets.

I think bets were taken to see if Karen Taylor could continue her blackout winning streak. Unfortunately for her, her friend and table "mate", Ann Fontanella, was the big winner this time – I wonder if there is something to sitting at that table? Jerry Costanzo and Gunther Ehrich shared the second blackout.

Thanks to all for the delish snacks and especially to our decorating team – Karen Cilia-Sante, Muffy Friel, Gunther Ehrich, Kevin Cunnane and Lisa B.





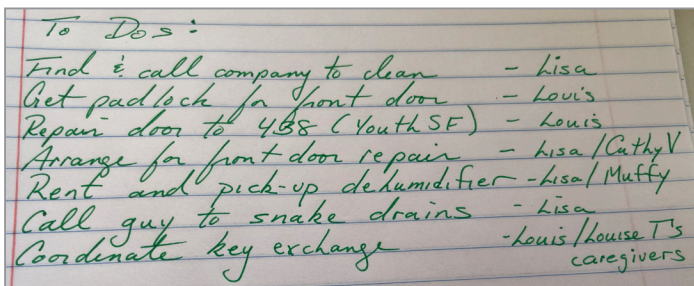
When it rains, it pours....



Next time we all get together, we will definitely have to ask our Deacon Bill to say a special prayer to keep our Kolping Hall safe and in one piece. At the beginning of the year, Lisa worked with PG&E and JunkKing to get our stove removed, due to a gas leak, requiring JunkKing to saw up the range in four pieces to fit through the door!

Thinking that was the end of it, the Wednesday after our Valentine's Day bingo, Lisa got a text from Louis Kolenda (a member, but also runs YouthSF upstairs), that the sprinkler went off in the kitchen and the fire department was called to turn off the water and help sweep out the dirty water from the hall. UGH!

Well, since then Lisa and Louis worked to do an initial clean up and punchlist of things to repair and clean. It looked a little like this:



Happy Birthdays

We would like to acknowledge and congratulation our members who have birthdays in March, April and May!

MARCH

- Hildegard Beering
- Gerald De Ryan
- Mike Cooney
- Andy Rolfes
- Katrina Morgan
- Romy Scott

APRIL

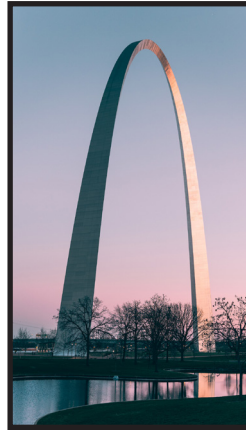
- Arlene Bushner
- Marion Broeker
- Ann Fontanella
- Andy Egger
- Gianluca Hildebrandt
- Lucy Chambers

MAY

- Cathy Vennemeyer
- Frank Goehringer
- Connie Sorensen
- Carl Elliott

(If you're not on the list, we don't have your birthday— please let us know, so we can celebrate YOU!)

Kolping Convention



The Kolping conventions are always a great time and wonderful opportunity to see members and friends from the other Kolping families. Kolping representatives from across the country meet to elect officers, vote on projects (like the scholarship program) and discuss best practices to support the individual families. And, of course, we try to have some fun while at it.

Unlike in prior years, the National Kolping will be hosting this year's event in St. Charles, Missouri, close to St. Louis, the location of the first Kolping society in the U.S. We are hoping to have a good turnout, so start making plans today.

If you are not able to attend, our convention program is an excellent way to show your support. Whether you place a full-page ad on behalf of your family, a quarter-page business card or a few lines with your names, your contributions will be seen and appreciated by members nationwide.

To submit an ad, you can refer to the latest version of the Banner or go to the Kolping website at www.kolping.org If you have questions, feel free to email the Kolping convention committee at kolpingus@gmail.com

National News

Scholarship applications: Applications for the National Scholarship program will be available on the Kolping website on March 31st. If you have been a member for at least a year and are enrolled in college/trade school, or if your kids or (great)grandkids are, you are qualified to apply. Check it out: kolping.org

Lenten Project: The National Kolping is continuing its support for our fellow Kolping families in Kenya. Proceeds from your contributions will go toward educating families on and purchasing goats, vertical gardens and water tanks. Please consider donating if you can.

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty