



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

JUNE 2024

Donations

Subsidizing annual tuition for low-income students; covering operating expenses for 5 new apartments housing women coming out of difficult circumstances; contributing to funds for meals at a food kitchen; upgrading technology; helping make sure City kids can have a retreat in the countryside – those are only a few of the ways our grant contributions will be used.

The Kolping Society’s mission is to promote the development of the individual and the family by fostering a sense of belonging and friendship through our holistic programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities. In San Francisco our charitable efforts are focused on local schools and nonprofits which teach skills, provide support and allow individuals to live and work in community while also being self-sufficient.

This year we have allocated almost \$100,000 to this effort. This amount changes from year to year, as we retain funds for our own building reserve (and boy, have we needed them in recent years) and only use monies earned in interest and capital gains, thereby preserving our principal investments. We all can be very proud of this.

This year some of our Board members personally delivered checks to the recipients to congratulate them and put some faces to the our Kolping organization. It was a very rewarding experience.



Chris and Bill with Principal Moodie at St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception



Our Lady of the Visitation with Sister and Principal deGuzman



Muffy and Principal Kimble at St. Finn Barr's



Bill "high fiving" students at St. Pauls



Muffy with Principal Joost and Susan at Ephiphany



The "Sisters" at Gracenter receiving their grant check.



Chris, Bill, Principal Endo, with students at St. James



Bill and Chris with Principal Jimenez at St. Peters

BINGO AND FUN

Muffy's in Charge!

"She did a great job!"

"It was a lot of fun."

Those were just a few comments from our Spring into Bingo in April.

Lisa, our regular organizer, was out of town, galivanting around Seattle with her high school girlfriends and left Muffy in charge.

What a team we have! Things ran like clockwork—Gerry managed the bar; Cathy rolled the balls and members relaxed with the hopes of winning that elusive black out.

Easter Mass

Thanks for Father Paul and Deacon Bill for presiding over a heart-felt Palm Sunday Mass. While this annual service is known for its long service, members were engaged in the readings, song and spirit of Christ.

We enjoyed the good company of our Kolping family, tasty breakfast catered by Guerra's Market and refreshing drinks served up by Kevin Cunnane (giving

Gerry a well-deserved break.) We often forget how nice it is, just to be together and join in the spirit of the Easter season. And of course a few Easter chocolates and candies are always nice, too!



Installation Luncheon



How could anyone attending the annual Installation Luncheon not have a good time with Greg Costanzo, and band member, Tom Jackman's, band *Seventeen Fingers* entertaining the crowd!

It was also a fun time to acknowledge our new and long-term members. Lisa reviewed the major activities of the year while Bill McLoughlin and Petra Stottmeister recognized and awarded pins to our new members:



Seventeen Fingers entertaining the crowd

Ann Holland, Greg and Teri Costanzo, Serena O'Sullivan, Father Paul, Ute Wagner, Louise Kolenda and Linda

Colbeen, and Diane Larrecou. Cathy Vennemeyer received a "thank you" gift for her tireless service as our Treasurer. Gunther Ehrich was awarded a special recognition for his dedication. Arlene Bushner and Brigitta Kruger (neither of whom were able to attend) were presented official Klub90 mugs. Kathy Biesty, our newsletter and website guru, also received a gift of gratitude for all her work. Lisa was presented with a beautiful bouquet from the Board.

Thanks to Christine McLoughlin for all her efforts coordinating the day. It was great to see everyone together.

Heard around the hall

DECORATING TEAM—Kudos to our newly formed decorating team of individuals who consistently show up on the Thursday before our events to help decorate the hall.



Thank you to Karen Cilia-Santi, Muffy Friel, Arlene Bushner, Gunther Ehrich, Barbara Eckart, Kevin Cunnane, Cathy Vennemeyer and Lisa Brinkmann

Who are they?



Who ever said age “ages you?”

Can you identify who these members might be?



Happy Birthdays

We would like to acknowledge and congratulation our members who have birthdays in June, July, and August!

JUNE

- Heinz Beering
- Marie Chambers
- Karen Taylor
- Charlene Folcomer
- Louis Kolenda
- Father Paul Arnout

JULY

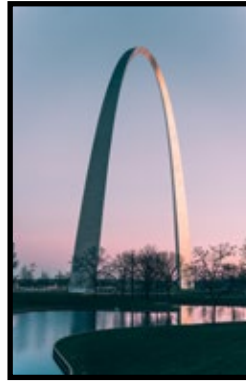
- Susan Biesty
- Petra Stottmeister
- Steve Lambly
- Wolfgang Weiss
- Jere Driscoll

AUGUST

- Mary Anne Goehringer
- Joan Vennemeyer
- Tillie Ferris
- Jack O’Keeffe
- Cathy Mibach
- Jean Lamey
- Anmarie (Muffy) Friel

(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 44th Kolping convention getting nearer and there is still time to register and/or buy an ad. It will be a fun time, meeting other Kolping members, discovering St. Charles and acknowledging the many Distinguished Members from across the country.

We’ve made it easy to participate, too! Now you can purchase an ad

online through the Kolping website: kolping.org

If you go to www.kolping.org you will see two big buttons—one for registration and the other to buy an ad.



If you click on the registration button, you can pay with a credit card and use the link to book your room with the Embassy Suites.

If you click on the “Register for Program Ad” button, it not only allows you to indicate the type of ad you prefer, pay for the ad online and upload your artwork/pdf file.

Buying an ad is a wonderful way to show your support as well as help us keep these conventions going – and they are as inexpensive as \$10 to start!!

Upcoming Events

- **JUNE — Day at the Races Bingo**
Saturday, June 15th — 1:30 – 4:00
Wear a hat, bring an extra buck or two, and “we’re off!”
- **JULY — Western Day Bingo**
Saturday, July 20th — 1:30 – 4:00
Mosey on over to Taraval Street while we round up our bingo players
- **AUGUST —** We may take August off, but will notify members if we have a special event. Watch your mail.

Have a wonderful summer!!

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty

1. Shirley Costanzo 2. Gerry Costanzo & Don Mibach 3. Christine McLoughlin 4. Milly Gaehwiler