

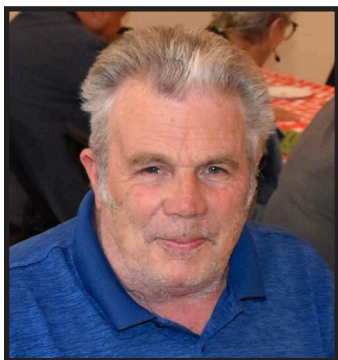


# S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

AUGUST 2024

## New Members

Welcome **Mareike Carter**! Mareike grew up in Wiesbaden, Germany and went off to England where she worked for 2 years in Westcliff on Sea and then 2 more in London, before making her way to Paris, where she lived for a year. Upon returning to Wiesbaden, she met a "dashing" captain in the U.S. Military and married. They then lived in various States (Ohio, Hawaii, Nebraska and Georgia), before making their last home here in San Francisco. Mareike retired from the City and County of San Francisco and was (re)introduced to the Kolping by Cathy Mibach. (no picture yet)



**Kevin Cunnane** – Finally!! We are so happy to welcome Kevin as an official member of the San Francisco Kolping. Kevin has been a wonderful volunteer, helping with (taking down) decorations, driving members and finding workers to

help us when we need things fixed. Kevin is a local neighborhood guy, currently in the St. Cecelia parish.

## Scholarships

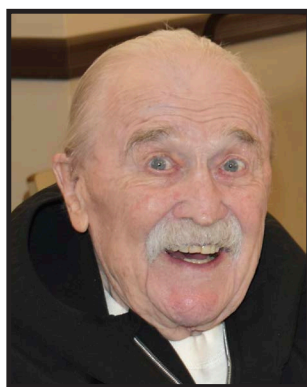
**CONGRATULATIONS!** to two of our Kolping family (and immediate family) members —



**Raymond Brinkmann** and **Shelby Scott** (granddaughter of Cathy Vennemeyer) – who won one of the seven scholarships offered by the National Kolping Society.

These scholarships promote the advancement of one's education and skills – at all ages – and are for individuals attending an accredited college/ university/trade schools in pursuit of a degree.

There is also a few for high school seniors so keep an eye out for the next announcement in January. Congratulations Raymond and Shelby!



## Rest in Peace

**Gerry DeRyan** – We are sad to announce that Gerry passed away on July 20, 2024. Gerry had been a Kolping member for almost 25 years, assisting with our Masses, attending events and sharing stories with all. I think Gerry

belonged to almost every Catholic Irish group in the City. For many years he could be found selling concessions at the ball park or delivering meals to the homebound. He was a very special person and will be missed.

**DID YOU KNOW** the San Francisco Kolping Society sponsors two \$1,000 scholarships at the United Irish Cultural Center?

This year's winners were **Elissa Holyoke** from Marin Catholic going to attend UC Santa Barbara and **Nellie Sell** from Marin Catholic, who will attend Gonzaga University.

## BINGO AND FUN

Did you miss a bingo this summer? Well, if you did, you may have missed out on a lot of fun.

**IN JUNE**, we had our "Day at the Races" where each table rolled a die to see how quickly their "horse" (or elephant, hippo, bird, etc) advanced to cross the finish line first. We had to do a practice run, just to make sure everyone was following the rules and then "they're off!"

It was a lot of fun, but I think Al Davila and Charlene Folcomer had the most fun, winning multiple bingos, raffle prizes and the black-out. I hope he bought a lottery ticket that day!

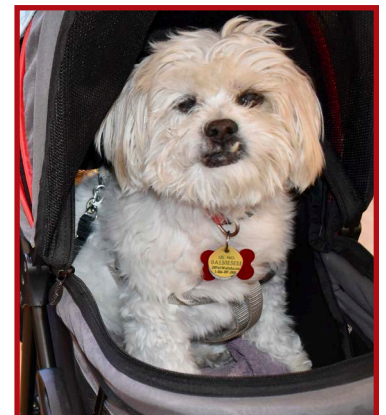
**IN JULY**, we donned our best cowboy hats and "mosey'd on" over to the Kolping for the Western Day bingo. **AND IN AUGUST**, we decided to honor our hometown with a Fogust bingo. Lisa had everyone first test their San Francisco trivia skills with the winning table awarded none other than our own Ghiradelli chocolates. Jere Driscoll proved to be our San Francisco trivia whiz, with his team getting 9 of 10 answers correct. Deacon Bill started us off with a much needed blessing and then it got rowdy. **Sample question:** What did Alcatraz offer its prisoners that no other prison did? **Answer:** Hot water showers.

Bingos may not sound like a big deal, but at the Kolping it has become a welcome time to meet up with old and new friends, share stories, play games, have a bit to eat, enjoy one another's company and maybe even win a little money. Members have generously donated raffle prizes which typically reap between \$150-200, which we donate to one of our local charities. And best of all, more and more, it is becoming a place we can all feel comfortable just hanging out.

Thanks to all who are there to lend a hand – with decorations, food, set-up, bartending, raffle prizes, clean up and more!

Feel free to invite friends to join us. At the Western Day, we had Charlene's friend from Minnesota join us and who was quickly put to work as a "stand-in" bartender until Andy arrived (a bit late due to traffic!). All are welcome and it's a great way of introducing new members to our wonderful community.

## DAY AT THE RACES





## WESTERN DAY BINGO



## FOGUST BINGO — ONLY IN SAN FRANCISCO!







## Birthdays

### September

Julia Brinkmann  
Margaret McAuliffe  
Lisa Brinkmann  
Mary Brinkmann  
Arline Elliott  
Renee Kouchakji  
Uta Wagner  
Serena O'Sullivan  
Sandy Driscoll  
Gunther Ehrich  
Brigitta Kruger  
Bill McLoughlin  
Linda Cobein  
Kathy Biesty  
Joe Trott  
Ann Holland

### October

Scotty Thomas  
Frances Murphy  
Diane Larrecou  
Lenore Lamey  
Raymond Brinkmann  
Francine Ferris  
Barbara Eckart  
Milly Gaehwiler

## Emergency Preparedness

A knock on the door and the police tell you to evacuate in 10 minutes. What will you grab? Do you know where these important items are? Take the time to think of the items you would miss the most if they were destroyed. Below are some examples:

- Contact list family/friend contact info
- Documents including passport, birth certificates, social security card, deeds, wills (hopefully these are all in one place in a fireproof box)
- Wallet with driver's license, credit/debit cards, health insurance cards
- Car keys and house keys
- Cell phone & charger
- Checkbook and pen
- Extra cash in large and small bills (plus coins)
- Prescription medicines
- Eyeglasses and other medical aids
- Laptop, computer backup drive (portable hard drive, USB drive, etc.) and cables
- Passwords list for important applications
- Family photo album and/or photos stored on CD
- Family heirlooms, jewelry, etc.
- Carrying case for pet / pet backpack carrier / food
- Jackets

## Upcoming Events

### Oktoberfest Lunch & Bingo

Come enjoy a bratwurst, good German beer and a little Ump pa pa!!

- Saturday, September 21, 2024 — 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.
- A \$10 donation for lunch is requested / Guests \$15

### Trick or Treat? Bingo

- Saturday, October 17, 2024 — 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

### Let's Give Thanks Lunch & Bingo

- Saturday, November 16, 2024 — 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.
- A \$10 donation for lunch is requested / Guests \$15

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

*Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty*