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2024 National Kolping Scholarship Winners

Once again we are very pleased to announce that the National Kolping Society was able to award scholarships to individuals attending colleges, universities, trade school and high school. These financial awards go a long way in assisting members and their families continue to enrich themselves through education.

This year, we will be awarding 7 college/university level scholarships at \$3,000 each. It is an honor to serve on the scholarship committee and many thanks to Marilee Uhlhorn, Monika Weiss and Lisa Brinkmann for taking on this program.

We received applications and essays from 16 individuals, representing 6 of our Kolping Families. Our selection/rating process is completely anonymous to the committee members. After receiving the submissions, each applicant is assigned a number, eliminating any direct reference to their families and Kolping family. Of the 7 winners this year, 5 were either first time applicants and/or had tried prior but did not win. To show our support to all applicants and encourage them to participate in the future, we sent those not selected a \$100 gift card.

Please join me in congratulating our 2024 National Kolping Scholarship winners:

Raymond Brinkmann - San Francisco
Stephen Connair - Cincinnati
Madelyn Haag - St. Louis
Marie Musbach - Cincinnati
Lauren Musbach - Cincinnati
Shelby Scott - San Francisco
Natalie South - Cincinnati

Congratulations to all!



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From the President's Desk ...

After numerous meetings, careful planning, a brief visit to St. Charles, and countless phone calls with vendors, the 44th National Convention is finally here! Unlike previous years, organizing this convention has been particularly challenging. Our committee

has relied on Zoom meetings and remote collaboration to manage their assigned areas. Contracts are being signed digitally, artwork is uploaded to our website, registrations are processed online, and emails are constantly exchanged. This committee exemplifies how our Kolping families can come together and work as a cohesive team. We have especially missed the wise and experienced guidance of Pat Farkas, who has always helped us navigate protocols and timelines.

With everything nearly in place, we're down to the wire, and I am confident that we will all have a fantastic time when it's all over. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks, in advance, to the team that made this happen:

- Natalya Borodin, Lou Colletti and Mia Steigerwald from New York;
- Veronika and Monika Kessler from Los Angeles;
- Doris Wilke, Marilee Uhlhorn, Dainiell Tombragel, Helene Schrand, Henry Faulk, Tom Montgomery and John Stevie from Cincinnati
- Harry Steger from St. Louis
- Our National Praeses, Father Bretone;
- Our officers Barbara Hessler and Ted Wilke
- Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty from San Francisco

I am very proud of the work this team accomplished – stepping up, speaking out and filling in – each time when we needed expertise, experience and just ideas.

For those members who are unable to attend this year's convention, we promise to have pictures ready for the next Banner!

One another note:

I am thrilled to announce that Anna Stukenborg has accepted the position of Executive Director of the National Kolping Society. This part-time, remote role replaces the former administrator position. I am especially pleased to be able to offer this role to someone who not only deeply understands our Kolping family values and has significant experience with us, but has also demonstrated exceptional leadership and vision in her previous role as President of the Cincinnati Kolping.

Welcome Anna!

Lisa Brinkman

What's happening at Kolping this summer?

Summer is here and our Kolping families are making sure they are out having fun.

Chicago



San Francisco



Cincinnati



And if you're planning on going to New York in September...

September 1, 2024 - Annual Oktoberfest - KOH
Noon until sundown - Bring your family and friends and join your Kolping family for a day of fun, food and festivities at Kolping on Hudson. Details coming soon!

- Music provided by Alpine Squeeze!

September 17, 2024 - Full Board Meeting
Kolping 88th Street

September 21, 2024 - Steuben Day Parade & Party
9:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Parade marches up 5th Avenue.

Reserve a spot at the Kolping House to enjoy some gemutlichkeit afterwards.

September 29, 2024 - Harvest Dinner - KOH - Save the Date

Save the date for the annual Harvest Dinner at KOH - Details coming soon!



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Kolping USA Executive Director



Dearest Kolping USA Family,

I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Kolping USA Executive Director! I know that I have some big shoes to fill, but I am ready to work hard to support the national team in any way that I am able.

Those of you who know the Stukenborgs (aka The Schützen-borgs) know that we not very good at sitting still! We enjoy traveling to spend time with our friends and family, eating great food, drinking great wine, visiting “old stuff”, and soaking up other cultures. I, on occasion, leave my husband, Jim, behind with our two Pomeranians (Louie and Gracie) to go on more adventurous hiking and camping excursions.

Speaking of adventures...I have been a member of Kolping Cincinnati for 10 years. I am not the type of person to join anything without reservation, but with the help of the late Fr. Bruno, I took the time to learn about Blessed Fr. Kolping's life and challenges, and his Christ-like love for humans, especially young people. This resounded with me very deeply and I joined my new Kolping family without reservation.

In the years since, I have spent many hours volunteering alongside some of my favorite people, as we do anything and everything that needs to be done for the betterment of the organization. (Somehow stress isn't as stressful if you have friends to laugh at it with you!) Eventually I served on the board of directors, as the Vice President and then the President. I have been blessed with the opportunity to be able to use my talents, education, and leadership skills to serve, and am looking forward to getting to know all of the Kolping USA families first-hand so that I can do the same at the national level.

I am so pleased to be joining the Kolping USA team!

Anna P. Stukenborg