



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

OCTOBER 2024

ST. CHARLES, MO

Kolping National Convention



The San Francisco Kolping was well-represented at the National convention in St. Charles, Missouri, with a few of our members wearing different or multiple hats. Lisa Brinkmann is not only the San Francisco President, but President of the National Kolping as well. Wolfgang and Monika Weiss serve

as the SF National Rep and Secretary, as well as National Trustees. Our Deacon Bill is our National Praeses rep as well as the S.F. Board member. Confusing? Yes, but nice to know we are very much part of a bigger organization.

Take-aways from the convention:

1. We will be continuing with the **National scholarship program**, so keep an eye out for an announcement around February/March
2. We will continue our support for **Kolping Kenya** through the Lenten project contributions
3. Efforts will take place to **digitize our key National documents** to help ensure smooth transitions when individuals leave their positions
4. The **website will get an update** to include more current events and information on activities throughout the U.S.
5. We will work to **digitize the distribution of the Banner**, so members who prefer to get it online (vs. hardcopy mail) can do so.
6. **Anna Stukenborg is currently the Executive Director** and, after some onboarding, Lisa will be able to "give back" the National administrative duties she's been having to manage this past year (yay!!)



Lisa receiving the trophy from Chicago Kolping.

WE WERE SO SURPRISED to discover that the San Francisco Kolping won the Membership award amongst all the Families across the U.S. Rather than "lug" the trophy back to San Francisco, it was decided that it will remain in the New York National office going forward.



Speaking of memberships, welcome to two of our newest members:

👋 **Mareike Carter** was introduced in our August issue and was (re)introduced to the Kolping by Cathy Mibach.

Jerry Lynn Sullivan is a retired insurance broker, specializing in biotechnology companies. She lives in the West Portal neighborhood and, coincidentally, worked with Lisa Brinkmann for close to 10 years! Jerry was introduced to the Kolping by Terry and Mary O'Brien. Welcome Jerry! We'll get your photo in the next issue.

A NOTE FROM LISA:

I hope everyone has had a great summer and are preparing themselves for Fall. Looking back over the past few months, it's hard to believe we've already enjoyed our Fogust bingo, National convention in St. Charles, Missouri and our Oktoberfest lunch. Some of these events seem so long ago.

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BINGO AND FUN

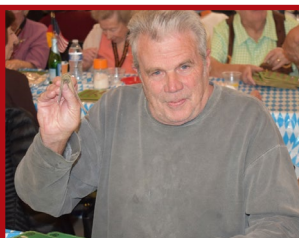
Oktoberfest

Our Oktoberfest celebrations may not be as robust as many around the Bay Area, but we had a great time anyway. Guerra's Market catered the lunch since our kitchen is still out of working order. While everything tasted good and it was a great deal for \$10 (drink included) word has it that our own cooks still can't be beat on authenticity. Next year we'll be serving our own 'brats and may have a contest for the best sauerkraut! I think Kevin Cunnane is slowly taking over Karen Taylor's position as the blackout "king", but Gunther pulled in the first blackout with the \$60 pot – congratulations, Gunther!!

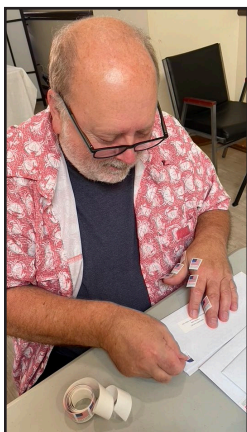
Note: We cannot thank Sylvia Hildebrandt enough for her generous beer and beverage donation. We had so many cans, we were able to share them with the Rebel Cork group as well as our own members, after the Fogust bingo. Thanks Sylvia and PROST!!

Oktoberfest at the Beach:

S.F. Kolping members Marion Broeker, Cathy Mibach, Barbara Eckart, Heidi Ehrich, Gunther Ehrich, Petra Stottmeister and Connie Sorenson (missing from pictures) sending a Prosit!



Mailing Party!!!

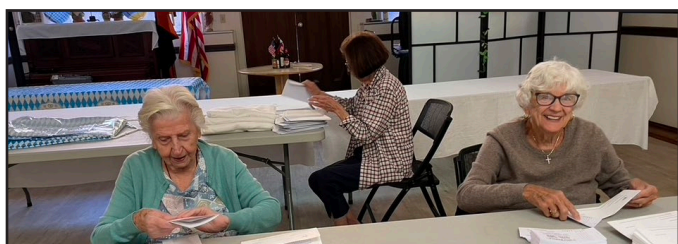


Since the National Administrator passed away last January, Lisa has had to assume many of her responsibilities, including writing and distributing the Banner, managing the Lenten Project, coordinating the convention registrations and ads, assisting with the scholarship program and recruiting a new Executive Director. Though Anna Stukenborg is now hired as ED,

Lisa had one last project to oversee – the annual raffle. Given the “hands on” nature of sending out tickets, receiving monies and drawing the winning ticket, it was decided that this last activity would be done in San Francisco. After a last-minute email plea, she was able to assemble a superior Team Mailing, which within a short 2-hour period collated, stuffed, labeled, stamped and sealed 1,300 letters. THANK YOU TEAM!



Patty and Bob Lazzeretto, Cathy Vennemeyer, Ursula Younger, Arlene Bushner, Gunther Ehrich, Father Paul, and Jean Lamey.



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Officers for the Board

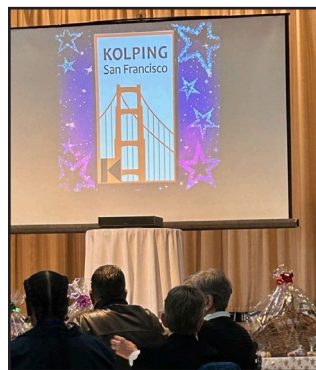
If you are interested in helping us around the Kolping Hall, we would love you to consider joining our Board. This group can help with our grant program, managing the Hall, planning events, programs and decoration parties and more! We meet quarterly. If the Board doesn't interest you, but you'd like to help out in other ways, please let Lisa know. The more ideas, thoughts and input, the stronger the organization.



In our prayers

Ann Fontanella — Please keep Ann in your prayers as she journeys through her battle with cancer.

Additional Work around the City



Gracenter Gala Luncheon

The San Francisco Kolping is not always able to host or sponsor large events and fundraisers, but we definitely like to show our support to those organizations that help promote our values and support our members.

In the past month we were able to make donations to both the **Gracenter Gala Luncheon** and the **Irish Center's Oktoberfest at the Beach**. With those contributions came invitations to attend and the opportunity to get our name out in the community.

Upcoming Events

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

Christmas Mass and Brunch

- Sunday, December 1, 2024 — 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 11:00 a.m. Mass (sharp) / Noon – 2:00 p.m. Brunch

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty