



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

JULY 2025

Installation Luncheon!



Marianne and Frank Goehring receive Lifetime Honorary Membership.

The Installation Luncheon this year was a huge success with over 70 members and guests in attendance. As always, Nick's did a wonderful job with its brontosaurus-sized prime rib and friendly service. Lisa welcomed all and thanked Greg

Costanzo and Tyler for providing the music. Our own Deacon Bill opened things up with a welcome prayer and grace.

Lisa reviewed the year with an update on our activities, improvements to the Kolping Hall and charitable donations granted this year. Muffy Friel created a few beautiful picture boards for all to see just how excited many of the grant participants were to receive the checks, as well as an overview of the many projects we were able to fund.



Lisa with Gunther Ehrich - 25 years!

This year the Board approved a new Lifetime Honorary Membership for those individuals who have been members for 50 years! We presented those present with letters of recognition, a

50-year pin, as well as the fact that they no longer need to pay dues. Included in this group were Heinz Beering (80-year member), Julia Brinkmann (57 years), Monika Wiess (53 years) and 50-year newcomers Wolfgang Weiss and Marianne and Frank Goehring.

We also were able to (finally) give 25-year pins to Gunther Ehrich, Renee Kouchakji and Jackie and Pete Zuger. Gunther and Renee were prior year Distinguished Member awardees while Renee was our Secret Santa for many years. We were very happy to have Jackie and Pete attend, as they have recently moved to Riverbank (near Rippon) and made the special journey to be part of the celebration.

Finally, it was uplifting to present Kolping pins to our new members – Mareike Carter, Kevin Cunnane, Mary DeMartini, Jere and Sandy Driscoll, Jerry Lynn Sullivan, Joe Trott, Uta Wagner and Marti O'Sullivan.

Lisa was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers for the work she has done this past year. Kathy Biesty and Cathy Vennemeyer were also recognized for their dedication managing the newsletter and finances, respectively.



Sandy and Jere Driscoll - new members with Bill and Petra.

Save the Date
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Sat Oct 18 2025
United Irish Cultural Center

The Kolping Society of San Francisco will be celebrating its **100th Anniversary on Saturday, October 18, 2025** at the Irish Cultural Center. We are planning a day-time event with good food, great company and lots of memories. Mark your calendars – we wouldn't want you to miss it!!

More from the Installation



on Luncheon at Nick's!



SPRING FLING BINGO!

When the members speak, Kolping listens!

In months where we celebrate Easter with a Mass and brunch we historically have not held a bingo or other activity. However, since we participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade in March and our next bingo would not be until June, we decided to keep our bunnies and decorations in place and hold a Spring Fling bingo! Lisa handed out special Easter bingo cards with **Marie Chambers** winning the bunny basket. Fun!



Klub 90

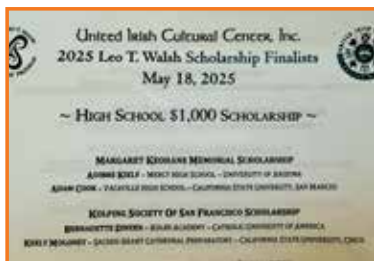
Who would have thought that a special coffee mug would become not only a coveted gift, but a symbol of prestige and respect. This year we were able to award five members with their own Klub 90 mug, gifted to all members turning 90 years in 2025. **Congratulations to Mary DeMartini, Don Mibach, Trudy Reinhard, Erna Stucky and Scotty Thomas!!**

Congratulations!

National Scholarship Winner

We would like to send out a big, heartfelt congratulations to one of this year's scholarship awardees – **Isabella Miccio** – granddaughter of Trudy Reinhard. Isabella is attending Loyola Marymount University as a finance major. Congratulations, Isabella!!

Other awards



In addition to our grant program funding schools and organizations in underserved neighborhoods, we also fund scholarships provided through the

Irish Cultural Center, an organization to which many of our members belong. **This year we sponsored four scholarships totaling \$4,000** – two for high school seniors, one for 8th graders and contributions in honor of Cathy Mibach and memory of Jerry deRyan. Congratulations to the recipients: **Bernadette Dineen, Keely Moloney, Connor Lewis, Jack Baxter and William Sell!**

UPCOMING DATES:

July 9th – **KlubHaus is open** – 11:00 a.m.

July 19th – **All American Bingo** – 1:30 p.m.

August 13th – **KlubHaus is open** – 11:00 a.m.

August 16th – **Fogust/City of Love Bingo** – 1:30 p.m.

September 10th – **KlubHaus is open** – 11:00 a.m.

September 18th – **Octoberfest Lunch/Bingo** – 12:30 p.m.

The KlubHaus is open!

We started the year kicking off Jean and Lenore Lamey's idea of opening the hall during the week to members interested in stitching. The idea was to provide an easy place to hang out, work on a project, have a little lunch and enjoy the company and ideas of other stitchers.

After a couple of months, we realized that not everyone stitched, but many like to just hang out, sooooo... the Stitcher's group has seamlessly tacked to a new notion of making its mark by easing into a new gathering – the KlubHaus. We held our first activity last month, offering games, puzzles and stitching, so members can drop in, hang out, have some fun and enjoy a bit to eat. **The KlubHaus will be opened on the second Wednesdays of the month from 11:00 – 1:30.**

Next KlubHaus will be on Wednesday, July 9th. Come on by!



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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty