



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

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Welcome to our new members!



Linda Petrini found Kolping through Deacon Bill and came to her first bingo as a guest of Bob and Patti Lazzaretto. She grew up in North Beach in a lively Italian family, roaming the neighborhood with her siblings and soaking up the feel of old San Francisco.

After years of working full time and going to school at night, Linda earned her English degree from San Francisco State and went on to a 46-year career at Security Pacific Bank, retiring as a Vice President and Senior Fraud Investigator. Today, she's active at St. Paul's Parish, enjoys long neighborhood walks, Wordle, baking her famous Wacky Cake, and sharing her home with Nicholas, her rescued Norwegian Forest Cat, who clearly runs the place.



Mary O'Brien is a third-generation San Franciscan, married to her husband Terry for 51 years, and the proud mom of four and grandmother of nine. Faith and family have always anchored her life and her long commitment to the Catholic Church.

For more than 20 years, Mary served with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, including on Bethlehem University's International Board of Regents and the Order's governing board in Rome. Her service took her around the world, with 42 trips to Rome and seven to the Holy Land, and the chance to meet three Popes and three Latin Patriarchs. As a Dame of Malta, she also made ten pilgrimages to Lourdes. Now, Mary is enjoying staying closer to home and her growing connection with the Kolping Society.



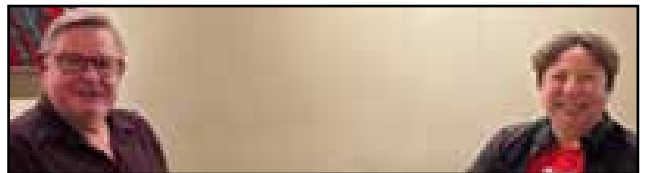
Patrick Friel has known about Kolping for decades, first introduced through his in-laws, Bill and Arlene Taylor. Married to Muffy, Patrick is a general contractor who, in his spare time, builds custom cars and has earned both Best in Show and a drag racing championship. Even his Irish roots haven't kept him out of a (formerly) German club and Kolping is glad to have him in the fold.



Frank and Bianca Goehringer live in Elk Grove and know about Kolping from Frank's parents, Frank and Maryanne Goehringer, who are 50-year members. He recently

reconnected with Kolping during the Society's 100th celebration.

A retired Army veteran, Frank is now a realtor and veterans' representative. Frank and Bianca have two daughters, a son, and two grandsons, and Frank is a proud alum of St. Gabriel's, De La Salle High School, and Saint Mary's College.



Ron and Doris Taylor found their way to Kolping through deep family ties. Ron was first introduced by his parents, Bill and Arlene Taylor, and more recently through his sisters, Muffy Friel and Karen Taylor. A graduate of St. Gabriel's and Sacred Heart, Ron built his career as an engineer in Silicon Valley. Doris was born in Hong Kong, bringing a global thread to their family story. They are proud parents of their son, Anthony, who is currently attending college in Southern California.



Hank and Kathy Flanders are long-time members of the Irish Cultural Center, introduced to the Kolping by Cathy

and Don Mibach. We first met them at our 100th Anniversary celebration and say "welcome!"

LUNCH AND BINGO!

New Year's Bingo Goes Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras arrived early on Taraval Street this year. When it came time to decorate the hall, our crew decided to lean into color and celebration. Many thanks to Muffy, Arlene, Kevin, Irene, Steve and Lisa for transforming the space with hats, beads and party blowers.

Gerry and Greg Costanzo showed up in their "Italian Stallion" shirts. Rosemarie hit the jackpot with the first blackout. Our clothing drive for St. Anthony's filled more than two large bins, and raffle proceeds were also donated to St. Anthony's. A joyful start to the year and a meaningful one.



CHINESE NEW YEAR BINGO!

Celebrating the Year of the Horse

The Year of the Horse galloped into Kolping Hall with a festive Chinese luncheon and a beautifully decorated hall.

Muffy, Irene and Steve kept the kitchen humming while Gerry tended bar. Regular bingo winners received their prizes in silk purses, and lucky neighbors were given traditional red envelopes. Each table featured custom Kolping fortune cookies, including one that read, "No play, no blackout."

Petra Stottmeister won the \$60 blackout, followed by Bob Lazeretto with the \$30 second blackout. Rosemarie Azinheira even brought her own whinnying horse for added spirit.

Most everyone left with leftovers and smiles.

This month's raffle proceeds will support Kolping Ukraine. Thank you to all who donated prizes.

Gung Hay Fat Choi!







Remembering Gerhard Holder

We were saddened by the passing of Gerhard Holder in November, a longtime Kolping member and devoted husband

to Astrid. Gerhard was an active member of the German men's choir among many other German organizations. He always would be seen with his beautiful warm smile, and some German beer! Please keep Astrid and the Holder family in your prayers.

(Apologies for the late announcement.)

National News

SCHOLARSHIPS — National Kolping is once again offering scholarships for college, university, trade school students and high school seniors. Details on qualifications, deadlines and applications will be available at kolping.org beginning March 30th College scholarships: \$3,000/High school scholarships: \$1,000

LENTEN PROJECT — Consider supporting this year's National Lenten Project. Contributions will assist our Kolping brothers and sisters in Kenya. To learn more or to donate, visit kolping.org.

Klub Haus

VISON BOARDS were the focus of our members on a recent afternoon. A Vision Board is a powerful, personalized collage of images, quotes, and affirmations representing your goals and used to boost motivation and focus.



Warm Wishes

Please keep **Renee Kouchakji** in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from a serious fall that resulted in a broken wrist and plenty of bruises.

Inge Stottmeister recently experienced a fall as well. After a short hospital stay, she has moved to Sagebrook Senior Living. If you would like to send a note, I know she would love to hear from you: 2750 Geary Boulevard, Apt. 19, San Francisco, CA 94118

We also send best wishes to **Lucy Chambers**, who is recovering from minor surgery. We look forward to seeing her at our next gathering.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MARCH

March 4 – First Wednesday Klub Haus – 11:00 a.m.

March 14 – St. Patrick's Day Parade – *time TBD*
Join the Kolping group downtown for the parade.

March 29 – Palm Sunday Mass & Brunch – 11:00 a.m.
RSVP requested by March 24th.

APRIL

April 1 – First Wednesday Klub Haus – No KlubHaus

April 6 – Board and General Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
All are welcome.

April 18 – Spring Bingo – 1:30 p.m.

MAY

May 2 – Installation Luncheon – 12:00 p.m.
Nick's Rockaway Beach – RSVP required by April 22nd.

May 6 – First Wednesday Klub Haus – 11:00 a.m.

May 16 – Day at the Races Bingo – 1:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Join Us!

Have you ever wanted to ride in a cable car down Market Street in the St. Patrick's Day Parade?

Here is your chance.

On March 14th, we will once again participate in the parade. This year's theme is "A Tribute to Kolping's Grand Marshals." Over the years, several San Francisco Kolping members have been honored as Grand Marshals, including: **Margaret McAulliffe, John Casserly, Jack Curtin, Marie Dougherty, Bill Luque, Katherine O'Shea** and this year's honoree, **Jerry DeRyan**.

If you would like to join us, please contact Muffy by March 10th to reserve a seat. There is no fee for Kolping members. Guests are asked to contribute \$25.

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