



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

APRIL-MAY 2026

Have you heard about our new pilot ride program — Kolping Konnect?

Well, it turns out the socializing with friends, family and community may be among the best recipe for achieving a long, healthy life. And what better way of doing this is by participating at the Kolping activities – bingos, KlubHaus, luncheons and more! We realized, however, that for some of our members, getting to the Kolping Hall was beginning to become difficult, due to health, mobility and/or no longer driving.



To address this dilemma, we have initiated a pilot program in partnership with GoGoGrandparents to help members get to our events. This will be free to members living in San Francisco and Daly City during the pilot period. To participate you will need to fill in an application and have your information entered into the GoGoGrandparents system. We will then give you a dedicated phone number to call to reserve your ride. Rides will only be offered between your home and the Kolping Hall.

If you are interested in this program and would like an application, please contact Lisa Brinkmann either by email: lbrinkmann@mac.com or phone/text: 415-517-3631.

New York! Kolping Convention

"Start spreading the news...." Join the Kolping Family at the 2026 National Convention in New York City! September 18–20, 2026

Kolping members and friends from across the country will gather in the heart of New York City, starting on Friday evening with a Welcome reception. Saturday all the Kolping Families will march down 5th Avenue in the Steuben Day Parade, waving to cheering crowds as we represent the Kolping spirit together! Afterward, you'll have some free time to explore NYC before we reunite in the evening for a beautiful banquet at the historic Kolping 88 (also known as the New York Kolping House.)



Sunday begins with a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, followed by a trip to the Kolping on Hudson, set against the stunning backdrop of the Hudson River, for a Farewell BBQ. If you are interested in joining us, Kolping San Francisco will reimburse you for your registration

fee, to encourage members to meet the greater Kolping USA community.

Prayers

Karen Cilia-Santi – Please keep Karen in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her fight against cancer. We truly miss her presence at our gatherings and her creative spirit as part of our decoration team. Wishing you strength and healing, Karen—we look forward to having you back with us soon.

FUN, LAUGHTER & CAMARADERIE

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Who would have ever anticipated an 80-degree day in March in San Francisco! Well, the St. Patrick's Day parade truly was a great day for the Irish!



About 30 of our members and friends enjoyed a full day of fun, laughter and camaraderie. We started at the Kolping Hall with a quick cable car drive down to 2nd Street, where after locating a parking place, we started decorating. This year's theme was a Tribute to our Kolping Grand Marshals and accordingly, we had a few posters with these members' names:

John Casserly, Bill Luque, Margaret McAuliffe, Katherine O'Shea, Gerry De Ryan and Marie Doherty.

At entry number 98 or 100'ish, we had quite a while to wait before the parade started for us. That didn't stop us from having fun. Irene Lambly started preparing corned beef sliders, Dan and Janice Taylor passed around shamrock chocolates, Muffy Friel prepared Irish coffees and Lisa made sure there were other beverages to enjoy – with Irish songs playing throughout. The biggest challenge of the whole day was locating bathrooms. Once the parade started, it was just fun. Onlookers cheered and waved as we passed and the judging station gave us a wonderful welcome. The ride home was also an adventure with members betting on the quickest way back. We ended up surprising the driver with a turn down from the top of 14th Avenue to the Kolping.

Whew!



CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Palm Sunday Mass & Brunch

We had a lot to be thankful for this Easter season. First of all, how wonderful was it to have our very own members, Father Paul and Deacon Bill preside over our Palm Sunday Mass? We are so lucky to be able to celebrate together in our own Hall and grateful to them to make it possible. Then we have our decorating team of Muffy Friel, Arlene Bushner, Kevin Cunnane, Cathy Vennemeyer and Lisa working away to make the Hall festive.

Next we appreciated so very much the work of all our volunteers who helped make the brunch yummy! Francine Ferris planned the brunch menu and lead the crew throughout the preparation, cooking and serving. Lisa helped with the shopping, while kitchen crew of Francine and Steve and Irene Lambly prepared the individual frittatas, rolls, potatoes and salad. Mary Brinkmann baked mini hot cross buns, Cathy distributed Hagen Das bars for dessert and Kevin Cunnane and Liam Friel worked the bar. It was truly a blessed event.





APRIL

- Jackie Zuger – 4/1
- Pete Zuger – 4/5
- Lucy Chambers – 4/8
- Patti Lazzaretto – 4/17
- Marion Broeker – 4/26
- Arlene Bushner – 4/29
- Andy Eggler – 4/29

MAY

- Frank Goehringer – 5/1
- Carl Elliott – 5/5
- Catherine Vennemeyer – 5/6
- Monika Weiss – 5/8
- Hank Flanders – 5/9
- Connie Sorensen – 5/22
- Teri Costanzo – 5/24

JUNE

- Charlene Folcomer – 6/8
- Karen Taylor – 6/12
- Fr. Paul Arnoult – 6/17
- Louis Kolenda – 6/21
- Marie Chambers – 6/27

Please note: If your name should be listed or if we have the wrong date, please let us know.

We want to celebrate YOU!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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.
 Don a headdress worthy of the Derby!

JUNE

June 1 – Board and General Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
 All are welcome.

June 3 – First Wednesday Klub Haus – 11:00 a.m.

June 20 – Game Day Bingo – 1:30
 Wear your favorite team jersey!!

JULY

July 1 – First Wednesday Klub Haus – 11:00 a.m.

July 18 – Western Day Lunch & Bingo – 12:30
 Western-themed food will be served - yeehaw!

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty

Klub90: At our Installation Luncheon each year, we have an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge members milestones and contributions. This year we are excited to have 5 members welcomed into the prestigious group of our very own Klub90. These individuals will be or have already celebrated their 90th birthdays this year!
Congratulations and Happy 90th!



Gerry Costanzo



Arline Elliott



Hank Flanders



Cathy Mibach



Serena O'Sullivan