



# S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

JUNE-JULY 2026



St. Finn Barr

## Scholarships & Grants

The Kolping Society of San Francisco is proud to provide financial support to local Catholic schools and community organizations whose missions reflect our values of faith, family, education, and service. Through the responsible stewardship of our investments, we are able to reinvest in programs that strengthen our community and support future generations.



Epiphany

This year, our grants will help transform a neglected atrium into a welcoming outdoor space, resurface a gym floor, upgrade windows and software, replace aging tablet computers, support eighth-grade educational outings, and enhance performing arts programs. For those who have had the privilege of delivering these grants in person, the impact is unmistakable.

The gratitude, relief, and occasional tears from school leaders serve as a powerful reminder that even modest grants can make a meaningful difference for students and educators alike.



St. Peters and St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception

In addition to our local grant program, we proudly support the scholarship program administered by the United Irish Cultural Center as well as Gracenter, Martin de Porres House of Hospitality, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the Kolping Lenten Project and YouthSF.

## Congratulations to

the National Kolping Scholarship recipients.

We are especially proud that two of this year's winners are from our own San Francisco Kolping family:

**Liam Friel and Sidney Scott**



**Liam** is the son of Patrick and Anmarie (Muffy) Friel and grandson of Arlene Bushner Taylor.



**Sydney Scott**, a post graduate student, is the granddaughter of Cathy Vennemeyer.



UICC scholarship winners.

## PRAYERS FOR KAREN CILIA-SANDI



Karen lost her fight with cancer in May. She was a dedicated member of our "decorating team" and was an avid bingo player. Please keep her in your prayers.



St. James



St. John



St. Paul



Our Lady of the Visitation



St. Philip



# INSTALLATION LUNCHEON



Once again, our Installation Luncheon served not only as an opportunity to introduce our officers and directors, welcome new members, celebrate member milestones, and recognize outstanding contributions, but also as a long-awaited reunion.

For many members who are unable to attend our regular bingo games, brunches and KlubHaus events, the luncheon provides a chance to reconnect with friends they may not have seen for months, or even a year. The afternoon was filled with lively conversation, wonderful music by 17 Fingers, brief remarks, and plenty of opportunities to congratulate one another – oh, and of course, the delicious lunch served by Nick's.



This year, we were proud to recognize **Kathy Biesty** as our **Distinguished Member**, an honor that will be formally presented at the National Convention in New York.

Kathy is the creative force behind our newsletter, website, and many of the graphics that help bring our organization to life.

We also welcomed several new members to our Kolping family: **Jerry Sullivan, Kathy and Hank Flanders, Linda Petrini, Frank and Bianca Goehringer, and Ron and Doris Taylor.**

In addition, our **Klub 90** membership grew with the addition of **Gerry Costanzo, Cathy Mibach, Hank Flanders, Peggy McLaughlin, Arline Elliott, and Serena O'Sullivan.**

It was a wonderful afternoon of friendship, recognition, and celebration. Good times indeed!





# Spring Bingo

Photos from our events are always a welcome reminder of the fun we share, especially when it comes time to remember the winners! Proceeds from this month's raffle benefited Martin de Porres House of Hospitality, and thanks to the generosity of our members, many attendees went home with prizes.



One of the day's highlights was **Ursula Younger finally winning one of Shirley Costanzo's coveted handmade blankets**. The blackout bingos were especially exciting, with **Charlene Folcomer, Renee Kouchakji, Astrid Holder, and Christine McLoughlin** sharing the two jackpot pots. Talk about an exciting finish to a fun day!



## KLUBHAUS - MahJong for Beginners



A fun reunion with a former co-worker turned into a date to teach our KlubHaus group the basics of MahJong. Careful when you agree to lunch with Muffy – you never know what you'll be talked into.

Muffy's long-time friend, May, and her daughter joined us during our Wednesday KlubHaus to show us the basics of MahJong and more importantly, "how to win." None of us had prior experience, but by the end of the lesson, we

were all focused on our tiles and putting together what we hoped would be a winning hand. It was a lot of fun and great camaraderie. Better yet – May has agreed to come back in July to work more with us. We've changed the date for the July KlubHaus due to the 4th of July holiday, so mark your calendar for July 15th from 11:00 – 1:00. **Note:** if you are not interested in MahJong but would like to work on a project, play a round of Mexican Train or just hang out, please come on by!



- 7/9 – Jere Driscoll
- 7/10 – Petra Stottmeister
- 7/10 – Wolfgang Weiss
- 7/21 – Susan Biesty
- 7/23 – Steve Lambly

## AUGUST

- 8/2 – Mary Anne Goehringer
- 8/10 – Mareike Carter
- 8/12 – Doris Taylor
- 8/19 – Jack O'Keeffe
- 8/20 – Anmarie Friel
- 8/28 – Jean Lamey
- 8/8 – Cathy Mibach
- 8/29 – Tillie Ferris
- 8/30 – Catherine Pallas

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/2 – Julia Brinkmann
- 9/3 – Lisa Brinkmann
- 9/4 – Joe Scott/Trott
- 9/5 – Mary Brinkmann
- 9/9 – Kathy Biesty
- 9/11 – Arline Elliott
- 9/11 – Uta Wagner
- 9/15 – Sandy Driscoll
- 9/20 – Renee Kouchakji
- 9/22 – Bill McLoughlin
- 9/25 – Ann Holland
- 9/26 – Gunther Ehrich
- 9/26 – Linda Cobein
- 9/27 – Serena O'Sullivan
- 9/28 – Brigitte Kruger
- 9/29 – Frank Goehringer

Please note: If your name should be listed or if we have the wrong date, please let us know. **We want to celebrate YOU!**

## Kolping Convention — NY, NY

There's still time to sign up for the 45th National Kolping Convention in New York City on September 18–20, 2026. Check out the Kolping website – [kolping.org](http://kolping.org) – for details. 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.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### JUNE

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

### JULY

July 1 – First Wednesday Klub Haus – Postpone!

July 15 – KlubHaus – Beginning Mahjong – 11:00

July 18 – Western Day Lunch & Bingo – 12:30

Western-themed food will be served – yeehah!

👉 \$10 for members / \$15 for guests

### AUGUST

August 5 – First Wednesday Klub Haus – 11:00

August 15 – Fogust Lunch & Bingo – 12:30

**Note:** Please keep an eye out for additional events in late July/August. We will not be hosting bingo in September due to the Convention.

## Welcome to our Newest Members

We would like to extend a big **WELCOME** to our newest members:

- **Mary Baireuther** and **Catherine Pallas** are native San Franciscans, live in the Avenues and are sisters. They were introduced to Kolping by Cathy Mibach.
- **Betty and William (Bill) Welch** live in Sonoma and have many mutual friends at the Kolping including Pete and Jackie Zuger, the Jere and Sandy Driscoll and Hank and Cathy Flanders. Bill is a native San Franciscan and is part of the family that has owned Duggans' for over 100 years.

## Have you heard about our new pilot ride program?

To participate in **Kolping Connect** 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](mailto:lbrinkmann@mac.com) or phone/text: 415-517-3631.

