



S.F. KOLPING Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026



Kolping Convention

From meeting up for our 7:45 am flight to saying our farewells, our delegation to the 45th National Kolping convention had fun! While Lisa was busy in meetings

and finalizing her last term as the National President, the others were exploring the City, meeting Kolping members from other cities and enjoying the program set up by the New York Kolping.

The highlights included marching in the Stueben Day parade down 5th Avenue with hundreds of other German organizations; watching Deacon Bill preside at Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral; cheering as Tom Biesty accepted the Distinguished Member Award on behalf of his sister, Kathy Biesty; enjoying the homemade sauerbraten, red cabbage and apple strudel at the Kolping on the Hudson; and just getting to know each other that much more. Treu Kolping!



Helpers

We often forget to thank our dedicated "Helpers", who show up to make all these activities fun, so before the year

ends, thank you to Arlene Bushner, Muffy Friel, Cathy Vennemeyer, Kevin Cunnane, Gerry Costanzo and Irene Lambly (who recently cleaned out our closets – yikes.)



Rest in Peace.

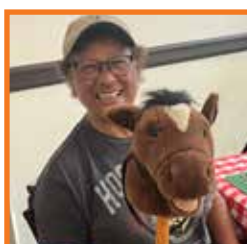
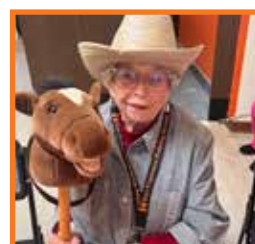
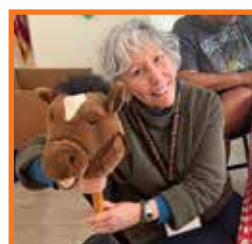
It's with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our friend, buddy and all-around good guy, Gunther Ehrich.

Gunther LOVED his friends at the Kolping Society and used every opportunity to participate and contribute where and when he could. In fact, he won a game at the last bingo he attended. He was Lisa's "right-hand guy" for many years when they repaired, cleaned and decorated the Hall. Gunther passed away a week short of his 96th birthday. Vaya con Dios, Gunther.

OUR BINGOS! A picture says a 1000 words, so rather than write, here are the pictures from Day at the Races, Western Day and Fogust bingos. Thanks everyone who made these Saturdays so fun.

Western Day

Day at the Races





Fogust

Convention: More Photos!



Happy 250th Virtual Tour

This year again, YouthSF offered to take our members on a virtual tour – this time it was in colonial America. Louis Kolenda and Linda Cobeen worked with their staff to set up virtual readers for all to use and, as an extra treat, created replicas of the Statue of Liberty, using their 3-D printer.

The food was yummy as well, with Apres Vous catering.





Happy Birthday(s)

OCTOBER

- 10/4 – Barbara Eckart
- 10/7 – Francine Ferris
- 10/10 – Lenore Lamey
- 10/14 – Mary DeMartini and Frances Murphy
- 10/17 – Scotty Thomas
- 10/22 – Milly Gaehwiler and Raymond Brinkmann
- 10/27 – Diane Larrecou

NOVEMBER

- 11/1 – Ingeborg Stottmeister celebrating 100!
- 11/8 – Astrid Holder
- 11/10 – Sana Wolden
- 11/18 – Erna Stucky
- 11/25 – Ursula Younger celebrating 98!
- 11/28 – Donna McDonagh

DECEMBER

- 12/6 – Silvia Hildebrandt
- 12/15 – Rose Marie Azinheira
- 12/20 – Ron Taylor
- 12/24 – Christine McLoughlin

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

Did you know? That after selling the original Kolping House on Oak and Fell, in the 60's, the San Francisco Kolping Board were planning on building a Kolping Center at 121 Golden Gate Ave (near Baker and Grove) with 120 bedrooms, a dining room, roof garden, gymnasium, swimming pool, recreation rooms, workshop, assembly hall and chapel – wow! Obviously plans didn't come through – good thing as there was no mention of parking!!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

Oct. 7 – First Wednesday Klub Haus – 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 17 – Oktoberfest Lunch and Bingo – 12:30 p.m.

☞ Lunch - Members \$10/Guests \$15

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 – Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

All members are invited

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

Nov. 21 – Day of Thanks Lunch & Bingo – 12:30 p.m.

☞ Lunch - Members \$10/Guests \$15

Bring a canned or dry-packaged good for the Food Bank

DECEMBER

Dec. 6 – Christmas Mass and Brunch – 11:00 a.m.

☞ Brunch - Members \$10/Guests \$15

Donate a toy for our annual toy-drive.

KlubHaus

This year's KlubHaus has had activities ranging from projects to Vision Boards, from playing Mexican train to Mahjong. It's been a great way to meet new members in a more cozy environment, hang out on a Wednesday, and just be together. We hope to see members and their friends come by on the first Wednesday and make the KlubHaus experience their own.



Interested in Serving on the Board?

We have an opening for another Board member – please let Lisa know if you are interested.

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

Warmly, Lisa Brinkmann and Kathy Biesty