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Note from the Editor

I know that COVID fatigue is getting to everyone, as our latest event, the Christmas luncheon, has now, along with other Christmas celebrations, been cancelled. If we can just hold on a little longer and keep everyone safe and healthy, we can see light at the end of the tunnel!

Let's not forget the needs of others during the Christmas season, so please support the Mt. Healthy Alliance as we've done in the past (see details on p. 2). We also have a timely message from Fr. Dan on page 5 and a letter of thanks from our President, Ted Hoerstmann, on page 6. Have a blessed Christmas, everyone!

Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

President – Ted Hoerstmann, 513-404-3139

Vice President – Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334

Membership (New Members) – Rita Musbach, 513-793-1148

Membership (Current) – Karen Wienkamp, 513-922-2677

Sick Committee – Christa Olding, 513-385-1476

Sub Group Presidents:

Sängerchor – Dale Sunderhaus, 513-604-6074

Schützen Club – Steve Lawson, 513-578-7873

Seniors – Christa Olding, 513-385-1476

Sports Club – Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

Young Families – Paul Ahrnsen, 513-542-8554

The Journeymen Group – Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334

House & Grounds – Walt Gerbus, 513-543-9877

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Business Office – 513-851-7951 then press 1

Clubhouse – 513-851-7951 then press 5

Hall – 513-851-7951 then press 4

December Events

~~December 6, 12:00 P.M.~~ Christmas Luncheon

~~December 8, 11:30 A.M.~~ Seniors Meeting

~~December 13, 3:00 P.M.~~ Children's Christmas Party

~~December 18, 7:00 P.M.~~ Schützen Nacht

~~December 20, 2:00 P.M.~~ Genealogy Meeting

January Events

No General Meeting in January

~~January 12, 11:30 A.M.~~ Seniors Meeting

~~January 15, 7:00 P.M.~~ Schützen Nacht

~~January 17, 2:00 P.M.~~ Genealogy Meeting

~~January 30, 6:00 P.M.~~ Stube Nacht

All events crossed out above have been cancelled.

Membership Dues Notices

The notices for membership dues went out in November. The annual dues amounts are as follows:

Life Membership \$25.00

Single Membership \$42.00

Family Membership \$63.00

Life Membership is available to any member who is at least 70 years old and a member for 20 years in 2021. The year you became a member is on the envelope behind your name.

Please pay promptly. Thank you for your membership.

Karen Wienkamp, Membership Secretary



Congratulations to all our members celebrating birthdays in the month of December !



| First Name | Last Name | Birthday |
|------------|----------------|----------|
| William | Huntsinger | Dec 1 |
| Garry | Sprowls | Dec 1 |
| Marilee | Uhlhorn | Dec 1 |
| Aaron | Callahan | Dec 2 |
| Jerome P. | Gonnella | Dec 3 |
| James | Sonnenberg | Dec 3 |
| Hubert | Kramer | Dec 4 |
| Gretchen | Smith | Dec 4 |
| Larry | Valerius | Dec 4 |
| Rick | Schlake | Dec 5 |
| Fred | Schmits | Dec 5 |
| Tammy | Courter | Dec 6 |
| Susan | Griffin | Dec 6 |
| Barbara | Hermeling | Dec 6 |
| Lois | Kunze | Dec 6 |
| Emily | Merz-Krans | Dec 6 |
| Matthew | Brunzman | Dec 7 |
| Richard | Tabler | Dec 7 |
| Alex | Klosterman | Dec 8 |
| Joe | Hammons | Dec 9 |
| John | Roman | Dec 9 |
| Gina | Baldauf | Dec 10 |
| Joseph | Abt | Dec 11 |
| John | O'Neil | Dec 11 |
| Karen | Murnan | Dec 12 |
| Elizabeth | Kunze | Dec 13 |
| Carl | Schlake | Dec 13 |
| Dr. Albert | Drees | Dec 14 |
| Karl | Holstein | Dec 14 |
| John | Weissmann, Jr. | Dec 14 |

| First Name | Last Name | Birthday |
|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Janet Talkers | Kuhl | Dec 15 |
| Diana | Grinkemeyer | Dec 17 |
| Jacob (Jay) | Stupprich, Jr. | Dec 17 |
| Marian | Koester | Dec 18 |
| Carolyn | Ramsey | Dec 18 |
| Werner | Wilke | Dec 18 |
| Amanda | McNett | Dec 19 |
| Gertrud | Bruewer | Dec 20 |
| Tony | Dechering | Dec 20 |
| Kenneth | Dunning | Dec 20 |
| Jake | Finke | Dec 21 |
| Christel | Leuker | Dec 21 |
| Mildred | Breitenstein | Dec 22 |
| Rick | Hill | Dec 22 |
| Howard H. | Hughes, Sr. | Dec 22 |
| Ben | Callahan | Dec 23 |
| Robert | Sommer | Dec 23 |
| Irene | Hasenfratz | Dec 24 |
| Courtney | Schnetzer | Dec 24 |
| Charles | Lintz, III | Dec 25 |
| Timothy | Riley | Dec 25 |
| Daniel | Brunzman | Dec 26 |
| Steven | Isfort | Dec 26 |
| Hartmuth | Parnitzke | Dec 26 |
| George | Willenbrink | Dec 28 |
| Joe | Baldauf | Dec 29 |
| Bill | Kemper | Dec 30 |
| Ralph | Vosseberg | Dec 30 |
| Fr. Dan | Kroger, OFM | Dec 31 |
| Elizabeth | Neumann | Dec 31 |

Mt. Healthy Food Alliance – 2020

This year has brought a lot of changes, uncertainty and greater need in our community. We are an organization of service and giving, and even though we have cancelled the December meeting and Christmas party, we'd like to continue to support Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry this year as we've done the last several years. In order to do so, you can help us support them in a couple of different ways:

- Monetary donations can be mailed to: Barb Hessler, 2099 Greenpine Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45231. Make checks payable to Mt. Healthy Alliance.
- Delivery of items the pantry is in need of to Barb Hessler (address above, very close to Kolping). She will have a box sitting on her front porch, so you can have a no-contact drop-off. The pantry is in need of, but not limited to, the following items: bar soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and pancake mix. All donations can be received until **December 10th**. Any questions, call Barb Hessler at 513-520-8664. Wishing you and your family a very blessed Christmas. Stay safe and healthy.

Sports Club News

Last week we winterized the fields by removing all the nets and moving the goals. It's always sad to see the fields empty. In this time of thanks, we are very thankful that we made it through this very trying season, successfully and safely. Try-outs were a success and offers have been made to those who tried out. While some teams are doing winter showcases and tournaments, mostly everyone is enjoying a short break until winter training starts in January. Winter training will be outdoors here at Kolping this year. While the COVID numbers seem to be growing, rest assured that we are always following the guidelines and procedures set out by the state to ensure everyone stays healthy. We also do not plan to hold training if the temperature gets below 34 degrees. We are hoping for a mild winter. We think 2020 at least owes us that much! We hope and pray everyone has a safe and wonderful Christmas and a merry New Year!

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

Walt Dewar, Kolping SC President
Kolping SC Tournament Director
walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com
(513) 312-8551

Schützen Club News

The Shooting Club is waiting on the governor to lift the restrictions due to COVID. As soon as I hear that we can start shooting again, I will pass it on to everyone. Please be safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. And let us hope and pray that 2021 is a year where we can get back to normal (pre-COVID).

Respectfully,

Steve Lawson,
Schützen Club President
(513) 578-7873
slawson@mthealthy.org

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

The Father David Hiller Fund recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Friars' Club in memory of Fr. Bruno Kremp and his many years of service.

Also, the Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations since last month:

Donation from the Schützen Club

Donations in Memory of Maria Von Den Benken

Mike and Marcia Proud, Relatives from Germany, Gertrud Bruewer and Karen Ruffing.

Donations in Memory of Ben Albers

Anneliese Schulten, Otto and Celeste Hermes, Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke, Tom and Rita Musbach, Christa Olding, Carl and Dottie Nissen.

We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent in memory of our Kolping members and will use them to continue the work of Blessed Adolph Kolping. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Ahrnsen
FDHF Chairman

Thank you!

I want to thank Ted Hoerstmann, Kolping President, the Kolping Board, and all the Kolping members who generously donated for the ultrasound machine that will be in operation at the Elizabeth New Life Center in Mt. Healthy.

The \$378.00 that was donated by the membership was matched by the Kolping Board. The total donation of \$756.00 was matched again by an anonymous donor in Dayton, Ohio.

These donations will save countless young lives.

Thank you again,
Walt Amrein



Deaths

Bill Lunnemann, husband of Phyllis Lunnemann and Kolping member for 69 years, passed away on November 25, 2020 at the age of 85. Bill was a member of Young Kolping, of the Schützen Club, of Kolping Seniors, and of the King's Club. He also served as a Kolping Board member and a Bingo worker, and he worked at the Kolping booth at the Downtown Oktoberfest, as well as the Schützenfest. Bill was the Schützenfest King, along with his wife Phyllis as the Queen, from 1975-1976. He received the Cincinnati Kolping Meritorious Service Award in 1986 and the National Kolping Distinguished Service Award in 1988. We send our condolences to Phyllis and their children.

Mike Kutcher, member of Kolping Seniors, passed away on October 24, 2020 at the age of 77. We extend our sympathies to his brother William and his sisters, Judith Holzschuh and Mary Finney, as well as the rest of the family.

Christina Gerdes, wife of William "Willy" Gerdes and member of the Kolping Ladies Auxiliary for twenty-five years, passed away on November 9, 2020 at the age of 85. Christina was also the Schützenfest Queen, along with Willy as King, from 1971-1972. We send our condolences to Willy and their children: Rita Garrett, Doris Wilker, Barbara Kopylay, Connie Boggs, Bill Gerdes, Monica Littrell and Lori Tenhundfeld, along with the entire family.

George Rapking, father of Kolping member Kim Sterwerf, passed away on November 15, 2020 at the age of 88. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kim and Bill Sterwerf and their family.

Bob Smith, brother of Kolping member Teri Luther, passed away on November 24, 2020 at the age of 58. We extend our sympathies to Teri and her family.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

NOTICE

Upon the death of a MEMBER, please call the President of the Kolping Society or one of the Bereavement Committee members. In order that the membership can be aware that a member has died, the family of the decedent should be willing to place in the Death Notice that the decedent is a member of the Kolping Society and at what time Kolping members should assemble for prayers. (This should be mutually agreed upon by the family and the Kolping representatives.)

The members of the Bereavement Committee are:

Christa Olding, 513-385-1476
Marilee Uhlhorn, 513-661-0414
Helene Schrand, 513-741-9780
Doris Wilke, 513-521-5019

Sick & Shut-Ins

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Regina Albers | Joan Rehling |
| Margaret Gerdes | Bernie Brunzman |
| Richard Ellensohn | Herm Koehling |
| Vince Meyer | Tom Resing |
| Linda Knizner | Jim Kemper |

In addition, as we get closer to the holidays, don't forget to send a Christmas card to those who are shut in. Joe Wessels mentioned that his grandmother, Anni Wessels Conrad, would love to hear from her Kolping friends – her address is: Anni Conrad, Alois Alzheimer Center, 70 Damon Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45218.

Also please say prayers for Kate Callahan, granddaughter of Mike and Manette Callahan and daughter of Ben Callahan, as well as all members of the Kolping family who are in need of prayers, especially those who are suffering from the Coronavirus.

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks. Send a card or give them a call. It is always nice to hear from friends when you are not feeling well. Please pray for all members to be safe from the Corona virus.

Kolping Seniors

Stay well – pray for one another – we will see the end of this one day.

Christa Olding, President
513-385-1476

Kolping Elections 2020

Congratulations to our new Board members and our National Delegate, who were elected on November 6th at our "Drive-up" Election:

Board Members

Roger Adams
Matt Brunzman
Andrew Hessler
Janet Talkers Kuhl
Chris Petersman

National Delegate

Ted Klosterman

Walt Dewar will be the alternate Board member. Congratulations, one and all!

A special thanks to our outgoing Board members:

Henry Faulk
Heddy Freese
Rick Hill
MM Jamison
Tom Kuechly

We appreciate your service – you have made a difference!

Christa Olding and Doris Wilke Retiring as Officers of Kolping Seniors

On behalf of the Society, we would like to thank Christa Olding and Doris Wilke, President and Vice President of the Kolping Seniors, for their years of care, compassion, and dedicated service to our seniors. We are sad to see you step down, but are so grateful for your commitment to the Kolping Society and our members!

Ted Hoerstmann and Anna Stukenborg

Message from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

Sunday, November 29, marks the start of Advent and the church's new liturgical year. Catholic tradition sees Advent as a time to prepare—for Christmas and for the end of time.

The prophet Isaiah (Is 63-64) leads off the Advent season with a huge question: "Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?" Isaiah longed for the time when the Lord would come. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down..." Isaiah proclaims that the Lord is angry and we are sinful, yet he reminds us that God is our father and we are his people, the work of his hands. So, Isaiah gives us reason to be hopeful.

In the gospel reading for the first Sunday of Advent (Mk 13:33-37) Jesus urges his disciples, and us: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Jesus compares our situation to that of a man who is preparing to travel and leaves everything in charge of his workers. There is no schedule for when he will return, so we must be ready for whenever the Lord will return. "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

In this past year, we have mourned the loss of several Kolping members. It could have been any one of us. At our Franciscan Media office, we sometimes joke about the high risk of making a left turn on Liberty Street. Here at St. Anthony Shrine, we talk about the high risk of driving Colerain Avenue since so many drivers exceed 60 miles per hour. Yes, we need to be ready for whenever the Lord takes us. That is always a timely reminder.

God bless us all!

Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM

**Deadline for articles to be submitted for
the January *Bulletin* is Wednesday,
December 23 at 5:00 P.M.
Please submit articles to
Nancy Pelzel at:
nancypelzel@aol.com**

A Note from the President

2020 has proven to be a challenging year for businesses, organizations, and people alike. Although our revenue was very limited this year due to COVID cancellations and restrictions, a lot of good things came out of this year. I would like to explain some of the success stories that took place at Kolping. As in business, sometimes you have to look past the profits to see the success. To name a few successes that took place this year: we were able to host a few Fish Fries before all of the COVID restrictions took place, we hosted a safe Family Picnic, we hosted a few months' worth of Friday Gemütlichkeits. With the help of a great House and Grounds Committee, we started a monthly Saturday work event, for those who can't make the Tuesday Workers. With a few generous donors, we installed new LED light fixtures and bulbs throughout the parking lot outside, all new LED ceiling mounted light fixtures in all three halls inside, and added public restrooms in the Kolping Park building which can be used year-round.

There are too many people to thank everyone individually, but a few groups and people that I would like to thank are: Tuesday Workers, Saturday Workers and House and Grounds – without all of your commitment and hard work, Kolping would not be what it is today. A big THANK YOU to all volunteers who came out and worked the few events we were able to host; it allowed our friends to come out and have some Gemütlichkeit. To the Board members, Thank You for support and guidance over the past year. I will be sorry to see the outgoing members of the board go, who are MM Jamison, Henry Faulk, Rick Hill, Heddy Freese, and Tom Kuechly. To the incoming board members Roger Adams, Matt Brunsman, Andrew Hessler, Janet Talkers Kuhl, and Chris Petersman – I look forward to working with you. To Barb Hessler and Sue Valentino, Thank You for your constant support and outside-the-box thinking of coming up with new ways for Kolping to generate revenue; unfortunately, we could not act on all of them. To Anna Stukenborg, VP, I cannot say THANK YOU enough. Your organizational skills by themselves are amazing, not to mention your ability to keep everyone focused with the task at hand. Everyone knows most of the work is done by the VP.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who either called, texted, emailed, or sent a card during my COVID quarantine. I must say I am very fortunate that my symptoms were minor, but the love and support I received was unbelievable. THANK YOU.

As we work through this virus, I ask that everyone continue to check on the elderly, your neighbors, and friends and see if there is anything we can do to help. With some of our elderly staying in quarantine or just not being able to get out, a simple phone call could make the difference in someone's day.

What will 2021 bring? No one knows, but we are planning on proceeding with all events in place. Remember Schützenfest has moved to June, 18-20th. No matter what the next year brings, we will be here for the Gemütlichkeit.

FROHE WEIHNACHTEN !

Ted Hoerstmann, Cincinnati Kolping President

Kolping Genealogy

One of the best things I ever did for my genealogy research was to organize my genealogy information, the events of my ancestors' lives, on a **timeline**. Then look at major historical events for that relative at the time he/she lived. We are reviewing the *Historical Timeline for Germany* in our example.

Do you use timelines for your family history research? Genealogy timelines provide a visual representation of your research that makes it easier for you to examine information you have collected on where your ancestors were, and what they were doing, at various points in their lives. No matter how you put together your genealogy timeline (whether via a genealogy software program or simply using a chart in a word processing document or plain paper and pencil), they are an important research tool for tracking your ancestors and for understanding their place in history.

There are two ways to create a Timeline - *Manual* and *Automatic*.

1. *Manual*: Two tools to use when you start creating a timeline for an ancestor are plain paper and pencil. Sometimes old school is the best way to start. This one is simple, quick and requires no learning curve.
2. *Computer Software Programs*: Online tools will often have this feature built in. We will demonstrate how to generate the Timeline Report in the popular desktop software, *Family Tree Maker (v.19)*. Then also learn to do the same using an online program, *Ancestry*.

There are other resources to share and they usually provide a lively discussion among attendees.

We are now using Microsoft Teams for our virtual delivery system. Send your email address to: David Lahrman, dlahrman@columbus.rr.com, to receive an invitation and link to the session. His number is 614-719-9896. Our virtual meeting will take place Sunday, December 20, at 2:00 pm.

Dr. Tom Montgomery, Kolping member:
montgota@fuse.net, montgota@miamioh.edu,
513-969-5383.

News from the German-American Citizens League

NORD-AMERIKANISCHER SÄNGERBUND

On October 22, Helga and Wolfgang Wengler of Youngstown, Ohio brought the complete records of the NAS to the German Heritage Museum in West Fork Park. The documents, in six boxes, go back to the beginning of the NAS in 1858. They also brought several large framed photographs of past National Sängerbund. The Wenglers are happy that they have found a good home for these historic items.

GERMAN HERITAGE MUSEUM RESTORATION

The scaffolding which had been around the museum since last December has finally been removed. LP SmartSide sable colored textured siding with a 6 1/8 inch reveal is now installed all around the four walls to protect the distressed logs which are about 170 years old. The installation was performed by skilled men and women carpenters from Architectural Reclamation in Franklin, Ohio. The siding is pre-painted and has a fifty year warranty. Still coming next year is the replacement of seven wooden windows with vinyl windows. Due to the renovation and the pandemic, the museum is now closed indefinitely.

Manfred Schnetzer

Memorial Breakfast Thank You

Hope everyone is safe and healthy. Due to COVID restrictions, many of us were unable to attend your funerals; you have our condolences.

To all who attended the Memorial Breakfast, it was wonderful seeing you again. I would like to thank my breakfast crew:

The Hesslers – Russ, Barbara, Andrew, Katie, Monica and Branson; Patrick Whalen and Ralph Vosseberg.

Without your help, none of this would be possible! Take care, everyone!

Treu Kolping,
Irene Whalen

Help us find a
*Kidney
for Elaine*
KidneyForElaine.com



To help, contact Jessica
at The Christ Hospital.

513-585-1427

jessica.ratcliff@thechristhospital.com

Kolping member Elaine Wilke is in need of a kidney. Please contact Jessica if you would like to help.

Kolping History Corner

The Kolping Ladies Auxiliary

by Nancy Pelzel

Excerpts from *Making a Difference: A History of the Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati*

The Cincinnati Kolping Ladies Auxiliary no longer exists, but it was a very important part of the Society from 1930 through 1997. It is important to note that only men could be members of the Cincinnati Kolping Society until 1978, so the Ladies Auxiliary was a vehicle through which women could contribute and support the Society.

According to the meeting minutes of the Ladies Auxiliary from August of 1930, this group was founded on August 9, 1930, just six days after the grand opening of the Kolping House on Republic Street. According to these first minutes, the task of the organization "... should be to support and to encourage the social work which Father Kolping established in the spirit of Christian love and to follow his aspirations and ideals."

The first group of seven women met in the presence of the Kolping Senior, Frank Diekmann, and several of the Kolping board members, as they established a provisional board. The Kolping Society lent them \$20.00 for the organization of their first card party on September 21, and it was such a success that the great hall in the Kolping House was overflowing, and they had to accommodate the rest of the guests in the entrance hall and the club room. They were off to a rousing start! The women of the Ladies Auxiliary got involved in many activities, such as helping decorate the hall for Kolping functions, serving coffee at Communion Sunday breakfasts, making curtains for the Kolping House, and planning card parties, excursions and dances. They were eager to help in any way they could

when asked by the men of the Kolping Society. They even formed their own basketball team, with their treasury paying for the uniforms, but the women having to pay 10¢ each time they played so that the treasury would be reimbursed.

By February of 1935, the Ladies Auxiliary had ninety-five members, almost doubling its numbers from 1934 to 1935. Some of their activities included directing the children in the Christmas play at the Kolping Christmas party, washing curtains for the Kolping House, making curtains and table cloths for the Kolping House, buying coffee pots, silverware, pots and pans, dishes and other needed items for the Kolping House and Camp, donating prizes for events, organizing numerous social activities, and generally stepping up wherever they were needed. They were also involved in prize shooting with the men at the camp.

The women's generosity was evident in many ways. They took up collections for the "boys" in the service and gave donations for the Germans who were in need of clothing, shoes and other items due to the effects of the war. They held a card party and lunch in January 1946 and donated the proceeds to the needy in Germany. The women also got very involved in the relief effort in 1947 and 1948 when packages were sent overseas to Germany after World War II was over.

In April of 1953, Cincinnati Kolping purchased a new facility on Winton Road, and within two years, a kitchen was completed, which made the food preparation done by the women of the Ladies Auxiliary a much easier task. The women continued to have two card parties each year, as well as an all-day picnic and a Christmas party for the children. Many times they would hold their card parties and dinner parties as fund raising events for worthy causes, and the excess funds in their treasury were usually given to the men's organization to help defray costs. They were involved in preparing food for the Kolping Communion breakfasts, the Awards Banquets, and many other events that were held by the Society, helping out in every way that they could.



The Kitchen Crew at the Kolping Awards Banquet in 1970

Most of the people are members of the Ladies Auxiliary, but a few men helped out as well, especially the "Chief Cook", Frank Rohe.

Front row, L to R: Ursula Grote, Maria Von Den Benken, Emmi Rosen, Marge Wilke, Janet Talkers Kuhl, Gert Schroeder.

Back row, L to R: Maria Kappen, Clara Lee Albers Hamen, Clara Ostendorf, Maria Wingbermuehle, Elizabeth Endres, Anni Wessels Conrad, Unknown, Unknown, George Endres, Frank Rohe, next two unidentified, Mrs. Grote, Doris Wilke, Elli Holstein, Unknown, Anneliese Loesing Schulten, Agnes Schlake, Hedy Freese.

In 1959, Fr. David Hiller, OFM, the Cincinnati Kolping Praeses at the time, wrote, "I venture to say that we do not give enough recognition to the Ladies Auxiliary. What would any of the Kolping Branches in America do without the help of the ladies? I dare say that not one of the Kolping Branches in America could continue in existence without the help of women.... To me it seems that the only part our ladies may play in Kolping is the part of a servant. I believe if we are to Americanize the Kolping Society we should begin by giving our women a better representation." Nothing was done about this issue at the time, but at the Kolping National Advisory Board meeting in San Francisco in 1967, it was decided that the ladies should be accepted as regular members of the Kolping Society. At the Kolping National Convention in 1968 in Los Angeles, membership was opened to women. Cincinnati Kolping did not immediately act on this resolution, and it took until March of 1978 for women to be able to become full-fledged members of the Cincinnati, national and international Kolping organizations. The first "pioneers" who crossed over the gender gap were Gert Schroeder, Mary Tegenkamp and Doris Wilke. Others joined later, but many of the women decided to just stay members of the Kolping Ladies Auxiliary.

By 1972, the Ladies Auxiliary had become so successful in recruiting new members that it had to put a freeze on new memberships for a time so that it could keep the group at a manageable level. All of the Ladies Auxiliary events continued to draw crowds, and they frequently had to turn people away at the Winefest that they began in 1972, due to sell-out crowds. By the end of 1977, the Ladies Auxiliary had grown to 370 members.

As more and more women joined the regular Kolping Society, the Ladies Auxiliary grew smaller. In May of 1995, the group approached the Kolping board, wanting to combine with the Society, having four Ladies Auxiliary meetings and eight meetings with the larger group. They also expressed the desire to slowly dissolve the Auxiliary over a two year period. Finally, at the end of 1997, when they were no longer able to recruit anyone to serve as officers, they decided to discontinue the Auxiliary as a formal organization and subgroup of the Cincinnati Kolping Society. All honorary members of the Ladies Auxiliary were accepted as Life members of the Society, and all of the other members were invited to join as regular members of Cincinnati Kolping. Many of the women joined, but many did not, as their husbands were members and they felt that was good enough to have just one member of the family as a Kolping member. The Ladies Auxiliary had served the Cincinnati Kolping Society well for over sixty-seven years. The women's contributions to the Society were incalculable and often under-appreciated. Times had changed, and now it was time for the women to be full partners in the running of the Society.

Following is a list of the presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary from its inception to its dissolution in 1997. This list differs from the Ladies Auxiliary Presidents' plaque that was created in 1977 and from the Kolping Web site, as it was based on the actual recording of the meeting minutes from 1930 - 1942, which was felt to be a more accurate accounting. The others were left as recorded on the plaque.

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| 1930 | Johanna Fellerhoff (Jansen) | 1962-63 | Sefa Schnieders |
| 1931 | Anna Lamping | 1964-65 | Clementine Ahrnsen |
| 1931 | Mary Wensing | 1966-67 | Gunda Wilke |
| 1932-33 | Marie Himmelreich (Gerbus) | 1968-69 | Ursula Talkers |
| 1934-35 | Helen Schulte | 1970-71 | Gertrude Schroeder |
| 1935-36 | Josie Wuebker | 1972-73 | Maria Von Den Benken |
| 1936 | Johanna Diekmann | 1974-75 | Elizabeth Ruether |
| 1936 | Anna Nierlich | 1976-77 | Ermina Brueckner |
| 1937 | Angela Haunhorst | 1978-79 | Rosina Carlow |
| 1938-39 | Anna Tholen | 1980-81 | Irmgard U. Zerhusen |
| 1940 | Angela Elsaesser | 1982-83 | Bobbi Schmidt |
| 1941-46 | Marie Stuebbe | 1984-85 | Gertrude Brecht |
| 1947-48 | Dorothy Schulte | 1986-87 | Anni Conrad |
| 1949-54 | Mary Kerk | 1988-91 | Marlene Lintz |
| 1955-56 | Agnes Pohlman | 1992-93 | Helene Schrand |
| 1957 | Dorothy Huthmacher | 1994-95 | Gertrude Schroeder |
| 1958-59 | Dorothy Schulte | 1996-97 | Marlene Lintz |
| 1960-61 | Helen Lamping | | |

2021 Calendar of Events

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| <p>JANUARY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 15 Schützen Nacht 30 Stube Nacht</p> <p>FEBRUARY 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting 13 Valentine's Dance 19 Schützen Nacht 19 Fish Fry (Society) 26 Fish Fry (Sports Club) 28 Schlachtfest</p> <p>MARCH 1 Board Meeting 5 Fish Fry (Schützen Club) 5 General Meeting 12 Fish Fry (Fr. David Hiller Fund) 19 Fish Fry (Journeymen) 19 Schützen Nacht 20 King's Ball 26 Fish Fry (Endowment) 28 St. Joseph's Day Mass 29 Board Meeting (April)</p> <p>APRIL NO GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL 9 Kolping Memorial Tournament 10 Kolping Memorial Tournament 11 Kolping Memorial Tournament 16 Schützen Nacht 18 Awards Banquet 25 Sängchor Spring Konzert</p> <p>MAY 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 21 Schützen Nacht 21 Schützen End Party</p> | <p>JUNE 1 Board Meeting 4 General Meeting 13 Father's Day/Anniversary Mass 18, 19, 20 Schützenfest 19 Schützenfest Tournament 28 Board Meeting (July)</p> <p>JULY NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 16 Appreciation Party 16 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 31 5v5 Soccer Tournament</p> <p>AUGUST 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting 30 Board Meeting (September)</p> <p>SEPTEMBER NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 10, 11, 12 Kolping Nat'l. Convention 10, 11, 12 Fill the Net Tournament 17 Schützen Nacht 27 Board Meeting (October)</p> <p>OCTOBER 1 General Meeting 15 Schützen Nacht 31 Memorial Mass/Goettafest</p> <p>NOVEMBER 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting/Elections 5, 6, 7 Harvest Fest 5, 6, 7 Fall Fest Tournament 19 Schützen Nacht 28 Weihnachts Konzert 29 Board Meeting (Dec)</p> <p>DECEMBER 5 Christmas Party/New Member Ind. 12 Children's Christmas Party 17 Schützen Nacht</p> |
| <p>MEETINGS:</p> <p>Board of Directors Monday prior to the first Friday of the month - 7:00 pm</p> <p>General Membership First Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Senior Citizens Second Tuesday - 11:30 am</p> <p>Schützen Club Third Friday - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Genealogy Group Third Sunday - 2:00 pm</p> <p>Sängchor Every Tuesday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Sports Club Fourth Wednesday - 8:00 pm</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</p> <p>We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, led by the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, promote the development of the individual and the family by fostering a sense of belonging and friendship through our holistic programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities.</p> |