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Note from the Editor



“There is always, always something to be thankful for.”

As we are approaching the holiday season, may we always thank the Lord for our many blessings, especially for our friends and family, including our Kolping family. We have many events coming up, so be sure to check the listings on the right, as well as the contents of this *Bulletin*.

Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

President – Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334

Vice President – Amy Ahnsen, 513-542-8554

Praeses – Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM, 513-374-0623

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

Membership (Current) – Karen Wienkamp, 513-503-4638

Sick Committee – Open

Sub Group Presidents:

Genealogy Group – Tom Montgomery, 513-969-5383

Sängerchor – John Wegener, 859-240-9598

Schützen Club – Bob Fehrenbach, 513-317-2746

Seniors – Tom Musbach, 513-793-1148

Soccer Club – Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

The Journeymen Group – Lydia Sinclair, 859-221-8839

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

Kolping Center

Kolping Haus/Klubhaus Rentals – Wendy Salyers Mentrup,
513-851-7951 then press 1

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November Events

November 3, 7:30 P.M.	General Meeting/ Elections
November 8, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
November 17, 7:30 P.M.	Schützen Nacht
November 18, 7:00 P.M.	King's Party
November 19, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
November 26, 2:30 P.M.	Sängerchor Weihnachts Konzert

December Events

December 3, 11:00 A.M.	Christmas Mass & Luncheon
December 10, 3:00 P.M.	Children's Christmas Party
December 13, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Christmas
December 15, 7:30 P.M.	Schützen Nacht
December 17, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting

Thank you!

The Kolping Leadership Team would like to thank an anonymous donor and Der Deutsche Buben Verein (In celebration of their 25th Anniversary) for donating funds to update the lighting in the Royal Hall.

We would also like to thank the Ostendorf/Smith/Tripathy family for donating towards the new landscaping for the front of the building (in memory of George Ostendorf). We appreciate the Tuesday Workers' and House and Grounds Workers' efforts to update our property and keep it looking nice!



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Thomas	Fehrenbach	Nov 1
James	Stukenborg	Nov 1
Dale	Chouteau	Nov 2
Dilip	Tripathy	Nov 2
John	Noll	Nov 3
Charles	Klosterman	Nov 5
Margaret	Mistler	Nov 5
Theresa	Stille	Nov 5
Jeff	Talkers	Nov 5
Barb	Adams	Nov 6
Kacie	Seibel	Nov 7
William	Hausfeld	Nov 8
Theodore	Klosterman	Nov 8
Theodore	Wilke	Nov 9
Robert	Willmann	Nov 9
Ralph	Talkers	Nov 10
Dennis	Brunzman	Nov 11
John	Murray	Nov 11
Beth	Pohlabeln	Nov 11
Michael	Brunzman	Nov 12
Ursula	Grote	Nov 12
Greg	Lewis	Nov 14
Johanna	Stegman	Nov 14
Susan	Welage	Nov 14
Frank	Worthoff	Nov 14
Wendy	Altendorf	Nov 15
Amy	Hester	Nov 15
Ann	Hoerstmann	Nov 15

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Doris	Wilke	Nov 15
Kurt	Brickweg	Nov 17
Nancy	Pelzel	Nov 18
Lydia	Sinclair	Nov 18
Patricia	Yuellig	Nov 18
David	Abeln	Nov 19
Robert	Schindler	Nov 19
Eugene	Ungermann	Nov 19
Elizabeth	Hoerstmann	Nov 20
Thomas	Freese	Nov 21
Bernard	Geers	Nov 21
Karen	Wienkamp	Nov 21
Roger	Adams	Nov 22
Roberta	Keck	Nov 22
Noel	Shanahan	Nov 22
Harry	Rumpke, Jr.	Nov 23
Larry	Schmidt	Nov 23
Brian	Griffin	Nov 25
Marcus	Meyer	Nov 25
Matthew	Monti	Nov 26
Beverly	Meyer	Nov 27
Steven	Sinclair	Nov 27
Charlotte	Laib	Nov 28
William	Schoenberger	Nov 28
Linda	Antal	Nov 29
John	Knizner	Nov 30
Herb	Seubert	Nov 30
Barbara	Willenbrink	Nov 30

Membership Dues

Just a reminder that the annual dues notices were sent out the week of October 23rd. You can pay by check, through your bank bill pay, or online with a credit card at www.kolpingcincinnati.com. When paying online, please make sure you fill in your first and last name (and spouse if a family membership) so that we can track payments properly. The membership levels for 2024 are as follows:

Family - a married couple - \$75.00

Single - one person - \$55.00

Life - a member who is at least 70 plus has been a member for 20 years - \$25.00

Active military - \$25.00

Karen Wienkamp, Membership Secretary
Ph: 513-503-4638

Message from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

Our annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of our Kolping Family is Sunday, October 29, at 11:00. This is a Catholic tradition that was called "All Souls Day." Now the Catholic Rite refers to this day as "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed." This is a good time to think of our departed family members and remember them in our thoughts, conversations, and prayers.

Kolping members may be confronting difficult political decisions at this time because there are important questions on state and local ballots this November. Issue One on the Ohio ballot is probably the hottest issue for Catholics. Abortion is legal in Ohio and it will be regardless of the vote on Issue One. If approved by the majority of Ohio voters, however, Issue One seems to make abortion an absolute right that cannot be limited by any health, safety or parental rights concerns.

At present, abortion is legal, but a significant number of pro-choice people do not approve of third trimester abortions except under special circumstances. That is why voters must carefully consider Issue One. At present, there are health and safety standards that apply to abortion, just as there are health and safety standards that apply to schools, restaurants, groceries, public safety, hospitals, and so forth. Issue One here in Ohio would remove such limits and would make abortion a right greater than any such limits.

Right now, parental rights apply to healthcare for minor children, and include notification and consent by parents in the healthcare decisions they make concerning their minor children. Healthcare includes contraception, abortion and "gender reassignment" hormones and surgeries. Issue One on the Ohio ballot would undermine parental authority—the cornerstone of human society.

The Catholic Church teaches that the dignity of the human person extends from the womb to the tomb. That is why Catholics should be concerned about the rights of all vulnerable humans. That is why we members of the Kolping Society should stand by the poor, immigrants, the elderly, those of all faiths, and all who cannot defend their own lives. That is why we must oppose racism and religious prejudice.

The fact is that abortion will still be legal regardless of the outcome of the vote on Ohio Issue One. However, do not think that because abortion is already legal that Ohio Issue One will make no difference, even if it is

Message from Fr. Dan (cont'd.)

approved. Ohio's Issue One is too radical and unreasonable, just as communism was too unreasonable in Father Kolping's time as a corrective for the poverty created by the Industrial Revolution.

Like all citizens, Catholics have a duty to vote according to their carefully formed consciences based on all the facts. Issue One is deceptively described by its title as "The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety." For the common good, we Catholics need to be concerned about the moral issue here. We need to be concerned about the threat that Issue One represents to the health and safety of women, the dignity of human life, and the primacy of family.

How one votes is a matter of personal conscience and individual freedom. But as a priest and an ethicist I will vote NO on Issue One.

Dan Kroger, OFM

Sick & Shut-Ins

Linda Knizner
Regina Schnetzer
Tony Walker
Doris Wilke
Maria Dechering

Gus Kramer
Gene Bertke
Carl Nissen
Helen Mueller

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks, and send a card or give them a call.

We ask for special prayers for Lowell Haber, the three-and-a-half year-old son of Kolping member Tom Haber and his wife Adrienne, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukemia. You can follow Lowell's progress on the website:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lowellhaber>

If you want to be taken off the Sick List or want to add someone on, please contact Nancy Pelzel at: 513-385-3120 or nancypelzel@aol.com.

Kolping Seniors

Our next meeting will be on November 8th at 11:30 A.M. Come enjoy meeting, lunch and camaraderie.

Tom Musbach



Soccer Club News

The season is coming to an end. We had so many teams that performed well in their tournaments, so check out our social media to see all their achievements.

We had three high school academy teams this fall season and we have two SAY teams competing in the area SAY tournament this weekend. We are excited to see all our hard work come to fruition.

Don't forget to continue to come up to the Pub to cheer on our FC Cincinnati team in the post season.

Walt Dewar, President
Kolping Soccer Club
513-312-8551

**Deadline for submitting articles
for the December
Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin
is Wednesday, November 22, 2023
at 5:00 P.M.
Please submit to Nancy Pelzel
at: nancypelzel@aol.com**

St. Nikolaus Fest

The German Heritage Museum celebrates the Advent season with its annual St. Nikolaus Fest on Sunday, December 3, from 1 to 5 PM. St. Nikolaus will arrive at 2 PM to meet and greet children, hear if they have been good, and hear what they would like for Christmas. His counterpart, Krampus, will be represented by members of the Krampuslauf Zinzinnati. The German Heritage Museum is located in West Fork Park at 4764 West Ford Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45247.

Manfred Schnetzer



Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: November 17, 2023

Place: Kolping Klubhaus/100 Hall

Practice, Make-ups and Shoot-ahead Shooting:
7:00 – 7:30 PM

Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

Team Wienkamp will be running the Turkey Shoot again this year. There will be 15 lines with 15 targets per line. The cost is \$2.00 per target or \$25 for a full line. Winners will receive a \$20 gift card to help pay for their Thanksgiving dinner.

High Practice Shoot for October was Gary Stegman with a score of 67.

Top Team for October was Team Trautmann with a score of 328.

Top Shooter for October was Lee Abell with a score of 69.

Please remember that the gun you shot the first night will be your assigned gun for the entire season.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Targets: Team Luther

Bar: Team Reynolds

Food: Team Blum

Tickets: Team Lunnemann

Respectfully,
Bob Fehrenbach
513-317-2746

Kolping Golf League



The Kolping Golf League closed out its thirtieth season with a dinner for about fifty in the Clubhouse on Sunday, October 8th. Part of the day's festivities included the presentation of the trophy to this year's champion. The picture shows Mike Pelzel (right) presenting the trophy to the new champion, Kevin Luther. Also in attendance that day were Carl Nissen and Jerry Meyer, two of the original players when the league began in April 1994. The league's thirty-first season will begin in mid-April 2024 at Beechcreek Golf Course on Hudepohl Lane just down the road from Kolping. Questions about the league should be directed to Mike Pelzel (513-385-3120) or Tom Musbach (513-793-1148).



Kolping Elections 2023

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023
General Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

As indicated in an Email to the membership, we have made the discovery that Wendy Moeller cannot run for President of Kolping, as she is not Catholic. She married into a Catholic family and raised her children in the Catholic faith, but was unaware of the requirement to run as President. John Mueller, who was running for the Board of Directors, has agreed to run as President, with Tom Beiting as his Vice President. Wendy will now be running for the Board of Directors, as being Catholic is not a requirement for Board members. All three of these members will be write-in candidates on the election ballots.

The candidates are as follows:

President: John Mueller (write-in)

***Vice President: Tom Beiting
(write-in)***

Board Members:

Walt Dewar

Mary Pat Findley

Rick Hill

Wendy Moeller (write-in)

Jennifer Ruwe

Trey Seibel

Ron Von den Benken

***Please attend our November
election meeting and support the
candidates who are running.***

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations.

From the Schützen Club

In Memory of Christel Leuker

Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke

In Memory of Ali Kassamali (Son-in-law of Otger and Maria Kappen)

Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke

In Memory of Erich Meyer

Clara Ostendorf, Angela Pohlabein, Bob and Diana Grinkemeyer, Richard and Beth Adams

In Memory of William Gerdes

Anneliese Schulten, Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke

In Memory of Gary Gerdes

Anneliese Schulten, Joan Rehling, Clara Ostendorf, Janet Talkers Kuhl, Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke

In Memory of Wilhelm Gottenbusch, Fritz Westendorf, Mary Tegenkamp, Bernadette Brunsman, Erna Vosseberg, and Heinz Bruegging

Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke

We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent from our subgroups in celebration of members' events and in memory of our Kolping members, and will use them to continue the work of Blessed Fr. Kolping. We also received donations from the bar tips from events at the Klubhaus and Pavilion.

The FDHF continues to look for any of our members' sons and daughters who are attending Great Oaks Career Campuses or Butler Tech Trade and Vocational School and need assistance in defraying the costs of material, uniforms, tools etc. for their trade, or any sons in the Athenaeum who have expenses. If you know of someone, please contact Paul Ahrnsen at (513) 542-8554 for further information. Also, just a reminder to make your checks out to the "Father David Hiller Fund" instead of Kolping.

Thank you for your support!

Paul A. Ahrnsen, FDHF Chairman

Kolping Genealogy

Can you read the Old German Script? Most of us have difficulty reading handwriting and script in English. Expert instructor Kenny Burck is coming to our rescue! Our Kolping Genealogy session next Sunday, November 19, will feature Kenny, a Life Member of the Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society (serving on the Board since 1987 and for many years as Vice President, President or Past-President). He has been involved in Genealogy on many levels, with many other local, state, and national organizations. Researcher and author, he will be bringing his special projector and equipment to teach us Old German Script. A short genealogical resume for Kenny is below.

Deciphering German Script is a workshop introducing you to the fact that you can read old church and other records and he provides several tools for you to do this. Kenny will provide handouts and instructions on ciphering Script. <http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy/Genealogy.html>

We meet in the Clubhouse live only (no Zoom option) at 2:00 pm, Sunday, November 19. Be sure and let us know you are attending in order to duplicate enough packets.

Dr. Tom Montgomery, montgota@gmail.com,
montgota@miamioh.edu, 513-969-5383

Kenny R. Burck Genealogical Resume

Kenny is a lifelong resident of Hamilton County, Ohio and began his genealogical research in 1968. He has served as a Trustee and as 1st Vice President for the Ohio Genealogical Society, and as a Delegate, Director and Vice President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, along with serving as both President and Vice President of the Hamilton Co. Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. He is the co-author and editor of numerous genealogical resource publications, and has authored two family histories.

Kenny has traveled to all areas of Germany and other European countries nine times to research his ancestors and to meet distant cousins, and he is a regular speaker to various organizations, primarily speaking on German genealogical topics.

Schützen König Paul II and Königin Amy invite you to the

KING'S PARTY



**Saturday, November 18th 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30)
at the Kolping Haus 10235 Mill Rd Cincinnati, Ohio 45231**

\$15.00 per ticket includes light appetizers, beer and wine, with a cash bar.

Music by Rick Ipach

Reservations must be made by **Wednesday, November 8th**.

To make your reservations, send checks payable to Gary Koester at:
Eagle Bank, c/o Gary Koester, 6415 Bridgetown Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45248
or via Venmo: @kolpingcourt.

Please include the names of the guests in your party and your seating preference.

For questions, please contact Nancy Pelzel at:
513-385-3120 or nancypelzel@aol.com.

Dress: German Tracht or Semi-formal



WEIHNACHTS KONZERT
FEATURING GERMAN CHRISTMAS
SONGS PRESENTED BY THE
KOLPING SÄNGERCHOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

DOORS OPEN - 2:30 P.M. KONZERT 4:00 P.M.
KOLPING CENTER

\$10.00 ADMISSION - ADULTS & CHILDREN (BABIES ON LAP - FREE)

CONCERT, CHRISTMAS DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA
THE COOKIE SALE RETURNS!
SPLIT THE POT

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM
SÄNGERCHOR MEMBERS (NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR)

CONTACT: DORIS WILKE,
EMAIL: WILKE1115@AOL.COM OR PHONE: 513-521-5019
OR PHONE: JANET CURLEY 513-289-4509





KOLPING MASS AND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 3RD

Please celebrate the Christmas season with us at Kolping Mass on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will immediately follow. Please call Rita Musbach at 513 793-1148 to make reservations by Friday, November 24th.

As we have been doing for the last 5+ years, we will be collecting items for the Mt. Healthy Alliance.

These donations make an impact on the community.

While they appreciate canned goods, this year they have a very desperate need for the following items:

Pasta sides

Rice

Cereal

Tooth Paste and Tooth Brushes

Shampoo

Toilet Paper

If you prefer not to shop, don't have time or just forget, we also welcome cash donations as well. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Kolping Society's Children's Christmas Party December 10, 2023



Doors open at 2:30

Party from 3 – 5 pm



Call Amy Ahrnsen at 513 542-8554 for reservations before **December 4th**.

Leave your name, phone number and number of children or grandchildren attending.
Enjoy a day of entertainment and crafts with the children and grandchildren!

All Kolping members' children and grandchildren are invited.

Please bring items to decorate the Gingerbread houses, and please let Amy know what you would like to bring. (e.g., marshmallows, pretzels, etc.)

Back by Popular Demand!

Adult Competition!

You **Must** register when making reservations for your children and grandchildren.

Competitors may only use the standard house structure and decorations that are available to all participants.

Prizes to be awarded.

Please donate your new and gently used coats, hats, gloves and mittens to St. Vincent DePaul. There will be bins available.



2023 Calendar of Events

<p>JANUARY 3 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 30 Board Meeting (February)</p> <p>FEBRUARY 3 General Meeting 4 Stube Nacht 11 Valentine's Dance 24 Fish Fry 27 Board Meeting (March)</p> <p>MARCH 3 Fish Fry 3 General Meeting 10 Fish Fry 16 New Member Initiation 17 Fish Fry 18 Schützen Royal Ball 24 Fish Fry 24-26 Kolping Memorial Tournament 31 Fish Fry</p> <p>APRIL 3 Board Meeting 7 Good Friday No General Meeting 8 Easter Egg Hunt – Kolping Park 16 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 30 Sängerschor Spring Konzert</p> <p>MAY 2 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting 14 Mother's Day Brunch Kolping Park 19 Schützen End Party 30 Board Meeting (June)</p>	<p>JUNE 2 General Meeting 4 Anniversary Mass 16-18 Schützenfest 18 Father's Day Brunch Kolping Park</p> <p>JULY 3 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 9 Appreciation Party 21 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 31 Board Meeting (August)</p> <p>AUGUST 4 General Meeting 17 New Member Initiation 18 First Schützen Nacht 28 Board Meeting (September)</p> <p>SEPTEMBER NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 22-24 1931 Invitational Tournament</p> <p>OCTOBER 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting 29 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 30 Board Meeting (November)</p> <p>NOVEMBER 3 General Meeting/Elections 26 Weihnachts Konzert 27 Board Meeting (December)</p> <p>DECEMBER 3 Christmas Mass and Party 10 Children's Christmas Party</p>
<p>MEETINGS:</p> <p>Board of Directors Monday prior to the first Friday of the month – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Women's Club First Thursday – 6:30 pm</p> <p>General Membership First Friday – 7:30 pm</p> <p>Senior Citizens Second Wednesday – 11:30 am</p> <p>Bier Choir 2nd & 4th Thursday – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Schützen Club Third Friday – 7:30 pm</p> <p>Genealogy Group Third Sunday – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Sängerschor Every Tuesday – 7:30 pm</p> <p>Soccer 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>