

**July 2026**  
Volume XI, Number 7



**Congratulations to our new  
König und Königin,  
Ralph Vosseberg and  
Mary Patricia Kindt!  
We also congratulate our new  
Jr. King, Nico Morales, and  
our new Jr. Queen,  
Breanna Griffin!**

Pictured on the left,  
L to R: Ralph Vosseberg, Mary Patricia Kindt,  
Kelly and Neil Geoppinger

## Important Phone Numbers

President – Chuck Klosterman, 513-405-7414  
Vice President – Anna Stukenborg, 859-261-2067  
Praeses – Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM, 513-374-0623  
Society CFO – Clem Redder, 513-605-9428  
Business Manager – Rick Loesing, 513-678-0539  
House & Grounds – Walt Gerbus, 513-543-9877  
Membership (New Members) – Wendy Moeller, 513-543-8651  
Membership (Current) – Karen Wienkamp, 513-503-4638  
Sick Committee – Open

### Sub Group Presidents:

Bourbon Club – Neil Geoppinger, 513-638-0339  
Genealogy Group – Tom Montgomery, 513-969-5383  
Sängerchor – Janet Curley, 513-522-7544  
Schützen Club – Don Trautmann, 513-325-7869  
Seniors – Tom Musbach, 513-793-1148  
Soccer Club – Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551  
  
Kolping Center Kolping Haus/Klubhaus Rentals  
Nick Caserta, 513-713-7318

## July Events

### NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY

July 8, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
July 12, 4:00 P.M.	Appreciation Party
July 17, 7:00 P.M.	Captain's Meeting, Schützen Club
July 19, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
July 22, 6:00 P.M.	Groovin' in the Grove
July 24, 7:00 P.M.	Bourbon Club

## August Events

August 7, 7:30 P.M.	General Meeting
August 12, 11:30 A.M.	Seniors Meeting
August 16, 2:00 P.M.	Genealogy Meeting
August 21, 7:00 P.M.	First Schützen Nacht
August 26, 6:00 P.M.	Groovin' in the Grove
August 28, 7:00 P.M.	Bourbon Club



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday	First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Linda	Irlbacher	Jul 2	Michael	Schmidt	Jul 17
Michael	Meyer	Jul 2	Sylvia	Nadler	Jul 18
Alfred	Redder	Jul 2	Sharon	Riley	Jul 18
Eric	Von den Benken	Jul 2	Mason	Seibel	Jul 18
Leopold	Schmitt	Jul 3	Monica	DeFranco	Jul 19
Therese	Stricker	Jul 4	Ann	Gerbus	Jul 19
Joseph	Wolterman	Jul 4	Ralph	Ostendorf	Jul 19
Ralph	Hite	Jul 5	Anna	Stukenborg	Jul 19
Aaron	Manter	Jul 5	Heinz	Kalkhoff	Jul 20
Michelle	Moeller	Jul 5	Michael	McCarthy	Jul 20
Tim	Tensing	Jul 5	Chuck	Merk	Jul 20
Raymond	Miller	Jul 6	Manfred	Schnetzer	Jul 21
Mike	Bodkin	Jul 7	Josef	Seidl	Jul 21
Don	Murnan	Jul 7	Helen	Mueller	Jul 22
Angela	Pohlabeln	Jul 7	Theresa	Beiter	Jul 23
Frank	Albers	Jul 8	Martin	Wilhelmy	Jul 23
Rebecca	Hollis	Jul 8	Dottie	Nissen	Jul 24
Ken	Rieder	Jul 9	Mark	Aufderbeck	Jul 25
Wayne	Ramsey	Jul 10	Chien	Vu	Jul 25
Neil	Geoppinger	Jul 12	Heddy	Freese	Jul 26
Regina	Wolterman	Jul 14	Clem	Sunderman	Jul 26
Linda	Knizner	Jul 16	Christopher	Schrand	Jul 27
Ray	Muench	Jul 16	Reinhold	Schwegmann	Jul 27
Carl	Wurzelbacher	Jul 16	Harry	Schwietering	Jul 27
Dan	Fischer	Jul 17	Brad	Baldwin	Jul 28
Michael	Hemme	Jul 17	William	Terwort	Jul 29
Eric	Muench	Jul 17			

### Membership Committee Update

We are excited to report that several people have applied to become members of Kolping Cincinnati through the Schützenfest weekend. The committee will be reaching out to them shortly to invite them to the next initiation meeting, which will be on **Monday, October 5, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Klubhaus**. If you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a member, please encourage them to apply either using the online membership application or by reaching out to Wendy Moeller at 513-543-8651 or [wmoeller@compasspointplanning.com](mailto:wmoeller@compasspointplanning.com). For those potential members who submit an application and pay the application fee, including the first year's dues, they shall be considered a probationary member who can participate in all activities, including the Schützen Club. Probationary members cannot vote on any Society issues. Applicants are required to attend an initiation meeting within one year of their application in order to become a full voting member of Kolping Cincinnati.

## A Hearty Welcome to Our New President and Vice President!

As you all know from last month's *Bulletin*, our President, Trey Seibel, resigned, and Chuck Klosterman, the Vice President, was acting in his stead, as our bylaws state: "... in the absence of the President, [the Vice President] shall assume the duties of that office." At the Kolping Board meeting on June 1, 2026, the Board officially voted to have Chuck become our new President.

At that same Board meeting, Anna Stukenborg was voted by the Board to become our new Vice President to take Chuck's position; however, one of our Kolping members was under the impression that making Anna our Vice President violated our bylaws, and so he made a motion at the General Meeting on June 5, 2026 that the Board reconsider their nomination for Vice President, relook at our bylaws in conjunction with filling the vacancy, and report at the next General Meeting. The Board very dutifully and thoughtfully researched and reviewed our current bylaws at a special Board meeting on June 8th, and determined that the decision stands; as per Article VI, Section 2, which empowers the President to fill all vacancies occurring on the Board, the President filled the position of Vice President and the Directors affirmed.

So, congratulations, Chuck and Anna, and thank you for giving of yourselves and stepping up to serve as President and Vice President of our beloved Kolping Society! The Board is looking forward to serving with you and doing great things for the Society.

In addition, Nancy Pelzel was made the Secretary of the Society at the June 8th Board meeting, so she will be serving both as the Secretary and a Director.

Nancy Pelzel, Secretary

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## A Note from Our President

I hope everyone enjoyed Father's Day this past weekend and I would like to thank everyone who gave so much of themselves to make our annual Schützenfest a great success!!!! The weather was absolutely perfect!!!

As you may be aware, we will not be holding a General Meeting for the month of July; however, I do hope to see everyone on August 7th for the August General Meeting.

I wish you all a great summer!

Chuck Klosterman, President

## A Note from Our Vice President

Schützenfest 2010 was the first time I set foot on the Kolping Cincinnati property. Being from Northern Indiana, I had never heard of the Kolping Society and all I knew was that Kolping was where Jim Stukenborg went once a month to shoot guns and drink beer. I was skeptical of the wisdom in that combination of activities, but it did sound like fun. The hustle and bustle and energy of Schützen Sunday was not like anything I had seen before. Little did I know, sixteen Schützenfests later I would be writing this.

I am grateful to the Board of Directors to have given me the privilege to serve as Vice President once again. Any change in leadership is difficult, especially when it is sudden and unexpected. But now I know that the Kolping Society is a member-based organization that goes far beyond drinking beer and shooting guns. We, the members of Kolping, will find our center as we come together over the remainder of this leadership's term by focusing on the ideals of our founder, Blessed Fr. Adolph Kolping. He is our touchstone because of his exemplary servitude and having lived his life as a personification of true Biblical love. Of course, none of us are perfect or faultless, even Blessed Fr. Kolping, but we persevere, seeing every day as a new day, while trusting that if we seek to foster a sense of belonging and friendship, *our honorable work will be blessed*.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve, and please pray for the Kolping leadership team to lead with wisdom and discernment for the betterment of our Kolping Society.

Anna Stukenborg, Vice President

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails..." I Corinthians 13:4-8*

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## Deadline for submitting articles for the August

***Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin***  
**is Wednesday, July 29, 2026**  
**at 5:00 P.M.**

**Please submit to Nancy Pelzel**  
**at: [nancypelzel@aol.com](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com)**

## The Schützenfest Eagle



Pictured above is the beautiful wooden eagle carved by Dennis and Brian Brunzman for this year's Schützenfest, which was literally shot to smithereens at the end of shooting on Sunday.

The carving of the Schützenfest eagle has a long history at Cincinnati Kolping. Ed Lamping carved the eagle from 1926 through 1992; Robert Biedermann, Jr. carved it in 1993; Tom Egbers did it from 1994-2002; Bob Curley did it from 2003-2019; and now Dennis and Brian Brunzman have taken over the helm and are continuing this wonderful Kolping tradition. The eagle above and all of the eagles throughout the years have been painstakingly carved and are truly works of art. We are fortunate to have such artisans in our midst! Thank you, Dennis and Brian, for your workmanship!

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## Schützenfest Sponsorship

Kolping Cincinnati would like to give a great shoutout to our sponsors for Schützenfest! You all help make the festival a success. This year, we had a record number of sponsors, with many legacy sponsors continuing their ongoing support, and several new sponsors who came in to support booths and the new Family and Friends of Cincinnati Kolping sponsorship! The Sponsorship Committee will be reaching out soon to personally thank each of you, and we hope to see your support at next year's festival.

Wendy Moeller,  
Schützenfest Sponsorship Chair

## Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donation:

### In Memory of Martha Stukenborg

Joan Rehling

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. Donations can also be made from your estate. Consult your family lawyer about this effort. We greatly appreciate all the donations to continue Blessed Fr. Kolping's legacy.

Paul Ahrnsen,  
FDHF Chairman

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## Appreciation Party

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

4:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Dinner at 5:00 P.M.

Kolping Haus Pavilion

RSVP to Nancy Pelzel at:

[nancypelzel@aol.com](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com) or 513-385-3120

by July 6, 2026.

Our volunteers are our life-blood – the Society could not exist without all of you! This could not be more evident than during our Schützenfest weekend, when it seemed like everything came off seamlessly, at least from the layman's point of view! We all know better – it took the blood, sweat and tears of hundreds of volunteers, all working together, with setup, manning all of the booths and displays, and tearing down, not to mention all of the months of preparation before the fest even took place! Besides all our longtime, true-blue members, it was particularly heart-warming to see so many of our newer members pitching in to help. We especially would like to thank Tom and Amy Freese, who chaired the Fest for the last three years – you are much appreciated! Now let's celebrate all of our volunteers, all year-round, on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>!!!

## Deaths

**Cathy Gerbus Jung**, wife of Robert Jung, daughter of Kolping member Ann Gerbus, sister of Kolping members Walt, Alan, and Kevin Gerbus, and Diane Glover, passed away on May 29, 2026 at the age of 60. Cathy had been around Kolping for most of her life, but had just recently become a member. Everyone will remember the beautiful gift baskets that she and her friend, Eileen Breyley, prepared each year for Schützenfest, Stube Nacht, and other Kolping events. We extend our sympathies to Cathy's husband Robert and their children: Abigail Wells, Alexander, Mathias and Robert Jung, Jr., as well as the entire Jung and Gerbus families.

May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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## Sick & Shut-Ins

Shirley Fehrenbach                      Linda Knizner  
Harry Voet

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

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](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com).

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A decorative graphic with the words "Thank You" written in a large, elegant, black cursive script on a white background.

The family of Martha Stukenborg expresses sincere thanks to the members of Kolping who attended her funeral and led the Kolping prayers along with the Kolping song. It is a very special tradition and one that I hope will continue. Martha and Joe were members for over 60 years. Martha was especially devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her daughter Rita shares that as the priest did the incense around the casket, she only smelled roses for about 10 minutes. God is with us!

Sincerely, Rita Stukenborg Kunk

A decorative graphic with the words "Thank you!" written in a large, red, cursive script with a white outline and a drop shadow effect, set against a light blue background.

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate all the Anniversary Couples who celebrated with us in June! Although we had a smaller group this time, since the celebration coincided with German Day, the atmosphere was still full of warmth and joy.

I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to Anna Marie Geoppinger for organizing such a beautiful Mass in honor of our Anniversary Couples. Her thoughtful planning and attention to detail truly made the celebration special for everyone involved, and it was wonderful to see the couples recognized in such a meaningful way.

I sincerely appreciate the outstanding support and teamwork that made our Anniversary Mass and brunch such a success. A special thank you goes out to the dedicated Tuesday Workers who generously came in on Friday morning to set up the halls, ensuring everything was ready for our guests. The Women's Club deserves heartfelt gratitude as well for their efforts on Saturday morning – setting tables, preparing the beautiful anniversary display, and helping with food preparation. Your enthusiasm and willingness to lend a hand truly made a difference.

And of course, thank you to everyone who stayed after the Mass and brunch to help clean up the hall. The speed and efficiency with which everything was tidied up was remarkable! As always, many hands make light work, and your cooperation made the day run smoothly.

Barb Hessler

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## Kolping Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will meet at 11:30 A.M. on July 8, 2026 in the Klubhaus. Hope to see you all there!

Tom Musbach



## Soccer Club News

The month of July is a recovery month – the season is over for us. And Schützenfest is over with – what a great weekend of weather and good times were had by all!

We will be working on summer cleaning and projects around the place. Then August comes and the season starts back up again.

Walt Dewar, President  
513-312-8551

## 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 next Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> Kolping Genealogy session 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.

*Deciphering German Script* is a workshop introducing you to the fact that you can read old church and other records and Kenny provides several tools for you to do this. He will provide handouts and instructions on ciphering Script.

We meet in the Klubhaus, live only (no Zoom option) at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to let us know you are attending in order to duplicate enough packets. Please email: [Genealogy@kolpingcincinnati.com](mailto:Genealogy@kolpingcincinnati.com) and send us your name and email address.

Dr. Tom Montgomery, Kolping Member



## Schützen Club Corner

**Next Captains Meeting Date:** July 17, 2026

**Place:** Kolping Clubhouse/100 Hall

Start time: 7:00 PM

### **SCHÜTZENFEST:**

I would like to thank the teams, individual members and friends who worked the gates this year: Teams Geoppinger, Meyer, Callahan, Stupprich, Trautmann and Adams all worked Friday's gates. We seem to always have plenty of help on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, thanks to: Team Wienkamp, Bob Koeninger, Joe Abt, Katy Abt Scurry, Joe Hammons, Paul Vosseberg, Dan Fischer, Ted Klosterman, Tom Teufel, Paul Reynolds and the wives and friends that also gave their time. We still did not have enough workers on Saturday and Sunday, but these people went over and above to make this year's Schützenfest a success. I am sorry, but I may have missed a few other people to thank. Thanks to all who worked at the gates this year!

I do have three new people looking to shoot this coming year. If you know of any other people who are interested, please let me know and we can try to start a new team or fill up some open spots on some other teams. See you at the Captains' Meeting!

Respectfully,

Don Trautmann, President  
[Xavieron31@gmail.com](mailto:Xavieron31@gmail.com)  
(513) 325-7869

## Local German Clubs' Upcoming Events

- Liberty Home German Society – Biergarten Concert Series, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 P.M.
  - Dayton German Club Biergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, from 5:00 – 10:00 P.M.
  - Germania Society – Oktoberfest, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>
- See individual Websites for details.



Thank you all very much for making this year's Schützenfest an enormous triumph! While we have the Lord to thank for the absolutely fabulous weather, we could not have the Schützenfest without our Kolping members, friends, and family who volunteer to make it happen.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who came out to Kolping, starting on Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>, both day and evening shifts, to set up. Additionally, that same group of volunteers was seen all weekend working the Schützenfest at multiple booths and events. Furthermore, that group was stacking tables and chairs and putting things away on Monday and Tuesday after the festival was over. Prost to our die-hard members who show up time and time again!

To our generous sponsors, thank you! Your donations go a long way to helping us start the festival and your support to the Kolping Society of Cincinnati is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our Grand Raffle award winners:

Bob Armintrout  
Ben Burke  
Tom Brink



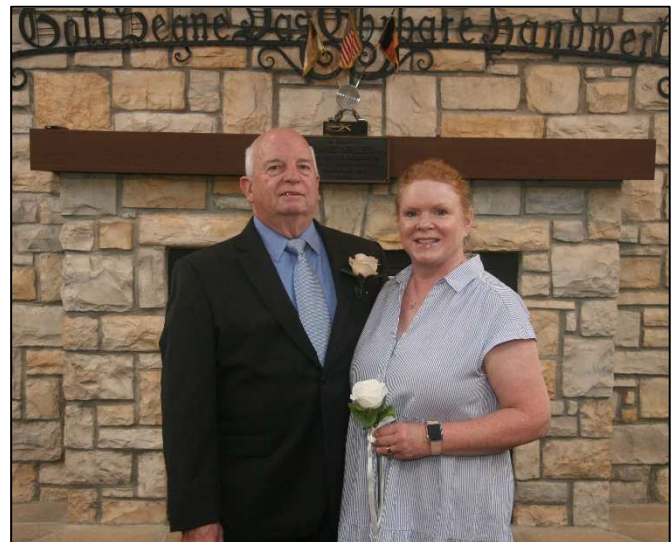
**Left, Chuck Klosterman,  
Kolping President,  
presenting the Grand Raffle  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize to  
Bob Armintrout**

Finally, the winners of the FC Cincinnati tickets for volunteering at Schützenfest will be announced at the Appreciation Party on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Winners do not need to be present unless they want to enjoy some good food, beer and camaraderie.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2026 Schützenfest a huge success!

Treu Kolping!  
Tom Freese, Schützenfest Chairman

**Anniversary Mass Celebrants, June 7, 2026**



**Top left, Barbara and George Willenbrink  
Top right, Pat and Sheila Gramaglia  
Above left, Amy and Tom Freese  
Middle right, Christopher Thorner and  
Lisa Ruff  
Bottom right, Russ and Barbara Hessler**

**Celebrants not present:  
Eric and Penny Muench**

# Scenes from Schützenfest 2026



# GROOVIN' IN THE GROVE



Featuring the Internationally Acclaimed

# Daglio

Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 – 9:00

## **A Free Concert**

**Family Friendly - Food - Drinks – Games**

**Presented by The Kolping Haus**

**Under the Pavilion**

**Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors**

# 2026 Calendar of Events

<p><b>JANUARY</b> NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 5 Board Meeting 31 Stube Nacht</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY</b> 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting 20 Fish Fry 21 Valentine's Dance 27 Fish Fry</p> <p><b>MARCH</b> 2 Board Meeting 6 Fish Fry 6 General Meeting 11 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 13 Fish Fry 20 Fish Fry 21 Schützen Royal Ball 27 Fish Fry 27-29 Kolping Memorial Tournament 30 Board Meeting (April)</p> <p><b>APRIL</b> NO GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL 4 Easter Egg Hunt 12 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 19 Sängchor Spring Konzert 27 Board Meeting (May)</p> <p><b>MAY</b> 1 General Meeting 15 Schützen End Party 20 Schützenfest Planning Meeting 27 Groovin' in the Grove</p> <p><b>JUNE</b> 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b> 7 Anniversary Mass 19-21 Schützenfest 24 Groovin' in the Grove 29 Board Meeting (July)</p> <p><b>JULY</b> NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 12 Appreciation Party 17 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 22 Groovin' in the Grove</p> <p><b>AUGUST</b> 3 Board Meeting 7 General Meeting 21 First Schützen Nacht 26 Groovin' in the Grove 31 Board Meeting (September)</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER</b> NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 18-20 1931 Invitational Tournament 18-20 National Kolping Convention 23 Groovin' in the Grove 28 Board Meeting (October)</p> <p><b>OCTOBER</b> 2 General Meeting 5 New Member Initiation Meeting</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER</b> 1 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting/Elections 14 St. Martin's Day Celebration 29 Sängchor Weihnachts Konzert 30 Board Meeting (December)</p> <p><b>DECEMBER</b> 6 Christmas Mass and Party 13 Children's Christmas Party</p>
<p><b>MEETINGS:</b></p> <p><b>Board of Directors</b> Monday prior to the first Friday of the month - 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Women's Klub</b> First Thursday - 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>General Membership</b> First Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Senior Citizens</b> Second Wednesday - 11:30 am</p> <p><b>Bier Choir</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 7:00 pm</p> <p><b>Schützen Club</b> Third Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Genealogy Group</b> Third Sunday - 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Sängchor</b> Every Tuesday - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Soccer Club</b> Fourth Wednesday - 8:00 pm</p> <p><b>Bourbon Club</b> Fourth Friday - 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</b></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>