

## June 2026

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### Note from the Editor

Summer is right around the corner, and that means Schützenfest is as well! We still need volunteers, so please contact Paul Reynolds at: [paul.c.reynolds2@gmail.com](mailto:paul.c.reynolds2@gmail.com). You can also volunteer by scanning the QR code on page 7. More information about Schützenfest is on pages 7-9. Don't forget to make reservations for the Wedding Anniversary Mass on June 7<sup>th</sup> (see p. 4), and for the Appreciation Party on July 12<sup>th</sup> (see p. 2). We also have our second "Groovin' in the Grove" on July 22<sup>nd</sup> (see p. 10).

Have a great summer!

Nancy Pelzel, Editor

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### June Events

June 5, 7:30 P.M.

General Meeting

June 7, 11:00 A.M.

Anniversary Mass

June 19-21

Schützenfest

June 24, 6:00 P.M.

Groovin' in the Grove

June 26, 7:00 P.M.

Bourbon Club

### 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

### Thank You, Trey Seibel!

Thank you, Trey, for stepping up to take the helm of the Cincinnati Kolping Society! We truly appreciate your past two stints as Cincinnati Kolping President and for volunteering this time as well. We know that you have a long history with the Society and that it is near and dear to your heart. We are sad to hear that you are resigning (see p. 3 for a letter from Trey), but we wish you all the best!

A new president will be chosen at the next Board meeting on June 1, 2026.

The Cincinnati Kolping Board of Directors



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Rick	Stille	Jun 1
Richard	Strecker	Jun 1
Theresa	Vogelsang	Jun 1
Sonja	Wilson	Jun 1
Virginia	Clayton-Hoelle	Jun 4
Carolyn	Althoff	Jun 5
Virginia	Hughes	Jun 6
Celeste	Hermes	Jun 7
Janet	Curley	Jun 8
William	Hungler	Jun 8
Andrew	Nuckols	Jun 8
Guenther	Stark	Jun 8
Theodore	Hoerstmann	Jun 10
Holly	Scholz	Jun 10
Rachel	Hoffman	Jun 11
Charles	Lippert	Jun 11
Darrell	Bingham	Jun 12
Ray	Freudiger	Jun 12
Joseph	Meister	Jun 12
John	Wegener	Jun 12
Bob	Brown	Jun 13
Katrina	Brunsmann	Jun 13
John	Stevie	Jun 13
David	Tasset	Jun 13

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
John	Beiting	Jun 15
Kelly	Geoppinger	Jun 15
David	Lahrman	Jun 15
Scott	Roberson	Jun 16
Laura	Adelmann	Jun 17
Eric	Schank	Jun 19
Mary	Gerbus	Jun 20
M.M	Jamison	Jun 21
Rita	Kunk	Jun 21
Dagmar	Wilhelmy	Jun 21
Franz	Wilke	Jun 21
Ruth	Schindler	Jun 22
James	Schraivogel	Jun 22
Ron	Von Den Benken	Jun 23
Albert	Welage	Jun 24
Michael C.	Callahan	Jun 25
Brandon	Mayer	Jun 25
Thomas A.	Montgomery	Jun 25
Diane	Glover	Jun 26
Monica	Rice	Jun 26
Jack	Hoeting	Jun 27
Anne	Pohlman	Jun 28
Mark	Schroer	Jun 28
Nancy	Ellensohn	Jun 30

**Appreciation Party  
Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 – 8:00 P.M.  
Dinner at 5:00 P.M.  
Kolping Haus Pavilion**

We are so thankful for all of our volunteers – year-round, all of YOU step up when help is needed and make this a better Society. We would like to celebrate all of you at our annual Appreciation Party, so please make your reservations by contacting Nancy Pelzel at: [nancypelzel@aol.com](mailto:nancypelzel@aol.com) or 513-385-3120 by July 6, 2026.

**Thank you for all you do!!!**

## A Note from Our President

Dear Board Members and Active Members of Cincinnati Kolping,

After days of self-reflection and conversations with my partner, Beth, it is with a heavy heart that I am giving notice of my resignation as President of the Cincinnati Catholic Kolping Society. This decision was not an easy one and it saddens me to the core. My grandfather was a founding member of the Society here in Cincinnati over one hundred years ago and I am now part of a 4-generation family of members. I was brought up in the Kolping building in Springfield Township and now where it stands on Mill Road. I was raised with an understanding of Father Adolph Kolping's vision of a Catholic, education, and action-oriented organization - an organization centered around service to the community.

I was on the Board for the past two years and was the only person to step up to volunteer to take the role of president last January. I had already been the president of Kolping twice before and I hoped that there were other members who care as deeply as I do - others who would volunteer their time. Unfortunately, that did not happen. I was lucky enough to have Chuck Klosterman step up and be my Vice President. He has been amazing and I appreciate him more than he will ever know. I already had reservations about how I would work with the Board to bring Kolping back to the organization it was intended to be when Father Kolping brought it to fruition. The last administration had moved so far away from the traditions of our Society that I worried about its direction.

It is only my opinion, but I worry that the Kolping Society is being molded into a business instead of the organization based on service to the community that it was intended to be. My fear is that the mission is now to make money and not to serve. My first message to the membership after becoming president was that I would like to move away from the business mindset and bring the Society back to the community service organization it was intended to be. I have been met with anger and disrespect, and it is very discouraging to realize that the Kolping Society I once loved to be a part of is being changed into something different.

## A Note from Our President (cont'd.)

Our focus is no longer helping the community and working to bring young families into the fold to continue Father Kolping's mission. We do nothing to attract young people and when we do get someone young who wants to volunteer their time to help, they are met with criticism. I do not sense that there are any members interested in mentoring or encouraging new members to get involved.

Our mission should be to continue what Father Kolping intended - to raise funds enough to keep the CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY moving forward in a positive light. Instead, we have become an organization that has a building that has outgrown us. Our concerns now are about selling out the hall so that we can sustain the cost of it. We now have employees who are compensated, instead of members who just want to help. At times I think that we should just go back to a smaller building that can allow us to keep going as a Catholic Society with a focus on German heritage where the mission is clear - give support to our members and to be a voluntary service provider to our community.

I love the wonderful history my family has and I have with Kolping. I hope we can bring our message back to one of service again. I will remain an active member and will continue to volunteer my time, and I ask all members to be active. Volunteer for events, run for office, attend as much as you can, and help other members who may be in need. Our Society will not survive without you.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as president over the last few months. I believe that Chuck Klosterman will be a perfect replacement for me as President of Kolping. We share a vision for the Society, and he is the best person to work with the Board and guide us back in a positive direction based on the teachings of Father Kolping. I will continue to see you all and pray that the Catholic Kolping Society is here for another one hundred years.

Sincerely,  
Trey Seibel

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

**June 7, 2026 at 11:00 am  
Kolping Center – 10235 Mill Rd.**

Please congratulate the following couples on their anniversaries that we will celebrate this year. It's not too late to join if you have an anniversary this year and would like to celebrate with us. Please let me know.

We look forward to celebrating with a special Mass and brunch. Cost for the brunch is \$15 per person. No charge for children 10 & younger. **Reservations are required by May 28, 2026. We have to order food in advance, so late reservations will not be accepted. Email or call Barb Hessler at: [BHessler129@gmail.com](mailto:BHessler129@gmail.com) or 513-520-8664.**

## 65 Years

George & Barbara Willenbrink

## 55 Years

Pat & Sheila Gramaglia

## 40 Years

Eric & Penny Muench

## 35 Years

Russ & Barb Hessler

We'd love to have your help to prepare for this event with set-up and food preparation. If you are willing and able, please contact Barb Hessler.

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**Deadline for submitting articles  
for the July  
*Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin*  
is Wednesday, June 24, 2026  
at 5:00 P.M.**

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

## Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations:

### In Memory of Barbara Macke

Helene Schrand, Ann Gerbus

### In Memory of Henry Faulk

Joan Rehling, Janet Talkers Kuhl, Ann Gerbus

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.

Here is a note from the newest FDHF Scholarship recipient, William Huntsinger:

*I am currently an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Michael in Sharonville and will attend Moeller High School in the fall. I am an active member of Phi Lambda Pi at Evendale Rec, a server at church, and I play soccer for Cincinnati Elite FC. I am looking forward to making lifelong friends and memories at Moeller. I will be following in my grandpa, Kolping member Carl Schlake's, footsteps when attending Moeller.*



## Deaths

**Julia Neumann**, wife of the late James Neumann, Sr. and mother of Kolping members Phil Neumann and Linda Hambrick; also Kolping member for 23 years, passed away on May 16, 2026 at the age of 91. We extend our sympathies to her children: Sharon Nelson, Greg and Phil Neumann, and Linda Hambrick, as well as the entire Neumann family.

**Martha Stukenborg**, wife of the late Josef Stukenborg and mother of Kolping member Rita Kunk; also Kolping member for 60 years, passed away on May 19, 2026 at the age of 97. Martha had been a member of the Kolping Ladies Auxiliary. Our condolences go out to her daughters: Rita Kunk, Lisa Raterman, and Mary Umphrey, and the whole Stukenborg family.

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

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## Sick & Shut-Ins

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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## Kolping Seniors

There will be **NO** Seniors meeting in June. Schützenfest preparations take priority over meetings. Next scheduled meeting is July 8. Hope to see you then!

Tom Musbach

## A Note from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

June 7 is our annual Kolping celebration to honor couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries. This is important for those who believe that wedding vows are a lifetime commitment to be faithful partners who gladly rejoice in their children.

Marriage today is not the social institution it was in the last century. Then, most young people married and raised a family. That was a major benefit since the family is the basic unit of human society. Today many nations are concerned that there are not enough solid marriages to provide for the stability of their populations. Thus, China, for example, is giving special monetary incentives to encourage its citizens to have more children.

Some of our U.S. government leaders are also worried that there will not be enough children to keep the population from declining in the coming decades. That is an issue since care costs for the elderly is a huge budget issue facing our country today. Some young people today choose to care for their careers and their pets, rather than children. I worry about them.

Marital fidelity is under stress today, since past social norms of marriage and family are in decline. If Father Kolping were alive today, he would surely encourage strong moral norms. As a Catholic social organization, our Kolping Society must cherish the value of every human life. That's why we celebrate all the couples who are faithful in marriage. That is why we must strive, above all, to be a family-friendly social organization.

God bless all our families celebrating anniversaries this month.

Fr. Dan



## Soccer Club News

As the season begins to wind down, we want to thank all our players, coaches, families, referees, and volunteers for another memorable year. Like every season, there have been both ups and downs, challenges and successes, but through it all, our soccer community has continued to grow and support one another.

Tryouts are currently ongoing this week as we begin preparing for the upcoming season. We appreciate everyone participating and look forward to seeing both returning and new players continue to grow within our club.

If you know of anyone looking for a team, please encourage them to check out our website for additional information about our programs and tryouts.

Thank you again for being part of our soccer community and helping make this season a success!

Walt Dewar, President  
513-312-8551

## Sängerchor News

After coming back from San Antonio, Texas, where the Kolping Sängerchor sang at the National Sängerfest, they are certainly not letting the grass grow under their feet, as they will be singing at 3:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at the Hofbräuhaus for German Day. Come join them and enjoy the Gemütlichkeit at the GACL German Day festivities!



## Schützen Club Corner

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

**Place:** Kolping Clubhouse/100 Hall

Start time: 7:00 PM

### THE END PARTY:

We had about 130 people attending The End Party on May 15. Thank you to Team Wienkamp for making whiskey sours this year. It's a great tradition.

### This year's Schützenfest on June 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>

\*\*\* We still desperately need teams or any individual members to help work the gates at Schützenfest on Sunday. Please call or email me to help. Any available time to help would be greatly appreciated, or just show up. \*\*\*

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Schützenfest will be our Pellet Gun Shooting Competition. If your team would like to compete, competition starts at 3PM on Saturday. Charge is \$50.00 per team.

Respectfully,

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

# 2026 Schützenfest Volunteers Needed!

June 19th, 20th, 21st



Volunteers are needed for the Kolping Society of Cincinnati's Annual Schützenfest on June 19th, 20th, and 21st

## VOLUNTEER!

Visit the SignUp Genius via the QR code below  
or  
Text (859)-487-0545 to sign up or ask questions



Sign Up Genius

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

For more information about Schützenfest  
visit our website via QR code below



[www.schutzenfestcincinnati.com](http://www.schutzenfestcincinnati.com)

For every shift you sign up for, you will be entered into a drawing to win FC Cincinnati tickets  
A pair of tickets will be awarded to five winners!

**FC | CINCINNATI**



Kolping Cincinnati  
10235 Mill Road



Cincinnati, OH

# 2026 Schützenfest Grand Raffle



June 19-21, 2026 - Father's Day Weekend

Tickets will be sold online & at Kolping hosted events January 31 to June 18, 2026  
and available in person at Schützenfest June 19-21, 2026

1st Prize – MEGA Split the Pot!

**\$5,000 CASH - minimum!**

2nd Prize – Kitchen Appliance Package!



**GE French Door Refrigerator - Stainless Steel (25.6 cu. ft.)**

**GE Over the Range Microwave - Stainless Steel (1.9 cu. ft.)**

**GE Freestanding Electric Stove - Stainless Steel (30")**

**GE Built In Dishwasher - Stainless Steel (24")**

Thanks for the Generous Sponsorship from Recker & Boerger Appliances  
Over \$5,000 retail value

Includes delivery within a 30-mile radius, standard replacement installation, and removal of old appliances.

3rd Prize – Gas for a Year!

**\$2,000 Credit**

Tickets

**\$10 for each  
3 for \$25**

To Buy Tickets

Scan this QR code



For more details visit our website!  
Winners will be drawn at Schützenfest on June 21st

Or visit [schutzenfestcincinnati.com](http://schutzenfestcincinnati.com)

**Schützenfest** is just around the corner, and we need YOUR help to make it another unforgettable event! We've set up the **Donation Board**—you'll find it either in the Clubhouse or just inside the hall.

It's simple and fun to take part:

- 👉 Grab a card from the board
- 👉 Purchase the item listed
- 👉 Tape the card and your name to the item
- 👉 Drop it off in the bin or our new mailbox next to the board

**Can't make it up to Kolping? No problem!**

Just give us a call, and we'll be happy to arrange a pickup 😊

★ **WE NEED DONATIONS!** ★

- **Alcohol** for the *Wheelbarrow of Cheer*  
(Please tape the receipt to the bottle – and make sure it's purchased in Ohio due to regulations.)
- **Money** (We'll do the shopping for you!)

Busy? Donate \$\$ and we'll handle the rest!

*Please include your name so we can properly thank you!*

**We need donations ASAP** – the earlier, the better!

Feeling creative and want to help out in other ways? Call us! We'd love to have your ideas and energy on board.

Thank you so much for your continued support. With your help, we're sure to have another *wunderbar* year!

Prost und bis bald!

**Cathy Jung**

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**Eileen Breyley**

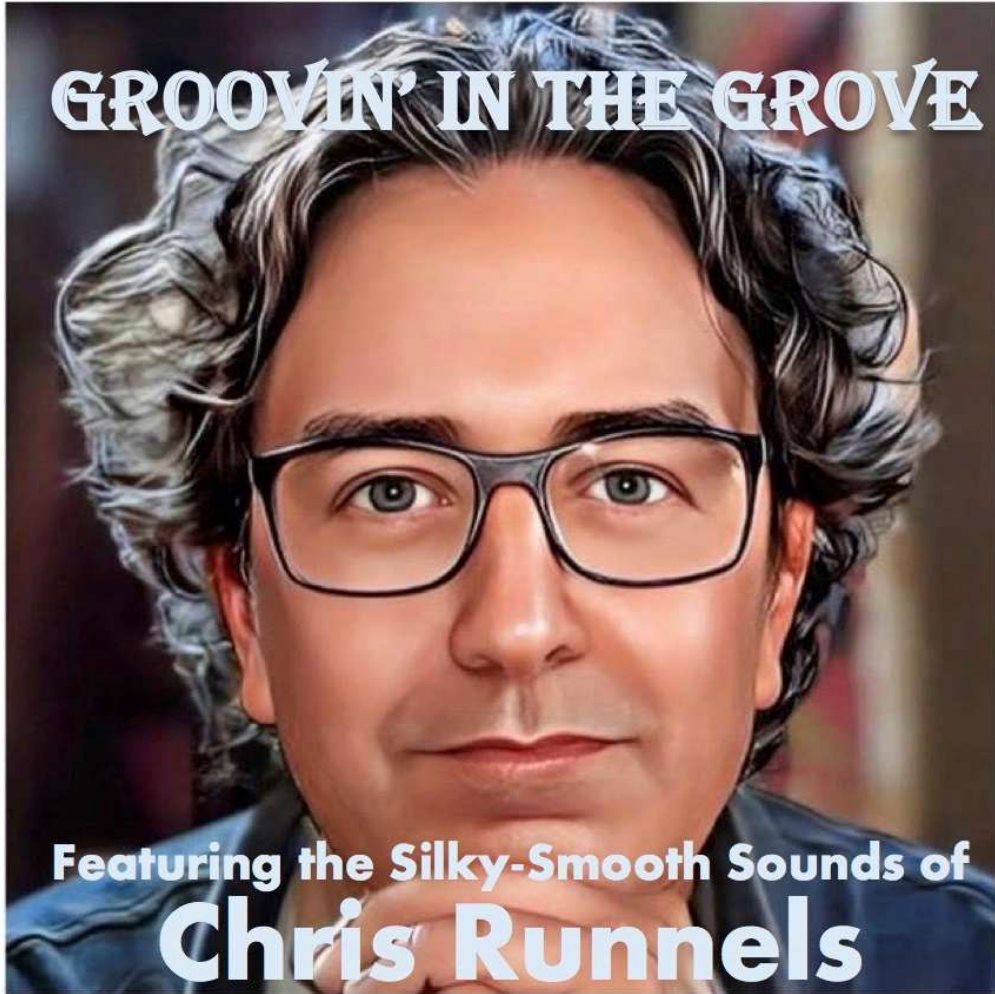
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## Local German Clubs' Upcoming Events

- Donauschwaben – Fifth Friday Froth Fest, May 29, 2026, 6:00 – 10:00 P.M.
- German-American Citizens League – German Day, June 6, 2026, 10:30 A.M. at Findlay Market, and June 7, 2026, 11:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M., Hofbräuhaus, Newport, Kentucky
- Donauschwaben - Schwaben Fest, Friday, June 12, 2026, 5:30 – 11:00 P.M., and Saturday, June 13, 1:00-11:00 P.M.

Please see individual Websites for details.



**Wednesday June 24<sup>th</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 23 Cincinnati Bourbon Fest</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>