January

Kolping Christmas Party

Thanks to all who made our family Christmas party such a happy and successful day. Our meal was prepared by Wolfgang Hahn, who also doubled as our decorator for the party. Ernst Endrich and his staff were on the spot to help out in so many ways. Father Breton was his usual happy, holy, and inspiring self.

We welcomed new 50-year members—Rita Berge and Catherine Ferraro, our first two women 50-year members. We were sorry Catherine could not make it up from Texas, but we applaud her loyalty all these years. The icy weather kept Bob Reinisch from joining us, and the sunny, warm weather of Florida kept Jerry Reslmaier down there—but we did welcome Valentine Sartorius. Our 25-year members were Karen Byrnes, Marge Cirincione, Bonnie Dengler, Barbara Henry, and Helmi Pinner.

The Person of the Year awards went to Helmi Pinner who did lots of cooking for us in Montrose this past summer, and Jerry Fullam, a new member who has pithed in and helped us so much at Kolping-on-Hudson.

The winners of the raffle for the Joe Sartorius Fund and the National Endowment Fund were:
1st Prize ($150) — Betty Amrein
2nd Prize (4 tickets to Radio City) — Ann Vendetti
3rd Prize (basket of cheer) — Robert Kelleher

Thanks to Walter McDonald, who did a great job playing Santa Claus. He took his time and let the children perform and show off their talents.

Thanks to Jack McGee for his piano playing during Mass, dinner, and the party.

MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family; we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.
Milestones & Passages

Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the “in our prayers” list. Please call Ann Horan (914-737-2026) when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

John Brauweiler underwent surgery and needs prayers for his recovery.

Sonja Haussmann passed away on December 17 after a long battle with cancer. We will miss her cheery smile and conversation at afternoon "coffee" time at Kolping-on-Hudson.

Happy Birthday to those born in January:

Special Milestone Birthdays:
James Hierspiel, Erich Roessler, and Ronald Seelbach.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email either me at editor@kolpingny.org or Ann Horan at annth@optonline.net.

THANKS

Thanks to Paul Rederer who sent a donation to KOH.

Thanks to John Reitter, Alfonse Preissier, and Robert Jaki who had sent something extra with their chances.

Thanks to Margaret Cirincione and Karen Byrnes who contributed to the Advent Project for the Mercy Center.

We received thank you notes from Msgr. Hendricks of St. Christopher's Church and Rev. Kurgyna of St. Patrick's Church, and of course Father Bretone for their Christmas checks we sent.

2008 Kolping Dues and Event Calendar
Dues letters have been sent out. Please use the return envelope when you send your check to 88th Street. Keep your new calendar to remind you of all out important dates in 2008.
2008 DUES

Please send in your dues early. These funds are needed for the Society to meet its financial obligations.

Family: $100
(after April 1 – $105)
Individual: $85
(after April 1 – $95)
Student: $40
(after April 1 – $45)

Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Ann Horan, 165 East 88th St., New York, NY 10128 and mark “Dues” in the left-hand corner.

News & Notes

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS SEEKING CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR THE BOARD.

On Sunday, March 2, we will hold our annual meeting. All areas of New York Kolping will be reported on—this will be your opportunity to ask whatever questions you may wish to ask on how we operate.

As part of the agenda, we will elect officers to the Board of Directors. The senior board requires that you be a member for 10 years. The junior board requires that you be a member for 1 year.

Please consider running to fill the vacancies we will have on the Board. You would attend 6 meetings per year. We could use fresh faces and new input. Dinner is included as part of the evening meeting.

The agenda for each meeting begins at 7:30, with dinner available any time after 5 pm. We close each meeting (usually the third Tuesday of the month) at approximately 10 pm.

Please call Ann Horan at 914-737-2026 if you are interested in running. We’ll be happy to introduce you to the evening’s procedure. Find out how we operate, some of our projects from the past, and our plans for the future. Working with a world-wide organization such as Kolping can be an interesting experience!

Kolping Ski Trip 2008

SAVE THIS DATE: March 14th – 16th
Place: Mount Snow. See flyer in this month’s Bulletin for details.

Donations Needed

We are getting ready to upgrade our Mass furniture at Kolping on Hudson. We have taken good care of the buildings and grounds but we should not forget our spiritual mission. It is just as important to spend time and money on making each one of our Masses look as nice as possible.

The prices are: Lectern—$500
Altar Table—$600
Priest’s Chair—$450
Fixing up the Blessed Virgin Grotto—$750
Address plaque to be placed at the front gate—$750

If you and your family would like to donate one of these four items, it would be most appreciated. If you donate them in memory of a loved one, we could put their name on a plaque. Please let Ann Horan know if you are interested in this project (914-737-2026).

Our Holy Father’s Monthly Intentions for January 2008

The Holy Father gives us two intentions each month—one a general intention, the other an intention for world missions.

Christian Unity. That the Church work for full visible unity that better manifests a community of love which reflects the Blessed Trinity.

Church in Africa. That the Church in Africa, preparing for a special Synod, may be an instrument of reconciliation and justice.
Kolping Christmas Party  photos by Bert Bruegger and Christine Reslmaier
While the invention of the lighter-than-airship, the dirigible, is credited to the German, Count Ferdinand Zeppelin; the invention of the airplane, by a German-American, has not been recognized.

History places the credit for "first-in-flight" on the Wright brothers who, on December 17, 1903, flew their craft 852 feet at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Actually, a German immigrant, Gustave Whitehead (Weiskopf) at Fairfield, Connecticut flew an aircraft for 2,600 feet on August 14, 1901. This was two years earlier than the Wright brother's feat.

What could account for this curious discrepancy? For one thing, Whitehead, who was born in Leutershausen, Bavaria, Germany, was self-assuming and had a limited command of the English language. He did not appreciate the need to "sell yourself" in the right places. On the other hand, the Wright brothers knew the value of publicity.

Secondly, prejudice apparently played a part. The years immediately preceding World War I had Germans depicted as demons, and this may have carried over to German-Americans.

Some token of recognition has been afforded Mr. Whitehead. In 1974, the members of the Connecticut Air Force Reserve raised funds for a fitting head stone for this pioneer in flight.

(Source: Thomas Ayres "That's not in my American History Book pp 3-10)
News from the Branches
Submitted by Jack McGee

CINCINNATI
On November 3, they had a Winefest Dance which included a roladen dinner with all the trimmings, music and dancing, and a bottle of wine per couple.

On Sunday November 13 they celebrated a Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Society. Following mass was a Goetta breakfast.

New Year’s Eve brought the membership together with dinner, dancing, hats, noisemakers and a midnight champagne toast.

PHILADELPHIA
Last October they ran a flea market. It was so successful that some of the shoppers want to come back in the spring as vendors. They had a big activity evening for Halloween and the "Haunted House", the "Chamber of Horrors", etc. were enjoyed by the adults as well as the kids. A spooktacular evening had by all.

Their Christmas party included dancing to a DJ. Everyone brought a gift and Santa made sure that everyone received a gift. The holiday celebration included a catered buffet dinner and wine.

Philadelphia Kolping included the following recipe with their last newsletter. We are invited to send them any recipes that we’d care to share with them, and they will publish it in their newsletter. You can contact them at philkolping@aol.com. We can also publish them in our Bulletin, space permitting. You can contact us at editor@kolpingny.org.

From the Kolping Kitchen
Ultra Creamy Mashed Potatoes
3 1/2 cups chicken broth
5 large potatoes, cut into 1" pieces
1/2 cup light cream
2 tsp. butter
a generous dash ground black pepper

1. Heat broth and potatoes in 3 qt saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil.
2. Reduce heat to medium, Cover and cook for 10 min. or until potatoes are tender. Drain, reserving broth.
3. Mash potatoes with 1/4 cup broth, cream, butter and pepper. Add additional broth, if needed, until desired consistency.

For an interesting twist: Stir 1/2 cup cream, 3 slices of cooked crumbled bacon (reserve some for garnish) and 1 1/4 cup fresh chives into hot mashed potatoes.

If you have any favorite recipes you would like to share, please e-mail us and we will publish them in future newsletters.

A Christmas Reflection
Submitted by Father Bretonne

I recently went to a houseware and bath store to return an item I could not use. The store was arrayed in its finest Christmas merchandise. There were bright displays, wreaths and candles, and rows and rows of household goods all chrome and shiny — beckoning to be bought.

I looked. I touched the chrome. I sniffed the candles and looked at all the gadgets. But there was nothing I needed, nor anything I really wanted. It was just stuff — maybe newer or a bit more clever — but it was just stuff, nonetheless.

Gadgets and trinkets and fashions and electronics and adornments and cars and whatever, cannot make up for the longings of the human heart. Yes, it is much easier to buy a gift than to listen to a lonely person. It is much easier to buy dozens of gifts than to be there for our children or relatives. But things cannot substitute for an understanding look, a compassionate touch, a reassuring smile.

Objects don’t have souls, people do, and it’s that dynamic understanding — the glint in the eye — the spark of divinity in each person, that feeds and nurtures the soul of another. We must be that for each other.

If Christmas is about one thing, it is about this: The Christ child comes to reignite the spark of the soul and to once again remind us of what is important! It is the giving of one heart to another that is the Treasure of Christmas.

What do we really need? We need God—His Peace, His Hope, His forgiveness and His Mercy and His Embrace. It can’t be purchased, only requested. This year go to Him and ask for the gift of the Christ child to reside in your heart, and from your heart to all of God’s children!
LINCOLN CENTER

METROPOLITAN OPERA

TICKETS FROM $15.00

Friday & Saturday evening at 8:00pm; Saturday matinees at 1:30
Hansel and Gretel (in English) Jan. 11, 26
The Masked Ball Jan. 5 (matinee)
Macbeth Jan. 5, 12 (matinee)
The Barber of Seville Jan. 12, 26 (matinee), Feb. 2
Manon Lescaut Feb. 1
Die Valkure Feb. 2 (at 12:30)

NEW YORK CITY BALLET

For the next several months, various ballets will be presented each evening at Lincoln Center’s New York State Theater. Two of the most popular are listed below for your consideration:

Jewels
Friday, January 11 at 8pm and Saturday, January 12 at 8pm

Romeo and Juliet
Two matinee performances, the first being on January 12 at 2pm followed by a Sunday matinee on January 13 at 3pm. The final performance is an evening production on January 15 at 8pm.

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ON RADIO - WQXR 96.3FM

Saturdays at 1:30
The Masked Ball Jan. 5
Macbeth (Shakespeare by Verdi) Jan. 12
La Boheme (1977 recording with Luciano Pavarotti) Jan. 19
The Barber of Seville Jan. 26
Die Valkure (12:30) Feb. 2
Confirm on Internet for time and station: www.operainfo.org

THE BRONX OPERA COMPANY

Orpheus in the Underworld (in English). A new production of this operetta will be presented at the Lovinger Theater at Lehman College on Saturday, January 12 at 8pm and on Sunday, January 13 at 2pm. Offenbach was the master of the French operetta in Paris, rivaling Johann Strauss in Vienna. For tickets and/or information on prices call 718-960-8833.

Orpheus in the Underworld will be repeated the following week at Hunter College in Manhattan (68th Street and Lexington Avenue) on Saturday, January 19 at 8pm and on Sunday, January 20 at 2pm. Call 212-772-4448 for ticket information.

Helpful Information

NEW YORK CITY PARKING On major legal holidays, stopping, standing and parking are permitted, except when specifically prohibited. Exceptions for January and February are listed:
Alternate Side Parking regulations suspended:
January 21 (Monday) Martin Luther King Day
February 6 Ash Wednesday
February 7 (Thursday) Asian Lunar New Year

Laugh Lines submitted by Jack McGee (courtesy of Detroit Kolping)

Little Davie watched fascinated as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. “Why do you do that, mommy?” he asked. “To make myself beautiful,” said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. “What’s the matter?” asked little Davie, “Giving up?”
At the Churches

ST. JOSEPH’S IN YORKVILLE 404 East 87th Street
Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at St. Joseph’s Church of Yorkville at 9:45. Confessions before Mass. For information call Julia Winter at 212-534-5625. For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. Emmanuel Narrey at 212-289-6030.

TRINITY CHURCH Wall and Church Street
Tickets from $25 / Seniors and students $15
January 29 – Monteverdi’s "Vespers of 1610" at 7:30

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 65th Street and Central Park West
Sundays at 5 (good will offering)
January 6 and 27 – Bach Cantatas, Motets and Organ Concert
February 3 – Cantata and Organ Concert

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION 10th Street and Fifth Avenue
Tickets from $10
January 31 at 8pm – Bach's "Mass in a B Minor".

German–Affiliated Happenings and Events

News from the Liederkranz Foundation
You are cordially invited to hear the finalists of the Lieder Division of the 2008 Liederkranz competition in our first Lieder Finalists’ Concert. To be held on Friday, January 18th at 7:30, at The Liederkranz, 6 East 87th Street (off Fifth Avenue), New York, NY 10128.
General Admission, Adults $25. Seniors and students (with I.D.) $20. Checks/cash only. For information call 212-534-0880, or email contactus@liederkranznycity.org.

January Releases from Hollywood

(Don't expect much for January and February. Anything of Oscar quality had to be shown in or before December)

College. 3 High School seniors visit a college. Hilarious.
One Missed Call. Horror death film.
The Killing of John Lennon. As it says.
First Sunday. Preparing to rob the church.
In the Name of the King. Film based on a video game.
27 Dresses. Always the Bridesmaid. Never the bride.
City of Men. (Brazil) Two teenage brothers on opposite sides of a gang war.
Day Zero. The military draft is back. Three best friends are drafted and given 30 days to report for duty.
Fanboys. The boys want to steal a copy of the film "Star Wars".
The Air I Breath. 5 stories of 5 different intersecting lives.
Be Kind Rewind. Trying to remake video tapes where images were removed "accidentally".
Caramel. Lebanon. 5 women in a beauty salon.
4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days. A woman in Romania looking for an abortion doctor.
How She Moves. Getting out of a crime-ridden town.
Rambo. He tries retirement, but...
Seed. Buried alive and seeking revenge.
Trailer Park Boys. About a group of Nova Scotia residents.
Untraceable. When your photo appears on the internet, you’re dead.
The Year My Parents Went on Vacation. (Brazil) A young Jewish boy’s adventure. His grandfather only speaks Yiddish.
2008 Father Krewitt Scholarship Application

The Catholic Kolping Society of America awards one $1,000 scholarship to further the education or training of one Kolping Student who submits the essay most worthy of the scholarship that year in accord with the rules.

2008 Krewitt Scholarship Theme
“What is the one major obstacle to peace in the world, and how can it be overcome?”

Krewitt Scholarship Applicants must:
1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of the Catholic Kolping Society of America
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 words.
4. Not be a previous winner.
   Send documents to the address printed on the application.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.

*Application forms are also available from the local Kolping families or from the national office or our web-site at www.Kolping.org. Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of America at 1-877-659-7237 with any questions.

I hereby apply for the Father Krewitt Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.

Name: ___________________________________________ Last ___________________________________________ First ___________________________________________ Initial ___________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________

Number and Street ___________________________________________

City ______________________________________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code ___________________________

Date of Birth: _______ / _______ / _______ Phone: _______ - __________

Month Date Year Area Code Number

Name of School ___________________________________________

Number and Street ___________________________________________

City ______________________________________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code ___________________________

Major/Minor Progress of Study ___________________________________________

Year (Check One): _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ 2-year program

Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly) ___________________________ Relationship to Student ___________________________

Name of Kolping Family (Branch) ___________________________

Signature of Applicant ___________________________________________ Date ___________________________

Mail completed application, proof of enrollment, and the essay in triplicate by February 28, 2008 to:
Catholic Kolping Society of America, c/o PATRICIA FARKAS, 1223 Van Houten Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013
Payment in full due by February 10, 2008.

Destination: Mount Snow

Hotel: Mountaineer Inn, West Dover, VT 05356 • 800-682-4637 • 800-464-5404

Includes: 2 nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on Saturday, tax and gratuity. A complimentary wine, cider and cheese reception will be provided Saturday before dinner.

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When making a payment, please include the full names of all the people who will be staying in each room and a telephone number of the contact person for the room.