January

Our Annual Kolping Ski Trip

Please save the date—the weekend of March 12-14, and join us for our annual Kolping Ski Trip to Mount Snow, Vermont. We will once again be staying at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover. The trip includes two nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a wine, cheese and hot cider "happy hour" on Saturday, and also a group dinner Saturday evening.

For more details, see the flyer in this Bulletin. Thanks to Gerhard and Alex Schmitt for all the work they do to make this trip a memorable one for Kolping members and their friends year after year!
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.

Our prayers go out to Marjorie Ritzer whose mother, Rose, died in December. Rose was 103 years old! Even though Marjorie was blessed to have her mom for so long, she will miss her very much.

Please remember in your prayers Jack McGee and Christel Schueermann.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

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@kolphingny.org or Ann Horan at anthononline.net.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Ingrid & Reinhold Stehle for the Joe Sartorius Fund in memory of Gerhard Resmlaer
Barbara Grimm for the Joe Sartorius Fund and the Advent Project
Walter & Katherine Weigand, Albert Sartorius, Mary McKeon, Erna Dengler, Marge Cirincione, Bob & Gen Hemming, and Ann Horan for the Advent Project.

THANKS TO KOLPING:

We received thank you notes from Rev. Ramsey, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church; Fr. Kurzyma, pastor of St. Patrick’s Church in Verplanck; and Msgr. O'Brien, pastor of St. Philip Neri. Each year we remember our neighborhood parishes with a Christmas donation. We also supported St. Christopher’s in Buchanan.

Father Breitone wrote to thank us for our donation and as always, we want to thank him for his continued prayers and guidance to our society.

Willma Endrich wrote, “It was an honor to receive the Person of the Year Award. Thank you very much.”

OUR HOLY FATHER’S JANUARY 2010 INTENTIONS

Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

Young people and Social Communications Media. That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

Christian Unity. That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.
2010 DUES

By now all members should have received their dues letter and calendar for 2010. The good news is that the dues remain the same as last year:

- Family: $100
  [after April 1: $105]
- Individual: $85
  [after April 1: $90]
- Student: $40
  [after April 1: $45]

Please take an extra minute and send back the tear off at the bottom of the letter with email addresses, change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information I can use to update my files. For those who have sent back the tear off I want to thank you. I have been able to correct many phone numbers and add email addresses.

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.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Ann Horan would like to remind you that we are trying to use email as the quickest way to get in touch during the month. It is the best way to inform you of a member's death, an SOS for help on a project, or any important alerts that you need to know about. Thanks to Jennifer Scheuermann, our computer genius, who gets the message out to all of you. Please remember to check your email! If you are not receiving any emails, it means Ann does not have your address. Please send it to her so you will not be left out of the loop!

All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to: classifieds@kolpingny.org or mail them to: Ingrid Redelmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on www.kolpingny.org. Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

News & Notes

2009 ADVENT PROJECT submitted by Dan Dengler

THE SISTERS OF LIFE AND THEIR VISITATION MISSION

The Sisters of Life is a contemplative/active religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O’Connor for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. In addition to their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they are also consecrated under a special, fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life.

One of the ways the sisters live out this special consecration is through comprehensive outreach to pregnant women through their Visitation Mission. Headquartered at 320 East 66th St. in Manhattan, the Sisters of Life and their co-workers, minister to the needs of these young women and their children. By providing the emotional and practical resources a woman needs, they work to allow her the opportunity to respond with courage and dignity to one of life’s most difficult moments.

The Visitation Mission has already served hundreds of young women who have found themselves pregnant under circumstances that have created a very real experience of a major crisis in their lives. Almost all who contacted them had been abandoned emotionally and often physically by those in their lives to whom they normally look for support: the fathers of their unborn children, their parents, close relatives, friends and co-workers. The Sisters of Life, along with their network of lay volunteers work and pray in order to allow these vulnerable young mothers to know that they are valued and loved, so that they in turn can love and value themselves and their children.

Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society and mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Ann Horan, 165 East 88th St., New York, NY 10128 and mark "Advent Project" in the left-hand corner.

You can also donate your time as a "coworker of life," or other resources. The Sisters of Life can be contacted at (212) 737-0221. For more information, speak with one of the Sisters of Life in person or visit their website at www.sistersoflife.org.

CONSIDER RUNNING FOR THE BOARD!

On Sunday, March 7, 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 p.m. We close each meeting (usually the third Tuesday of the month) at approximately 10 p.m.

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!

THE WINNERS OF THE 2009 NATIONAL RAFFLE

Although New York did not have any winners, we thank all our members who sent in their chances. The winners of the 2009 raffle are:
- $1500 - Margaret McAuliffe - San Francisco Kolping
- $1000 - Elizabeth Boguslawski - Buffalo Kolping
- $500 - Günter Uhlhorn - Cincinnati Kolping
CHANGE THE DATE!
Antique Car Show and Flea Market

Although the new calendars are just off the presses, we have a date change to tell you about. Because it is a very important date we want to get the word out as soon as possible.

KOH’s second annual flea market will be on May 15th (with a rain date of May 16th). This is a change to the calendar that was sent out.

Some changes for this year’s Flea Market and Antique Car Show are:
1. A KOH table. Did you receive a Christmas present that you don’t need? Donate it to the KOH table—100% of the proceeds will go to KOH.
2. A bake sale. We will be asking our members to donate a home baked item for us to sell. Proceeds also go to KOH.
3. More advertising and getting the word out so that we have better attendance.
4. We are contacting local car clubs and asking them if they would like to show their car at our antique car show.
5. We will contact local churches and see if any of their parishioners would like to would have a table at our flea market.
6. Tables for Kolping members are free.
7. Tables for non-members are $10 each.
8. Games—50/50
9. The bar will be open with snacks and special “auto inspired” drinks.
10. BBQ—Hot Dogs and Brats for sale
11. We will be looking for volunteers to help us with all of these activities.

STAY TUNED—MORE TO COME
All this work and new information are brought to us by this year’s co-chairwomen, Muriel Fullam and Linda Ahrens. They are very eager to make this event a success and are counting on all our members to come out and show support. Questions, suggestions, sign ups should be addressed to Muriel at murielfullam@msn.com or 914-736-2340 / Linda at linda@tenerha.com or 845-528-2588.

EARLY DISMISSAL
Submitted by Ted J. Dengler

It is near the Christmas break of the school year. The students have turned in all their work and there is really nothing more to do. All the children are restless and the teacher decides to have an early dismissal.

Teacher: "Whoever answers the questions I ask, first and correctly can leave early today."

Little Johnny says to himself “Good, I want to get outta here. I’m smart and will answer the question."

Teacher: "Who said ‘Four Score and Seven Years Ago?’"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Susie says, "Abraham Lincoln."

Teacher: "That’s right Susie, you can go home."

Johnny is mad that Susie answered the question first.

Teacher: "Who said ‘I Have a Dream?’"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Mary says, "Martin Luther King."

Teacher: "That’s right Mary, you can go."

Johnny is even madder than before.

Teacher: "Who said ‘Ask not, what your country can do for you?‘"

Before Johnny can open his mouth, Nancy says, "John F. Kennedy."

Teacher: "That’s right Nancy, you may also leave."

Johnny is boiling mad that he has not been able to answer to any of the questions.

When the teacher turns her back Johnny says, "I wish these b**ches would keep their mouths shut!"

The teacher turns around: "NOW WHO SAID THAT?"

Johnny: "TIGER WOODS, CAN I GO NOW?"
We had a great Christmas/St. Nikolaus celebration in December. Thanks to so many members who brought their families which made it such a happy day.

Father Breton offered Mass and was ably assisted by Don Simons our music man. Having Mass first is just the right way to start our day. Don changed from the Mass music to the good old Christmas songs so we had music all day.

Wolfgang Hahn was our chef and served us a delicious pork meal. Ernst Endrich and his staff had the ball room decorated for Christmas and they were on hand to help in any way needed.

We thank our members Christina Lovasz and Lou Colletti, who volunteered to stay at the table and sell German cakes, cookies, and other goodies. Wilma Endrich and Wolfgang Hahn ordered the pastries for us and they were a big hit because many of us are not near stores that would offer these German items.

William Kiec was unable to attend so his 50 Year pin and certificate were sent to him. Heidi Umland and Kathy Fuchek accepted their 25 Year pins.

Larry Dengler chaired a short business meeting where he explained the changes to the ByLaws and then asked for a vote. The amendment to conform to the requirements of the law that we are a Not-For-Profit corporation passed. The amendment to change the Initiation Ceremony of New York Kolping to conform to the International Kolping Ceremony was passed.

Wilma Endrich and Richard Povilonis were recognized for their many years of dedication to Kolping. Wilma is the one with the smile and German language to greet the tenants at 88th Street. She volunteers her time to help at KOH and never looks for any recognition. Richie has grown up at KOH and is always on hand to help with outside projects. His latest work has involved digging out more space in the lower parking lot and digging the foundation for the cement slab at the barbecue pit. It was with great thanks to these two members that we awarded them our Persons of the Year.

This year we had a new Santa and he brought along his Mrs. Because Walter McDonald (our previous Santa) decided to take a cruise, who could blame him, our member Mike Weinborg stepped up and did a mighty fine job handling 20 enthusiastic children. His own Mrs., one of our summer chefs Kathy, put on her costume and joined him on stage. We are so thankful to both of them for making that part of our day such a happy time for the children—and the adults. That Weinborg family is always ready to help us. It would be great to clone them so we could have many more just like them.

Finally our thanks to Greg Fuchek and John Noonan for being our photographers. The quality of their work is so good. Now we have the day captured forever.
Kolping Christmas Party
Photos submitted by John Noonan and Greg Fuchek
Stories of Interest

William Patrick Hitler submitted by Martin A. Kelly

The man's name was William Patrick Hitler. It was no joke; he was the half-English nephew of Adolph Hitler. His mother, Bridget, Irish by birth, and a British subject raised him, but she isolated him from the ranting of his unde.

Turning down political favoritism he would enjoy if he resided in the Reich, the nephew became a "Paul Revere" spreading the alarm that a military dictatorship threatened the world. The advice, however, fell on deaf ears in France and in England where Prime Minister Chamberlin hailed the Munich Accord as proof of "peace in our time."

The nephew and his mother arrived in America, in March 1941, to find asylum with relatives. He went on a speaking tour warning about the dangers of strict isolationism. After Pearl Harbor, he volunteered for military service in the American Armed Forces; however, his British citizenship and his kinship with the leader of a belligerent nation prevented this. The government, however, relented in March 1944; and, he served for two years in the U.S. Navy. He was discharged and married. He then lived on Long Island and had three sons. All changed their family name. (World War II Magazine, J/F2010:pg 19, 20)

A RELIGIOUS VOCATION. SOMETIMES WE HEAR THE VOICE BUT TODAY, HOW MANY OF US LISTEN?
UNDERSTANDING GOD'S POINT OF VIEW submitted by Jack McGee

Abundance is the hallmark, the wonderful abundance of God's creation. From the vastness of the star-fill skies at night or the beauty of gardens in full bloom or simply the crystal bell laughter of our children or grandchildren gleefully chasing fireflies in our own backyard.

In the midst of all this splendor, most of us ask that age-old, very human question; How can God even find me in all this—not to mention care for me, watch over me, all the way home to live forever with God, in heaven?

Our faith teaches what the Son of God, Jesus taught; that each of us is an important part of God's creation. For God treasures us as his own, even as members of his "family." Jesus carefully noted that we are called to be holy, like God, reflecting the Divine Life that God invites us to share.

Even the holiest of prophets and patriarchs who lived long before Jesus, would never have dared to imagine the mysteries that Our Lord, the Son of God, taught us. Especially when the "believing" gets tough—because it is so wonderful—we, like Jesus' holy mother, Mary, need to hold these things in our hearts. We need to hold God's plan, God's ways in our hearts, and live our lives trusting in His Word.

Jesus taught us that God called us into existence out of love, the enduring love of the Holy One who is love itself. A love that sustains us... a love that is with us, even when we may not be aware of His Presence, or especially welcoming of it. God's love is showered on us always, but never forced on us.

God's love for us is unconditional love.

Something like but far greater than the love that our parents—and yes, those adoring grandparents—bestowed on us.

For God creates us with a freedom to accept Him, to know Him—or not. Like the narrator of a novel who knows the whole story, God knows everything about everything. He knows our past and our future. He knows our innermost thoughts. Yet, he created us with the freedom to choose. A freedom that is ours, even to the last breath we take.

Take some time to thank God for his gifts, his life-giving unconditional love. Especially in his holy sacraments and his holy Word. Pray for those friends and even family members who struggle with faith.

Pray that they, with Mary's help, may come to treasure these great mysteries in their hearts. And in God's time, in God's plan, they too may wake up to the reality of living a little bit of heaven right here on earth.

[June 2009, The FMA Focus]

Humorous Quips
Submitted by Martin A. Kelly

The lady said she divorced over religious differences. "He thought he was God, I did not."

Do you know how to make an Irish stew?
"Keep him waiting"

Why Attend Mass? Submitted by Jack McGee

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of worship. It is the sacrifice of Calvary renewed. The Mass gives God praise and thanksgiving and makes greater atonement for sin. Attending the Mass pleads more eloquently than does the combined worship of all the souls in heaven, on earth and in purgatory.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is Jesus Christ who is our intercessor, our priest, and our Victim. The Mass is a celebration of the unbloody sacrifice on the cross of Calvary.

The Mass is the best means we have:
1. To render God the highest form of worship.
2. To thank Him for His blessings.
3. To make reparation for our sins.
4. To obtain the blessings we desire.
5. To release souls from purgatory and to shorten our own time there.
6. To preserve us from all dangers to soul and body.
7. To be consoled at the hour of death. Because, at that moment, their memory will be our greatest consolation.
8. To intercede for us at the judgment seat of God.
9. To better understand the passion of Christ and increase our love for Him.
10. To bring down God's blessings and to give us the spiritual strength for a more perfect life.
NEWS FROM LINCOLN CENTER
THE METROPOLITAN OPERA
Der Rosenkavalier (7:30 p.m. performances) Jan. 1, 6, 9 (1 p.m.), 15
Hansel and Gretel Jan. 2 (1:00 p.m.)
Les Contes d’Hoffmann Jan. 2
Turandot Jan. 4, 7, 9 (8:30 p.m.), 13, 16 (8:30 p.m.), 20, 23 (1 p.m.), 28
Carmen Jan. 5, 8, 12, 16 (1 p.m.), 21, 27, 30 (8:30 p.m.)
Stiffelio Jan. 11, 14, 19, 23, 26, 30 (1 p.m.)
Simon Boccanegra Jan. 18, 22, 25, 29

Performances begin at 8:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Special $20 Orchestra reserved seats Mon-Thurs, two hours before performance time (but due to popular demand, you better make that four hours).

RADIO FROM THE MET—WQXR IS NOW 105.9 FM
Saturday, January 2 at 1:00pm – Hansel and Gretel
Saturday, January 9 at 1:00pm – Der Rosenkavalier
Saturday, January 16 at 1:00pm – Carmen

AT THE MUSEUMS
The Metropolitan – 82nd Street and 5th Ave.
Art of the Samurai: Japanese Arms and Armor, 1156-1868 (Thru Jan 10th).
Imperial Privilege: Vienna Porcelain 1718-1744 (Until March 21st).

Morgan Library – Madison Ave. at 36th Street
“Charles Dickens’s A Christmas Carol. An original Christmas Carol is now on view. (Until January 10th).

Museum of Modern Art – 11 West 53rd St. between 5th and 6th Avenues
Tim Burton—Film Works (April 26th). Monet’s Water Lilies (April 12th).

ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL OF YORKVILLE NEEDS YOUR HELP
The Class of 1960 is celebrating their 50th Anniversary from St. Joseph’s School of Yorkville in May of 2010. We have found 61 out of 79 classmates in the last three years. We are hoping to find the other 18 before our celebration next year. Please look at the following names. Maybe you are in touch with a family member or know where we can find our classmates. They are:

- Mary Burns
- Frances Castanza
- Irene Dalton
- Maureen Domini
- Lydia Ebenhoch
- Rose Mary Hart
- Carol Nallan
- Margaret O’Connor
- Rita Stokes
- Christine Stuber
- Nancy Weltick
- Mary Ann Wiezorek
- William Boyle
- Peter Davidson
- John Hernandez
- Seppo Karkkainen
- Thomas McKenna
- John Rau

If you remember or are in touch with any family members, please contact: Patricia (Wallin) Peterkin, 718-448-5453 or patriciapeterkin@gmail.com. I appreciate any information you can give me to help make our anniversary celebration a success!

ON BROADWAY—POPULAR SHOWS
The Lion King. Minskoff Theatre, 1535 Broadway
The Lion King pulses with an award-winning score and innovative puppetry to bring the classic story of young royal heir Simba and the animals of the African Pride Lands to vivid life.

Wicked. Gershwin Theatre, 222 West 51st Street
The untold musical story of The Wizard of Oz’s Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good… before Dorothy dropped in. Wicked takes a fantasy journey through the unseen side of Oz, sharing a tale of unexpected friendship and love.

The Phantom of the Opera. Majestic Theatre, 247 West 44th Street
Andrew Lloyd Webber’s masterwork is a timeless story of seduction and despair. Set at the Paris opera house, a beautiful soprano becomes the obsession of a mysterious, disfigured musical genius.

Jersey Boys. August Wilson Theatre, 245 West 52nd St. Jersey Boys tells the story of how Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons went from being unknown New Jersey kids to international pop superstars. The show features over 30 beautifully sung tunes, including “Sherry”, “Big Girls Don’t Cry” and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You.”

A Little Night Music. Walter Kerr Theatre, 219 West 48th Street
A Little Night Music is set in a weekend country house in turn of the century Sweden, bringing together surprising liaisons, long simmering passions and a taste of love’s endless possibilities. Hailed as witty and wildly romantic, the story centers on the elegant actress Desirée Armfeldt and the spider’s web of sensuality, intrigue and desire that surrounds her.

Memphis. Shubert Theatre 225 West 44th Street
Set in the turbulent south in the 1950s, Memphis is the story of a white radio DJ whose love of good music transcends race lines and airwaves. But when he falls for a beautiful black singer he has set on the path to stardom, whether the world is ready for this music, and their love, is put to the test.

Billy Elliot. Imperial Theatre 249 West 45th Street
Reuniting the award-winning team behind the moving 2000 film and featuring the musical mastery of Sir Elton John. Billy Elliot shares the inspiring story of a poor, working-class boy who discovers his passion for dance as his family grapples with adversity.

GERMAN MASS St. Joseph’s in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St. Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 9:45. Confessions in German before Mass. For information call Julia Winter (212-534-5625). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).
2010 Kolping Ski Trip
Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14

PAYMENT IN FULL DUE BY FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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 night, tax and gratuity. A complimentary wine, cider and cheese reception will be provided Saturday before dinner.

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