



## note the date

### march

- 4 Annual Elections & General Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 9- Kolping Ski Trip**
- 11** Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!
- 20 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 22 April Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

### april

- 1 Easter Sunday**  
Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead
- 7- KOH Cleanup**
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# March

## Spring Cleanup at Kolping-on-Hudson

### JOIN YOUR KOLPING FRIENDS

It's that time of year again – planning our Springtime activities at Kolping-on-Hudson so we can enjoy the beautiful Summer days. Please mark your calendar for April 7-8, our first scheduled weekend cleanup at KOH!

Weather permitting, we'll come together that Saturday and Sunday. Every one of us – big and small – has talents to offer. Projects will range from gardening and raking the grounds to sweeping out the dust and cobwebs from 2017 to preparing our kitchen for the delicious meals to come. There will be special projects as well, keep an eye out for announcements as they come together. Oftentimes, these group workdays inspire us to start the Spring makeover at our own homes. Come and be invigorated by the energy of your Kolping Family.

This year's cleanup dates are: April 7-8, April 14-15, April 21-22, April 28-29, May 5-6, May 12. We'll work together for a few hours, then sit down to enjoy a delicious lunch provided for the volunteers. Please let Heidi Umland know in advance what days you can come. This way we can have the right tools ready to make the most of your generous gift of time. And we'll have enough lunch! (Of course, if you find yourself unexpectedly available, come on by even without an rsvp. We'll be happy to see you.)

Heidi can be reached by email or phone: heidiumland@verizon.net or 917-699-6875. Join your fellow Kolping members for some service hours.

### ANNUAL ELECTIONS & GENERAL MEETING

Be sure to join us at our annual elections on Sunday, March 4th at the Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street, New York City. More details inside!



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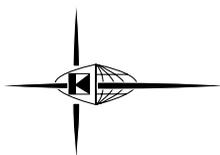
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# Milestones & Passages



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 contact Joan Smyth Dengler (914-432-2535) or email kolpingny@gmail.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

Please keep in your prayers our bookkeeper Gail Gleason's sister, **Irene**, as she fights off a brain infection. Please keep **Martin and Violet Kelly** in your prayers.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH:

Tina Bagen, Gabrielle Barbara, Leigh Barbelet, Robert Berge, Rosemarie Best, Laura Burke, Daniel Finnegan, Manfred Gallwitz, Jack Gilhooley, John Gilhooley, Heather Gioia, Jean Gormley, Andrew Gougemann, Jillian Hemsing, Catherine Hickey, Kerry Ann Horan, Louis Janny, Denise Kurcz, Salvatore Lagonia, Elizabeth Lorenzen, Stephen Lovasz, Kristine Mallon, Jacklyn Mandel, Dylan McCarthy, Cecelia McGlew, Janet McGuire, Ed McKay, Paul McMahan, Joan McNamara, John McSweeney, Gertrude Mohapp, Eric Murray, Eric Nania, Desmond O'Leary, Claudio Petriccione, Helmi Pinner, Raymond Pitz, Gail Prager, Stephanie Prager, Scott Ralls, Georgeann Raniolo, Jenna Richardson, Albert Sartorius, Jen Scheuermann, Michael Scheuermann, Carmina Schiavi, Frank Schiavi, Franziska Schmidt, Alex Schmitt, Inge Schmitt, Roy Sokol, Karen Staub, Carmen Sweeney, Tyler Stiloski, Silvana Valic, Nancy Van Tassel, Heidi Weinborg, Herbert Winklemann, and Ferdinand Zipprich.

### SPECIAL MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes to **Aaron Basso, Eileen Bingay, Margaret Capossela, Robert Feeney and Matt Geoghegan!**

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 Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Mike and Kathy Weinborg will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on March 6th. We congratulate them on their silver wedding anniversary and wish them many more years of happiness!

### THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you **Gerhard Zoeller** for his very generous donation to Kolping on Hudson in memory of the Kolping members who passed away in 2017. His generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to **John and Betty Reitter** for their gift kicking off this year's Lenten Project. As part of a three-year effort, Kolping Families in the USA are coming together to purchase livestock for Kolping Kenya family members.

### LET'S MAKE SURE OUR NEIGHBORS HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT

The Sisters of the Renewal at Our Lady of Angels Convent on 113th Street operate a soup kitchen. To celebrate our annual meeting and to show thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed on us, we are setting a goal to fill three cartons with food for the Sisters to use in their work. When you come to the meeting, please bring a non-perishable food item such as: pasta, canned soups, canned chili, vegetables, crackers, cookies, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea. Thank you for your generosity!

### CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY RAFFLE

4 Yankees vs. Mets Subway Series Tickets  
Friday, June 8, 2018 @ 7:10pm  
Free Shirt Friday Presented By: Dunkin' Donuts  
Proceeds for KOH

Donation: \$10 each

The drawing will be on Sunday, June 3rd. KOH.

Tickets will be for sale at the General Meeting or call Lou Colletti (914) 275-7481 or email: LCookie1129@aol.com



# 2018 DUES

Pay your membership dues by April 1st to avoid any late charges. Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128  
**Att: Joan Smyth Dengler, Secretary**

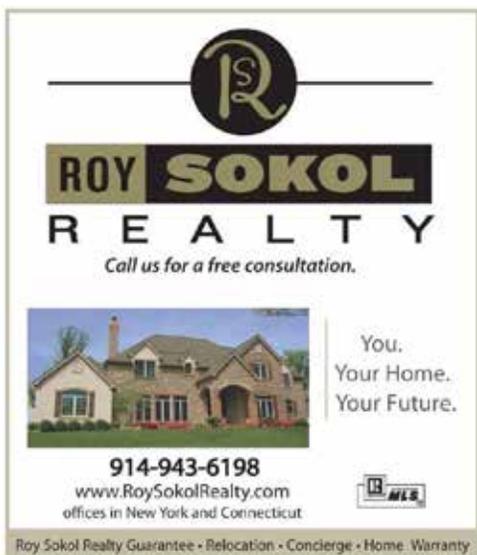
Family: \$100

Individual: \$85

Student: \$40

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please take an extra minute to fill in the bottom of the letter **with your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information. Mail it back with your dues to our secretary, Joan Smyth Dengler. She will be updating the files and will include your email address on her email account. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.



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# News & Notes

## JOSEPH SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIP

Two scholarships will be awarded. First award: \$2,000, second award: \$1,000. Application, proof of enrollment, and essay are due on April 15. Please see the application on the back page of this bulletin for more information and to apply.

## THE GERMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING CLUB

The spring semester will run from January 30 through May 15, 2018. But everyone may join during the semester on a pro-rated basis. It will run Tuesdays for 15 weeks (30 hours) honoring holiday dates. Classes are held at the Kolping house located at 165 East 88th Street.

Children's classes will follow the Board of Ed school schedule, and are for toddlers to teens. Children's classes meet 4-5PM, 5-6PM and 6-7PM depending on the age. Adult sessions take place 6:30-8:30 are for Intermediate (those who have some knowledge and experience with German) which caters to specific needs in grammar, and conversation. Advanced class is for those who like to keep up their knowledge and improve upon it, with grammar review. Other levels upon request.

We offer a relaxed and pressureless atmosphere with no exams, etc. All classes cater only to the needs of its participants and offer outside help when one cannot attend every session. See our website for further information: [www.germanlearn.com](http://www.germanlearn.com)

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## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Use it as a source to get Kolping updates throughout the month or a place to share photos with your Kolping friends.

## GERMAN SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

This non-profit social services organization provides assistance with German pension applications and support, Proof-of-Life documentation, referrals to professionals (attorneys, translators and others), probate matters (wills, estates, inheritance issues), tenant/landlord advice and support, liaison with facilities including nursing homes and hospital social work departments, the German Consulate and German government agencies. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Please call for information, or if you'd like an appointment. 6 East 87th Street, 4th Floor (between Madison and Fifth Avenues), New York, NY 10128. Tel (212) 360-6022.

## 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 10am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).

## **OUR HOLY FATHER'S MARCH 2018 INTENTION FORMATION IN SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT.**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

# *More News & Notes*

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## **Please Join Us!**

### *Annual Elections and General Meeting – March 4*

Join your Kolping Family at the annual elections on Sunday March 4th at the Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street, NYC.

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**German Mass at 10 am:** St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street, NYC  
**General Meeting / Brunch at 12 noon:** Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street

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Please join us for this very important day.

A delicious brunch will be provided by Wolfgang and Geovanni including  
auerbraten, Red Cabbage and Spaetzle!

Following will be dessert with coffee and tea.

The price is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years.

We will hold elections for our Board of Directors. You are invited to consider serving as a board member.

Candidates must be a member of the Society in good standing and  
senior members must have been in at least 10 years.

All board members are required to attend at least 6 board meetings per year.

Please make your reservations for the brunch by contacting Joan Dengler –  
[kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com) or 914-432-2535



# More News & Notes

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## Do You Want to Make a Difference in the World?

Can you find \$1 to share with a Kolping brother or sister?

Kolping's Lenten Project this year is designed to help some of our Kolping brothers and sisters rise from poverty to self-sufficiency by providing them with goats and the training to care for the animals and use them to help feed their family and provide a small income.

If each of us in NY Kolping gives \$1, we could provide two families with goats. If each of us gives \$10, we'd be helping 20 families take a step forward. And if we could each give \$1 for every day in Lent, or \$40 each, that would impact 80 families!

Kolping International is coordinating this project with Kolping in Kenya. Please send your gift today in care of our Society Secretary, Joan Dengler, to NY Kolping, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128. We'll put it together with the gifts from all our members and see how big of a difference we can make when we come together. Treu Kolping!

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### Lenten Project Update

We are excited to report that we have received an update on our Lenten Project (Kenyan Goats) from the executive Director of Kolping Kenya - Patrick Kioko (Patrick), whom I met while attending the September 2017 International Convention in Lima Peru. Kolping Kenya's plan is to distribute goats in three separate Kolping Families - Ndulya Kolping Family in the Nairobi Metro Zone, Hawego Kolping Family in the Homa Bay zone, and Mundika Kolping Family in the Kisumu zone.

On Sunday October 22nd twenty goats were distributed to members of the Ndulya Kolping Family. The goat distribution started with Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Jinto - the Praeses of the Ndulya family. After Mass Fr. Jinto blessed the goats (18 does and 2 bucks) in a special ceremony attended by all recipients.



Each member receiving a goat had attended classes and signed a contract with Kolping Kenya agreeing to provide proper shelter, feeding and medication for their goat. As part of the contract, the first two kids from each goat are to be given back to Kolping Kenya to be distributed to other Kolping members. In addition, goat recipient member also contribute 1,000 Kenyan Shillings (+/- \$10.00 USD) to the Project. The Hawego and Mundika Families are expected to receive their goats in November.

Patrick expressed not only his gratitude but also that of the Praeses - Fr. Jinto, the membership of Kolping Kenya and especially those members who received goats as a result of Kolping USA's Lenten Project of Goats for Kolping Kenya. I look forward to providing updates in future Banner issues on the progress of this project.

Ted Wilke  
Treasurer KolpingUSA and International Representative

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### Ice Fishing at Kolping-on-Hudson

submitted by John Allen

Great Blue Heron snagging a Striped Bass in the Hudson just off the KOH shore. The fish was too big for the bird to swallow and got away to swim for another day.

I haven't seen the big Woodpecker yet!



# June 25, 2017 Special General Meeting Minutes–KOH

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

F. Weigand, K. Dengler, P. Carruthers, G. Schmitt, J. Reiter, C. Portilla, C. Smith, A. Sartorius Sr., B. Preisser, J. Noonan, D. Noll, J. Kessler Society Secretary, Fr. Bretone

Excused: R. Brunhuber, D. Richardson, TedX Dengler, E. Endrich, A. Sartorius Jr., A. Hemsing, B. Hemsing (Bob asked to be excused from the meeting due to a family commitment)

F. Weigand started off the meeting with a prayer at 1:50. Asks for a good meeting along with a preview of the procedures. March 15 minutes reviewed, Frank motions to accept, Gerhard 2nds, all agree.

## President's Presentation

### K. Dengler reported

I appreciate all for coming to the meeting. On Sept 2016 the BOD voted to accept the initiation of the project to install and operate solar panels at KOH. At the General Meeting held on Mar 25 a motion was made and passed by the floor to halt the project until more information could be sourced and distributed. Therefore we are holding this special General Meeting. In regard to a letter sent by Board Member Robert Hemsing, it was sent as a letter from an individual and did not reflect the opinion of the Board as a whole. The comment in the letter referring to KOH shutting down is not on any agenda. However KOH does not generate enough revenue to self-sustain its activities. Net losses were \$60,000 in 2014, \$50,000 in 2015 and \$45,000 in 2016. So as you can see support is needed. The Solar Project is not meant to be a profit center but only to help cover expenses.

A FAQ sheet has been mailed out and additional copies will be available in the back of Assmuth Hall.

In addition to the other points regarding the project it is expected to save around \$100,000 over its 25 year life. Other points pro and con include: members uncertain about of 25 year life, after-life disposal, feel it is an eyesore, a fence and shrubs will be erected to help protect and hide the structure.

Stopping the project could have the following financial repercussions including losing the \$13,000 deposit, \$156,000 full contract value (\$130,000 actual cost) and \$30,000 NYS rebate.

## Q/A from members:

**Mike Thompkins:** Why sign the contract without asking all of the members? Back in 2000 there was a \$1,500,000 grant offered by then NY Governor Pataki. What happened to that?

Katrina answered that the BOD is in charge of running and making decisions on all properties.

Gerhard offered that Kolping may be at risk for lower financial loss with the help of our lawyers.

On the second question Frank stated that now was not the time to discuss this issue. He went on to say that actual damages are not known but probably less than the full amount.

**Frank Kurtz:** Where is Bob Hemsing for this important meeting? He had a long discussion with Bob but his opinion of the project has changed. He was disappointed that Bob was not in attendance. He went on to say that Bob told him the return on investment was 8-9 years but pro-forma says 13 years. (8-9 year return was based on Solar Maximum projections). Said "unlimited" discretionary fund should be used for the Solar Project.

Katrina responded that the fund is not "unlimited" but balances are available for projects. The NY Archdiocese is advising all non-profits to look into renewable, environmentally friendly projects.

**Gus Menocal:** Has a lease arrangement been looked into? Also mentioned he had heard of a deal where a solar company owned and operated the facility with no outlay by the owner.

Gerhard answered that this was looked into but the payback would be much longer. If we self-finance the payback is immediate so a lease is not financially suitable.

**Bob Colletti:** Is insurance required? Can Kolping expect any additional savings?

Katrina responds that insurance questions are covered in the FAQ sheet. Estimates are about \$700/year. Possible extra costs are built into the pro-forma. Savings are estimated at \$10,000/yr with a total of \$8,000/year. Payback is expected to be between 8-15 years.

**Dan Dennehy:** asked if Kolping has approached Senator Murphy who he hears wants to provide financial support.

Katrina responded that she has not heard of that program.

**Lou Colletti:** She has not heard of \$700 insurance estimate. She went on to say the town of Cortland noted 2 variances after their site visit. Stated she heard at the site visit that the new structure was 50% of the size of the main house and that "something will have to come down". Additionally some specimen trees would have to come down. The DEC letter does not answer the questions from the town of Cortland. Cortland is called the Tree County and does not like trees being taken down. NYCERTA money will be paid to Solar Maximus so they will not be allowed to charge Kolping for maintenance.

Katrina apologized for attributing the estimate \$700 insurance cost to Lou. The estimate came from HUB Insurance. Assumed it would be the same as other buildings, so may be cheaper.

However no trees are scheduled to be taken down.

**Richie Povilonis:** wishes Bob Hemsing was here. Seems the process was pushed through. Mad that he had to move his truck but now the space being used for the project is an eyesore. We should do an energy audit and install led lights, look at new solar roof panels. Companies come and go....

**Gary Larow:** Have members been apprised of the cost of zoning and approvals? Have all of these costs been calculated in? Fears the costs can run "tens of thousands". Thinks the solar company needs to procure permits and clear all variances.

Bernie Preisser responded: Solar panels installed on the ground were never foreseen by towns. They expected roofs and back yards in residential properties. Bernie related one letter submitted by a member saying he really likes his solar panels. They save money and the environment. He receives energy credits for the excess energy generated. During the winter all energy generated will be in excess of needs as no power is used by KOH during the winter. Bernie's house generates 600 kwatts over 3 months and has received a credit on his statement. Bernie expects the solar company to offer to contribute to variance legal bills, it is in their interest to see the project built.

**Reinhold Stehle:** He is a solar user and is very happy. "Money makes money".

**Beth Heyd:** This is a contentious issue but we want our grandchildren to use KOH. Feels this is a positive for KOH and in the right direction.

**Brett Lacoque:** Is the cost of the panels to be paid for at inception or over time?

Katrina responds: the breakdown is 50% upfront for material, 50% after substantial work done, \$13,000 at completion.

Frank motions to close discussion. Group 2nds, no against  
Katrina motions to move to vote. All 2nds, none against.

Outcome 117 registered, 62 against, 35 in favor, 1 abstain.  
The solar plan is not moving forward.

Chuck Smith thanks the BOD, especially Katrina and request more active members.

Frank motions end of meeting, Anita 2nds.

Meeting closed with a prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Peter Carruthers  
Treu Kolping

# *Stories of Interest*

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## **“Know Thy Enemy”** submitted by Martin A. Kelly



*An American soldier hands out cigarettes to captured Bersaglieris of the Centauro Division near El Guettar in March 1943.*

Lloyd Fredendall, who had been in command before and during the Kasserine engagement. His first move was to organize his U.S. II Corps for an offensive back toward the Eastern Dorsal chain of the Atlas Mountains. If successful, this would threaten the right rear of the Axis forces defending the Mareth Line facing Montgomery's 8th Army and ultimately make their position untenable. Patton's style of leadership was very different from his predecessor: he is reported to have issued an order in connection with an attack on a hill position ending "I expect to see such casualties among officers, particularly staff officers, as will convince me that a serious effort has been made to capture this objective".

On 17 March, the U.S. 1st Infantry Division moved forward into the almost abandoned plains, taking the town of Gafsa and preparing it as a forward supply base for further operations. On the 18th, the 1st Ranger Battalion—led by Colonel William O. Darby—pushed ahead, and occupied the oasis of El Guettar, again meeting with little opposition. The Italian defenders instead retreated and took up positions in the hills overlooking the town, thereby blocking the mountain pass (of the same name) leading south out of the interior plains to the coastal plain. Another operation by the Rangers raided an Italian position and took 200-700 prisoners on the night of 20 March, scaling a sheer cliff and passing ammunition and equipment up hand-over-hand.

The techniques payed off, however, in the battles named "El Guettar" in which Kesselring and the Axis commanders realized Americans had learned quickly and the North African campaign ended March 23, 1943.

*Source for photo and some information contained in the story from Wikipedia.*

A few minutes before 7am, on Sunday, December 1941, a flock of Japanese bombing planes glided toward "battle ship row" at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. As the crafts approached the harbor, they passed over the port's infirmary, and several American nurses on their way to breakfast. Thinking the planes were friendly, they waved to the flyers. The pilots were dumbfounded, but flipped the wings "out of respect". That was the last time friendly gestures were exchanged between Allied and Axis military personnel for many years.

The strategic situation in the west was as threatening as it was in the east, particularly in the North Africa where the English and Commonwealth troops doubted whether their American allies could take on the best that the "Afrika Corp" could throw at them.

This opinion grew out of the poor American display at their "Baptism by fire" at the Kasserine Pass in Tunisia.

On 6 March 1943, George Patton took command of the U.S. II Corps from

# Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application

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***How has He guided and provided for you and your family?***

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4. The essay must be on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
5. Not be a previous winner.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
7. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018**. Please email materials electronically to **bob42@optonline.net** or U.S. mail to Bob Hemsing, 1106 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520.

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Name of Kolping Member (*Print Clearly*): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Applicant

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Date