**note the date**

**April**
- 1. Palm Sunday
- 6. Good Friday
- 8. Easter Sunday
- 14-15. KOH Clean up
- 17. Full Board Meeting
- 20. Last day to submit materials for May Bulletin
- 21-22. KOH Clean up
- 28-29. KOH Clean up

**May**
- 5-6. KOH Clean up
- 13. Mother’s Day
- 19. Spiritual Retreat Day
- 28. Memorial Day Barbecue

**IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES**
- Sept. 22 / Defensive Driving Course (replaces the Sept. 8th date)
- Oct. 13 / Close Out Dinner & Dance (replaces the October 6th date)

**NOTE:** Our Octoberfest (August 25th) is on a **SATURDAY** this year, not on a Sunday as we have had in the past.

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**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.

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**Minorite Church Restoration**

**New York Lenten Project 2007**

The New York Board chose the restoration of the Minorite Church (in Cologne, Germany) for our 2007 Lenten Project. Father Kolping was assigned to this church—Kolping is in charge of the restoration and upkeep.

The following is a letter from Msgr. Axel Werner, International Praeses:

 Dear Bernhard,

Many thanks again for being ready to let the Lenten project be of benefit to the Minorite Church. With regard to the big anniversaries to be celebrated in the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015, I am thinking about a comprehensive renovation of the Minorite Church, the church where Adolph Kolping is buried. The example of your solidarity will certainly motivate other Kolping Societies to start initiatives in order to support this meaningful church.

Best wishes to you and your family and all Kolping friends in New York.
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.

A “thank you” from Maria Reuber:
My Dear Kolping Family, one of the greatest blessings God can give us is the gift of friends who care. Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement. It was certainly a wonderful surprise. Thanks for always having me in your hearts. See you all this summer! God Bless You!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN APRIL:

Special Milestone Birthdays:
Happy 70th Birthday to Detmar Nieszalla, who will be celebrating on April 23rd. Also celebrating his 70th this month is Willi Bittermann. Willi is a faithful KÖH member and resident. We wish both Detmar and Willi many more happy and healthy years.

Bob Hemsing turns 65 this month. With moving his office from Queens to Brooklyn, and taking his grandchildren on numerous trips, he is going full steam ahead! We wish him many more happy days—and trips! Charlotte Rahm, Karen Byrnes, and Linda Doerr also celebrate special birthdays this month. We wish them good health and happiness!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS
Detmar and Lulu Nieszalla welcomed their 13th grandchild, in Indianapolis, Indiana. They are kept quite busy traveling to stay in touch with their sons and their families!

KEEP IN TOUCH...
Two of our very dear members, Wally and Imelda Holzner, have moved. Although they will be still to keep in contact with us. If you would like to write them, their new address is: 150 Old Liverpool Road, Apt. 623, Liverpool, NY 13088.

THANK YOU!
Thanks to Rita Berge who donated back some of her winnings from the Christmas Raffle. The donation will go to the Joe Sartorius fund.

Thanks to the following who have donated to the New York Lenten Project for the restoration of the Minoriten Church. Bert and Heidi Bruegger, John & Elizabeth Reitter, Bob and Genevieve Hemsing, Barbara Grimm, Frank Weigand, and Katrina Dengler.

Thanks to those who donated to the National Lenten Project to assist a Catholic parish, Our Lady of Lourdes, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina: Katrina Dengler, Bob and Genevieve Hemsing, Ann Horan, Frank Weigand.

You may send your check for either Lenten project (made out to Catholic Kolping Society of America) to Ann Horan (Kolping Society, 165 East 88th St, New York, NY 10128), and she will forward it on.
Kolping News

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Ever wonder how things get done at Kolping? Most people (including me up to a few years ago) probably never think about it. I used to just show up at Kolping events, enjoy the day, and then go home. There is a lot of work that goes on to make Kolping a society that not only provides social events for our members, but works to follow through on Fr. Kolping’s vision of promoting the spiritual, educational and development of the individual and the family.

It takes people willing to give some of their time to help plan and run various events and programs. Remember—the more people, the less work! We have various committees that I hope you will consider joining. Please contact myself (kdenyler67@hotmail.com), Gerhard Schmitt (ssplinterboy@aol.com) or Ann Horan (914-737-2026) if you are interested. We promise if you volunteer, we won’t give you too much work!

House Committees—get involved with what it takes to run one of our 3 properties: KBB, KOH and KOC

Events Committees—to help organize events such as the Steuben Day Parade Dinner, Christmas Party, General Meeting

Ski Trip Committee—We had a great Ski Trip this year and I’m sure Gerhard and Alex would love to get some help planning it for next year!

Kinder Olympics/Camp Out—Even though it rained last summer for this one, the die hard campers had a good time. Join the committee and lend a hand setting up and organizing the games for the kids!

Also—very importantly, our KOH clean-up starts in April. If you want to enjoy KOH during the summer, come by in April to help get it into shape! Just a couple of hours of lending a hand with raking, washing windows / dishes, gardening and general clean-up will go a long way to help get things in order. Stop by and get to know the other members better!

Treu Kolping,
Katrina Dengler

GENERAL MEETING: Seventy-five members attended our annual meeting on March 4th. Newly elected to the Senior Board is James Rohrbacher, who joins returning members Larry Dengler and John Weigand. The Junior Board members are Daniel Dengler, Jack McGee, and Frank Weigand. Our Board Chairman, Gerhard Schmitt, conducted the meeting. Financial reports were given by Ted Dengler X, Bernie Dengler, and John Reitter. House reports were given by Ernst Endrich, Bernie Preisser, and Bob Hemsing. Cecilia Portilla recorded the minutes. Our President, Katrina Dengler, gave her report and explained the New York Kolping Lenten Project.

Thanks to Albert Sartorius and John Noonan for arranging the day. A special big thanks to Wolfgang Hahn, who prepared a delicious sauerbraten dinner. Wolfgang received many compliments for his cooking. He was aided by Effie Woschitz who kept the food—and the line—moving.

Our Praeses, Father Breton, was on the alter at St. Joseph’s Church for the German Mass, and then he joined us at the Kolping House for dinner and to give us a spiritual uplifting talk.
KOLPING-ON-HUDSON
April Clean Up Weekends at KOH
We are in need of all our members to get our summer home in shape—inside and out. Please join us April 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, and even May 5 and 6! You will be rewarded with lunch and good fellowship. Please consider coming up one or many days! KOH has some open rooms which can be rented for the season. We also ask that you keep KOH in your vacation plans and spend a week in our summer home. Call Heidi if you would like a room.

Kolping-on-Hudson Reminder. With the start of our summer season at KOH, please remember we are the perfect spot for your parties—First Communion, Graduation, Birthday, and even Weddings! Call our manager Heidi Umland to book your date at 718-805-0552. Our house on 88th Street is also available for rentals. Call our manager, Ernst Endrich at 212-369-6647 for those dates.

KOH is looking to hire a lifeguard for the summer. If interested, call Ernst Endrich at 914-776-1416 for details.

Mother’s Day – May 13
This day marks the official opening of the 2007 Summer Season at KOH. Please join us for a roast beef dinner. The price is $16 for adults, $8 for children. The settings are at 12:30pm and 2:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Father Breton in Assmuth Hall at 4:00pm. Please call Heidi Umland, KOH Manager, at 718-805-0552 on weekdays and 914-736-0117 on weekends.

RETREAT DAY
On Saturday, May 19, Father Breton will again be our host at his Chapel in the Woods.
For those of us who went last year, it was a beautiful day to explore Father’s acres, eat his good food, and most importantly, to hear him talk and say Mass for us.
We want to arrive in Barryville at 11:00am and depart at 5:30pm. Please call Ann Horan (914-737-2026) for reservations and directions. Transportation is on your own.

Tombstone Sayings
Submitted by Jack McGee (courtesy of Brooklyn Kolping)

Georgia: “I told you I was sick!”
Nova Scotia: Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. The good die young.
Ribbesford UK: Ann Wallace
The Children of Israel wanted bread
And the Lord sent them manna,
Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife,
And the Devil sent him Anna.
Ruidoso, New Mexico: Here lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon me for not rising.
Uniontown, PA: Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake. Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.
Silver City, Nevada: Here lies Butch. We planted him raw. He was quick on the trigger, but slow on the draw.
New England: (epitaph by widow): Here lies John. At least I’ll know where he’s sleeping tonight.
Thurmont, Maryland: Here lies an Atheist. All dressed up and no place to go.
Albany, New York: Harry Edsel Smith: Born 1903 - died 1942. Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was!
Hartscombe, England: On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.
Kolping Ski Trip Photo Gallery
Thanks to John Noonan and Terri Ostref for submitting their photos.

Alex and Gerhard Schmitt want to send a special thank you to all who attended this year’s ski trip. Especially given the conditions for the drive Friday. We also wanted to thank Ned & Royal Wilson at the Mountaineer for being so hospitable. If anyone is looking for a nice weekend getaway, this is the perfect place. Also...a big thank you to Gerhard and Alex for all their hard work arranging the trip. As you can see from the photos, a good time was had by all!

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**Around Town**

**ZION ST. MARK’S, 339 East 84th St., Manhattan** (between 2nd & 1st Aves.).
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S*aturday, April 14 at 3:00 PM *ROSEN IN TIROL.* Based on Carl Zeller’s operetta “Der Vogelhaendler,” this amusing story is about the doings of princelings and counts, baronesses and mail clerks. Wonderful music and the voices of JOHANNES HEESTERS and MARTE HARELL. Also starring Han Moser, Theo Lingen, Leo Slezak a.o. from 2:30 PM coffee and cake.

**ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH IN YORKVILLE.** Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at St. Joseph’s Church of Yorkville, 404 East 87th Street 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 Narxy at 212-289-6030.

**April 1 German Mass**
Next Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday, the 9:45am Mass will be celebrated in German by Fr. William S. Elder. In consideration of our bilingual congregation, the Passion will be read in English and, as usual, the homily, petitions and announcements will be in English. All are heartily welcome.

**April 15 German Mass**
On Sunday, April 15, the 9:45am Mass will be celebrated in German by Fr. Gerhard Ettlinger. High visiting dignitaries from Burgenland, Austria will participate in this. You are cordially invited.

**THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS**
Located in the Bronx, The New York Botanical Gardens is sponsoring this year’s Annual Orchid Show until Sunday, April 8th. In addition to the exhibit itself, thousands of unusual orchids will be on sale.

**TUTANKHAMUN AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE PHARAOHS**
Now on exhibit in Philadelphia. For information, call 1-888-600-KTUT. Now through September 30.

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**German-Affiliated Happenings and Events**

**SUMMER POLKA FEST WEEKEND • August 24-25 & 26, 2007**
to be held at the Friar Tuck Inn Resort & Convention Center, Catskill, NY
All For Only ... $220 per person (based on double occupancy. Does not include tax & gratuities).

Bands Appearing...
Fritz Scherz (NY), Die Schlauberger (NY), Johnny Dee (PA), Emil Schanta (PA), Adam Barthalt (NY), Polka Quads (PA)

**INTERNATIONAL POLKA FEST WEEKEND • November 2-3 & 4, 2007**
to be held at Kucher’s Country Club Monticello, NY
All For Only ... $220 per person (based on double occupancy. Does not include tax & gratuities).

Bands Appearing...
Polka Quads (PA), Joseph Weber (PA), Jerry Intihar (PA), Fritz Scherz (NY), Adam Barthalt (NY), Diamond Chips (NY)

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**FOR BOTH EVENTS:** Rates include admission to all our Polka Dances. Includes: six meals, a room, welcome party, friday midnite buffet, wine & cheese party, cocktail party, viennese hour, farewell party, and good times!

$50 Deposit Per Person Required! Directions will be provided upon receipt of deposit, SEND DEPOSIT NOW!!!

Make checks payable to: ADAM BARTHALT MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS 271-A Berwick Ct. Ridge, NY 11961
Phone: (631)744-8255. Please send group reservations in together! Bands subject to change.
Jane Froman, popular 37 year old American singer, was a passenger aboard a Pan American clipper bound for Lisbon, Portugal. It was February 22, 1943, and she intended to commence a wartime good will tour and U.S.O. visits to military bases.

For some whim, she and a fellow passenger decided to exchange seats just before the huge 4-engine aircraft banked for its landing on the Tagus River.

"Alles auf einem Wurf suss"
Tragedy struck, and the giant bird collided against a turgid swell, and it disintegrated into debris.

One of the 15 survivors (24 perished including the woman she exchanged seats with), Joan was retrieved from a watery grave, but started on a long road of rehabilitation. Her left leg was seriously fractured and surgeons thought it was beyond saving. She persisted in saving it, enduring 39 grueling operations.

No sooner back in New York, she resumed her career with a starring role in the play "Artists and Models." Still a semi-invalid, she wore a 35 lb. body cast and used crutches. Stage hands had to carry her on and off stage and prop her up for each of the 22 scenes in the play.

The play closed, and she made a 35,000 mile trip overseas to visit American hospitals throughout recently liberated Europe. She was a living example of how "spunk" works a cure.

In 1952, Hollywood made a movie based on Joan’s life in which Susan Hayward portrayed her. It was titled "With a Song in My Heart" and Miss Hayward lip-synced the words of the songs Joan sang. The film was well received, and it helped to revive Joan’s career.

Albums of hers became more in demand, and her recording "I believe" reached the coveted gold record distinction.

In 1961, she retired to her home in Columbia, Missouri, but she continued her volunteer work, including singing for charities, especially the children's program at the Menninger Clinic. She died in 1980 at the age of 72. Jane Froman—a patriotic heroine and her long ordeal endeared her to millions.
The Joys of Kids submitted by John Reitter

1) NUDITY
I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, “Mom! That lady isn’t wearing a seat belt!”

2) OPINIONS
On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, “The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.”

3) KETCHUP
A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. “Mommy can’t come to the phone to talk to you right now. She’s hitting the bottle.”

4) MORE NUDITY
A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women’s locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, “What’s the matter, haven’t you ever seen a little boy before?”

5) POLICE # 1
While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, “Are you a cop?” “Yes,” I answered and continued writing the report. “My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?” “Yes, that’s right,” I told her. “Well, then,” she said as she extended her foot toward me, “would you please tie my shoe?”

6) POLICE # 2
It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. “Is that a dog you got back there?” he asked. “It sure is,” I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, “What’d he do?”

7) ELDERLY
While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, “The tooth fairy will never believe this!”

8) DRESS-UP
A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, “Daddy, you shouldn’t wear that suit.” “And why not, darling?” “You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.”

9) DEATH
While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister’s son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always sang: “Glory be to the Faather, and to the Sonnn, and into the hole he goes.”

10) SCHOOL
A little girl had just finished her first week of school. “I’m just wasting my time,” she said to her mother. “I can’t read, I can’t write and they won’t let me talk!”

11) BIBLE
A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. “Mama, look what I found,” the boy called out. “What have you got there, dear?” With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered, “I think it’s Adam’s underwear.”