Fellow Kolping members,

At last there seems to be some light at the end of the Covid-19 pandemic tunnel.

As our state slowly but surely prepares to open, we must take precautions and protect ourselves and our loved ones. The KOH committee has been working behind the scenes to prepare our beautiful retreat house in Montrose for its inevitable opening. Many thanks to Mike and Jen Scheuermann, Mike and Kathy Weinborg, Lou and Nick Colletti, Stephen Lovasz, Frank Kurcz, Joe Szoldatits, Al Vogl and Tracie Truncellito, Peter and Judy Mersits, Bob and Donna Boeschl, Heidi Umland and Rich Povilonis and many more that have devoted their time and effort to beautify, repair and get our summer home ready for the season.

Governor Cuomo has allowed Westchester County to open May 26th under Phase 1, which includes construction, manufacturing, & retailers offering curbside pickup. There is a 2 week period between phases. We move into the next phase if all is good with the previous one. Hopefully in the future Cuomo will consider one week between phases as NJ & CT are opening up at a faster pace. There will be restrictions such as social distancing & limited capacity. KOH is in Phase 4, under Membership Organizations. Here is the schedule for Westchester County:

- Phase 1: Tuesday, May 26th
- Phase 2: Tuesday, June 9th
- Phase 3: Tuesday, June 23rd
- Phase 4: Tuesday, July 7th **KOH CAN OPEN**

We still must continue to social distancing & follow all safety precautions. **Stay safe, stay home, and pray.**

Lou Colletti, **KOH House Committee**
Gerhard Schmitt, **President**
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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JUNE:

SPECIAL JUNE BIRTHDAYS:
Special Birthday wishes to John Barbelet, Kathleen Burke, Tony Cianci, Marge Cirincione, Diane Franzoso, Raymond Gilbert, Sam Giordano, Jacoba Maas and Ed Monks.

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.

HAPPY SWEET 16!
Happy Sweet 16 to one of our sweetest Kolping members—Camile Cantu—daughter of members Ivan and Beverly Cantu, niece of Jennifer and Mike Scheuermann, and granddaughter of Al and Linda Ahrens. We wish Camile many blessings on this special day and we hope that she can enjoy all good things in the coming year.

WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH
Thank you to Jim Minarik for his very generous donation to our Kolping on Hudson home in Montrose.

Thank you to Rich Povilonis for the donation of new tires for the Gator vehicle which helps us to do our work at KOH.

Thank you to Jen and Mike Scheuermann for your generous donation of personal protective supplies to the Kolping House. The masks, gloves and sanitizer are greatly appreciated and are being put to good use.

LENTEN PROJECT 2020
We are very grateful to the following Kolping members and friends who participated in the Lenten Project. They include those named in the Banner and these generous people:

Gail & Matty Gleason, Barbara Grimm, Katrina Dengler, Marge Cirincione, Frank Kurcz, Ferdinand Zipprich, Ronald Seelbach, Tracie Truncellito & Alfred Vogl, Peggy & David Dougall, Gretchen Stromberg, and Albert & Joan Sartorius

OUR HOLY FATHER’S JUNE 2020 INTENTION
PRAYER INTENTION FOR EVANGELISATION: THE WAY OF THE HEART
We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.
News & Notes

KOLPING US NATIONAL CONVENTION
The 2020 convention will be postponed for one year. Cincinnati will host in September 2021. The following convention originally scheduled for 2022 will move to 2023 and be hosted by Kolping Los Angeles.

GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!
Are you receiving a paper copy of the bulletin? Would you like to receive it via email instead? If so, email Secretary Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com and she can switch you to digital distribution. You’ll receive the news faster and you’ll save your Society a little money in the process.

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.

MASS AND RELIGIOUS RESOURCES ONLINE, RADIO AND TV
Kolping’s radio station WKBR-LPFM rebroadcasts Relevant Radio, a Catholic station. While our station is only strong enough to reach a small area, all can hear Relevant Radio through their computers at https://relevantradio.com/

In these difficult times, especially when there are no Masses, we can still pray and grow in our religious faith by connecting to these 21st century sources!

You can also listen to EWTN online at https://www.ewtn.com/radio

Many sites also have the Mass available:
https://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/
https://saintpatricks cathedral.org/live

BLAST FROM THE PAST
Member Charlotte Rahm sent in quite a few Kolping pictures from years back. Here is one depicting (from top, left to right) Bob Bauer, Jim Minarik, Volker Rahm, Albert Buchholz, Osta & Lubie Ondracek, Charlotte Rahm, Terry Bauer, Mary Minarik, and Anita Buchholz.
A Generous Young Lady

The 2020 Kolping Lenten project was very successful thanks to your generosity. Many families in Africa will now have goats or other small livestock that will help improve their economic situations. Children will have milk to drink, manure will enrich gardens and the animals will reproduce.

National Kolping will publish a formal thank you in the Banner but we want to highlight one special donor here. Peggy and David Dougall’s granddaughter Gretchen Stromberg asked for her birthday gift to be a gift to others as well. Her spirit of generosity and caring is to be applauded and will serve as a model for all of us. Thank you Gretchen!

Joseph Sartorius College Scholarship Awards 2020

Submitted by Bob and Ann Hemsing

On Saturday May 9, in Father Assmuth Hall, at Kolping on Hudson, the Joseph Sartorius College Scholarship Awards 2020 were announced by Committee Chairman Bob Hemsing. Gerhard Schmitt, our NY Kolping President, presented the awards to the two recipients.

The first was James Reilly who in the fall will be going to John Hopkins University. He accepted the award with his proud mom Cathy and dad Jim.

The second was Jessica O’Reilly who in the fall will going to University of Connecticut. She accepted the award with her proud mom Susan and dad Brian.

We congratulated them both and wished them well in their future endeavors.

320 Walnut Street
Peekskill, NY 10566
April 6, 2020

Catholic Kolping Society
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New York, NY 10128

Dear Joan Smyth Dengler

Enclosed is a check for $50 for the Lenten project. This is from our granddaughter, Gretchen Stromberg of Brattleboro, Vermont, who will be turning 14 on April 19th.

Instead of receiving a birthday present, she agreed to donate to the Lenten Project and help the needy. It is her way of remembering the good times she had at Kolping on the Hudson when she visited New York.

Sincerely,

Peggy Dougall

P.S. Her 14th Birthday was 10 years ago at her 4th Birthday
CHILDREN AND CHURCH...

Two cousins having a casual conversation:
“How many women can a man marry?”
“Sixteen,” the boy responded.
His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. “How do you know that?”
“Easy,” the little boy said. “All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer.”

“SAY A PRAYER”

Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer, I don’t need to, replied Johnny. Of course you do said his mother. We always pray before meals at our house. That’s at our house, Johnny explained, but this is Grandma’s house and she knows how to cook.

Katherine also came across these questions submitted by Rudy Schick:

- Why isn’t phonetic spelled the way it sounds?
- Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?
- If 7-11 is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?
- Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
- Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
- Why is it that when you transport something by car, it’s called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it’s called cargo?

FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane
submitted by Lou Colletti
FRANCOIS BARCOURT TEACHES AT HENDRICK HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL IN THE KOH AREA.

ANSWERS FROM ...

Francois Barcomb
Hendrick Hudson Education Association

1. How long have you been a Jeopardy! fan?
   
   I have watched Jeopardy! from the time Alex Trebek came on as host—when I was in 11th grade. My parents, my siblings and I played a lot of trivia games, crossword puzzles and other board games and it got super competitive between us. We still get on each other’s cases even when we are on the same team for pub trivia!

2. What was your experience like on the show?
   
   I was on four episodes in May 2016 and won the Teacher’s Tournament. I was then invited to the tournament of champions, which resulted in me being on four more episodes. In the end I took third place to James Holzhauer and Emma Boetcher. I was not very anxious on the show for a couple of reasons. I’ve been in high pressure situations before; this one had only embarrassment as a bad possible outcome.

   My time in the Navy, graduate school and teaching have made me used to being tested in front of an audience.

   There was a musical question I got wrong; it was basically “In which musical did Val sing “Dance: 10, Looks: three.” My answer was “All That Jazz” but it was actually “A Chorus Line” — which was a musical just performed at our school. I did get some ribbing. Winning $100,000 has a way of silencing criticism!

   I am most proud of getting “vexillographer” (one who makes flags) after James answered incorrectly with “vexillologist” (one who studies flags). It’s about the only thing that went right in the finals.

3. What are your plans with your winnings?
   
   I won $100,000 for winning the teacher’s tournament and $50,000 for getting third in the tournament of champions. I don’t have immediate plans, but my daughter is only 10.

4. How are you involved with your local union?
   
   By showing an episode of Jeopardy! at school we were able to raise money for a student’s family to help defray costs associated with her cancer treatment. My donation was one of many.

5. What was your path to teaching like?
   
   I grew up near Glens Falls and graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Then I went on to serve in the Navy for four years as a nuclear propulsion officer on submarines. After leaving the service, I went to the State University of New York at Albany to earn a Ph.D. in physics. I became an assistant professor at Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

   I moved back to New York to be closer to (and eventually marry) my wife, Hendrick Hudson was the only school in the area that took a chance on a 57-year-old career-changer from an alternative certification program."