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Kolping-on-Hudson

September

62nd Annual Steuben Day Parade

Saturday, September 18, 2021

MARCH IN THE PARADE WITH YOUR KOLPING FAMILY!

Our Kolping Family will be marching in the Steuben Day German American Friendship Parade in NYC. It's a great time and the weather is always beautiful. The parade is up 5th Avenue from 68th to 86th Street, starting at 12 pm. Watch your email for details on lineup location (usually in the east 60s around 11:30am) and details on our post-parade party at Kolping House on 88th Street. We encourage all marchers to follow a "dress code"—trachten, or orange and black, for the Kolping colors, or blue bottoms and white tops—or suits for men. You do not have to be of German heritage to march.

THE MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Mass will begin at 9:15 am (arrive in front of the church at 9:00 am).

K-88 POST PARTY

March with us then join us at the Kolping House on 88th Street for a post-Parade party. Eat, drink, enjoy the music and have a great time. The doors will open at 2:00 pm. For reservations, please call 914-275-7481 or email Lou Colletti: Lcookie1129@aol.com

Before you join us inside, check NYCGO.com for the latest safety requirements for indoor gatherings in New York City

SCHLACHTFEST DINNER

SAVE THE DATE

Join us on Sunday **September 26** for Schlachtfest at Kolping on Hudson. The menu is still to be determined—watch the weekly email blasts for info.



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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.

In Memoriam - Kolping Member **Robert E. Doyle** 1933-2021

Bob and his wife Hilda spent many great days with us at Kolping on Hudson and always were sure to share a smile and a laugh. Bob was also instrumental in protecting our home on the Hudson when Con Ed attempted to take it from us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob as he is reunited with Hilda in God's heavenly embrace.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN SEPTEMBER

Melissa Aviles, Nick Basso, Alex Beldotti, Jeff Bernert, Maria Blessing, Michael Bongiovanni, Gudrun Brunhuber, Martina Brunhuber, Steven Brunner, Bruce Capossela, Alida Carey, Sean Carey, Lisa Carruthers, Fred Cianci, Leslie Cianci, Caroline Crowley, Hugo D'Alton, Kathy Davidson, Jack Davis, Nicolina Debenedictis, Andrew Dengler, Joan Dengler, Geoffrey DeSharnais, Christopher Donato, John Donnelly, Wilma Endrich, Corey Fenton, Francesca Flood, Ingrid Franz, Max Fuchek, Spencer Fuchek, Connor Geoghegan, Eamon Gormley, Barbara Grimm, Robert Herman, Brian Hickey, MaryBeth Knecht, Herta Koenig, Joanne Kovar, Elizabeth Lenihan, Roland Link, Mairin Loftus, Charlotte Longworth, Bill Lorenzen, Alina Lovasz, Marie Manner, Michael Marx, Claire Mathey, John Perry McGlew, Valerie Menocal, Mariella Mersits, Anthony Mersits, Mary Migliore, Stephen Mignano, Anthony Mills, Mariella Mills, George Mullins, Charles Norris, Leanne O'Dell, Susanne Orłowski, Russell Palmer, Alfonse Preisser, Alexander Raouf, Kuni Raouf, Tea Rauch, Catherine Reilly, Patricia Reitter, Christine Reslmaier, Katherine Reslmaier, Barbara Roche, Jerralyn Rodino, Al Sartorius, Jr., Giulia Schiavi, Julia Specht, Robert Stang, Paul Steigerwald, Daryl Stiloski Jr., Alison Ulrich, Anne Marie Urban, William Gerhard Weber and Emily Weinborg.

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Melissa Aviles** and **Kristen Palmer**.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Mr. & Mrs. Alfonse Preisser** for their generous donation to Kolping on Hudson in memory of Bob Doyle.

Thank you to the **Hiltsleys** for making things so beautiful at KOH for all of us in your Kolping family. In addition to all of the work planning the floral display, prepping the beds and the actual planting, Lillian and Rick keep busy every week ensuring that the flowers are watered and protected from the deer.



Kolping Society

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You can include 2020 dues if you missed them too. Please include your current email address, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information with your dues.

SERVICE PROJECT

Let It Shine runs The Pantry at The Museum – 137 7th St. Verplanck Fridays 12 noon – 4 PM.

They serve 60 families every week. They also run the LISA (Let It Shine Again) Thrift Store above the Pantry and The Market on The River, 45 Riverview Avenue Verplanck Sunday mornings. www.LetItShineonline.com

We are challenging our Kolping Members to provide breakfast cereal for these 60 families. Can you bring a box or bag of cereal with you on your next visit to KOH? Look for the brightly wrapped donation box and place your contribution inside. Thank you.

“I'M NOT GETTING KOLPING EMAILS!”

Every so often we hear this statement and we want to make sure you know what's going on at Kolping. If you're not getting the emails and you'd like to, please send an email to KolpingNY@gmail.com with this message in the subject line. In the body of the message, tell us your name so we can update our list. Be sure to check your spam folders and to add us to your address book (kolpingny@gmail.com). This will help your internet provider realize that you want to see these messages.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Bring your no-longer-needed but still warm and useful winter coats, sweaters, hats and gloves to KOH. Kathy Weinborg is spearheading a collection that we'll provide to Midnight Run of Westchester to share with our less-fortunate brothers and sisters.

HELP CARE FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS

Bring your old towels, sheets and tablecloths to KOH. We are collecting these to donate to the SPCA so they can prepare cozy beds for our four-legged friends.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

If you or someone you know have any questions regarding sponsoring a new member, checking the status of an existing application, application process, dues, membership status, or questions about the Society as a whole, please contact membership@kolpingny.org.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER 2021 INTENTION

UNIVERSAL INTENTION: AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

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Murder Mystery at Kolping-on-Hudson

Look for a full write-up in next month's Bulletin, but here's a preview: Kolping's Annual Murder Mystery Dinner was a screaming success thanks to the organizing efforts of Kathy Weinborg. Kelly Noll added to the talents of our actors and the enthusiasm of our guests.



KOH Photos *Submitted by Jen Scheuermann*



Schnitzel makers



Cecilia and the blanket she crocheted from the wool Christel donated to the ladies

Fourth of July BBQ



Tropical Night



Kolping Member News... Submitted By Lou Colletti

Once again Catholic Kolping Members are following the Mission of Fr. Kolping. Rob and Liz Herman are instilling great education values in their son, Joseph. All of us Kolping NY Members who voted on Joseph's Art Work are so proud to see the results. Joseph Won for his school. God Bless Rob, Liz & Joseph.

Coloring and sports make winning combo: Joseph Herman's art wins \$5K for St. Mel's playground equipment

by Katherine Donlevy, Associate Editor

Kindergartner Joseph Herman loves playing sports and being artistic. His passion for both jumped off the page and earned him a grand prize in a nationwide coloring contest — his school was awarded \$5,000 for new playground equipment. Herman's entry of soccer players was selected as the winner in PHIT America's Romero Britto Coloring Contest from over 3,000 entries. The nonprofit, whose acronym stands for Personal Health Investment Today, works to improve the physical and mental health of children around the country. "I like coloring!" the 5-year-old said June 15 after a giant check was given by PHIT America founder Jim Baugh to St. Mel's Early Childhood Center Principal Amy Barron.

St. Mel's is putting the funding toward an additional climbing structure to their existing playground equipment. The playground itself was only added to the Flushing schoolyard last October with the support of the Unsung Siblings Foundation. "Even though we're a small school, we certainly can accomplish great things and today is proof of that," Barron said. Herman's parents, Elizabeth and Robert, were the ones who discovered the coloring contest and brought it to the attention of the school. Herman's classmates also participated and submitted their own colorful creations for what Barron called a "group effort."

Elizabeth Herman sang the highest praises for the parochial school, which has been doing in-person learning since September. She transferred her son from public school, fortunately claiming the last kindergarten spot, because she felt it was important for him to socialize with students rather than do hybrid. It went better than she even hoped.

After the Hermans, Barron and St. Mel's pastor Rev. Joseph Fonti, as well as the school's mascot, Wildcat, were presented with the giant check, the St. Mel's students celebrated with a morning of activity. Baugh launched an Amplify Education Through Fitness session where the students participated in tennis and golf lessons, ran and walked around the track and enjoyed being active with one another.

The AMPED curriculum will be incorporated into St. Mel's physical education classes moving forward. Baugh traveled from Florida to be with the small Queens school students Tuesday morning, emphasizing his mission to bring fitness to children at a young age and to encourage healthy living. According to Baugh, UNICEF has ranked United States children last in physical health out of 38 countries, while the British Journal of Sports Medicine has U.S. kids ranked 47th out of 50 developed nations in fitness. "One thing that the general American should be aware about is this inactivity pandemic," he said. PHIT America works to combat the crisis by implementing physical fitness programs, such as AMPED, into schools across the country. "All fun programs getting kids moving so we energize their bodies and their minds," Baugh said.



The Rev. Joseph Fonti, left, Robert and Elizabeth Herman and Principal Amy Barron were presented with a \$5,000 check from PHIT American founder Jim Baugh to build additional playground equipment at St. Mel's after kindergartner Joseph won a coloring contest. Photos by Katherine Donlevy

Local Accordion Player Completes Salute to Health Care Workers

By Abby Luby

They say music can heal body and soul and Montrose resident Don Simons has actively proved that adage for 500 days.

During the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic, Simons was, like the rest of us, amazed at the resiliency and dedication of first responders and health care workers as they risked their own health to help people suffering from the virus.

Simons was initially inspired by New York City residents banging pots and pans from their terraces and open windows for first responders during the pandemic's earliest days. He grabbed his accordion, stepped out on his driveway on Tommy Thurber Lane and started playing.

Last Thursday, Day 500 was the last of his live music tribute. Accompanied by three other musicians for the final performance Simons serenaded the neighborhood with polkas, torch songs, waltzes and rock 'n' roll.

As skies darkened from an incoming storm, Simons set up music stands and amplifiers inside his garage. A drizzle didn't stop about 20 people from sitting under two canopies or in their cars with the windows open to hear him play.



Don Simons playing his last of 500 consecutive evening concerts last Thursday honoring health care workers and first responders in the garage of his Montrose home.

"Maybe I should play 'Stormy Weather,'" he said.

Simons, 81, grew up in South Dakota and began learning the accordion when he was 10. A retired computer engineer, he and his wife, Dagmar, have five children and 14 grandchildren.

For about the last 25 years, Simons and a fellow accordionist have played at nursing homes and local celebrations. When the pandemic put a halt to those concerts, Simons was driven to play

for his homebound neighbors to show support for those on the front lines.

Simons posted a sign at the end of his driveway that said "Salute!! To Care Givers and First Responders. 6 p.m. daily."

Those very first accordion notes rang out in the neighborhood on St. Patrick's Day 2020.

"When I played, some would drive up and park along the curb to listen before driving on," Simons recalled. "People a couple of blocks away would come for the evening serenade. Some would come from the nearby park."

Inspiration kept Simons going, especially on bitter cold days when it snowed, forcing him to turn on two small heaters in his garage and put up a makeshift barrier to keep the snow out.

"Some days I didn't feel like playing because it was too cold," he said. "But all I had to think about was at that very moment somebody was going on a work shift where they didn't know what they would encounter but knew it wasn't going to be pleasant. I wanted to let them know we care for them."

Joining Simons last Thursday night was Phil Battison on drums and harmonizing vocals; Otto Stierli, vocals and guitar; Simons' son, Richard, who is conductor of the Mid-Hudson Community Orchestra and Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra, on bass; and Simons' grandson Phil Simons on keyboard.

Simons credits his wife Dagmar for motivating him to play every day.

"She has supported me all the way," he said. "I likely would not have made it this far without her."

The daily performance gave Simons a certain focus during the pandemic.

"I always knew where I would be and what I was going to be doing at 6 o'clock."

Simons is not without a sense of humor. Between songs he'd joke around with quips such as "I'm almost 82 and I'm still squeezing. So ladies beware."



ABBY LUBY PHOTOS

Montrose resident Don Simons played with son Rich Simons and drummer Phil Battison.

Members of the American Legion came to listen and there was a surprise visit by the Cortlandt Ambulance, whose members flashed lights and sounded their siren to thank Simons for his 500

days of music. When Simons was finished playing, he ceremoniously removed his sign.

"This has always been a tribute to caregivers and first responders," Simons said. "God bless them all."

Clam Bake at Kolping-on-Hudson

Our inaugural Clam Bake event was a big win with longtime Kolping members and new friends alike. Member Dan McGill's band Father Jones shared their tremendous musical talent with our crowd and made the day seriously rock. Idea man Brett La Rocque led a team of volunteers to sell over one hundred tickets then cook and serve a veritable feast to the assembled guests. We thank Al Vogl, Mike Scheuermann, Mike Weinborg, Jim DeSharnais, Rick Nania, John Barbalet, Jen Scheuermann, Kathy Weinborg and Tracie Truncellito for making it all happen.







Edelweiss Passaic

28. Gaufest

July 7 - 10, 2022



Edelweiss Passaic has been selected to host the 2022 Gaufest of the Gauverband Nordamerika, which will be held at Harrah's Resort and Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on July 7 to 10, 2022. (This event was rescheduled from 2021 due to Covid-19.)

This 4-day event features Bavarian dance exhibitions, folk music, dance c, ethnic costumes, workshops and cultural exchange. The biennial event brings families together from 72 member organizations of the Gauverband Nordamerika from 5 provinces of Canada and 21 U.S. states. Over 1,500 adults and children from across the United States and Canada and from Germany will attend this cultural event.

Edelweiss Passaic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, whose mission is to promote and foster the heritage and culture of Germany and Austria through dancing, music and folklore in traditional costumes.

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