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- 16 Full Board Meeting Kolping-on-Concourse
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- 20- KOH Cleanup
- 21 Kolping-on-Hudson
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- 4 KOH Cleanup & Kentucky Derby Party Kolping-on-Hudson
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- 12 Mother's Day Mass & Dinner Kolping-on-Hudson
- **14 Executive Board Meeting**Kolping–88th Street
- 27 Memorial Day BBQ Kolping-on-Hudson



Kolping-on-Hudson Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Join us **Saturday, April 6th at noon** for our 3rd Annual EASTER EGG HUNT! Families with children 10 and younger are invited to join in an Easter Egg Hunt on the soccer field to search for Easter eggs filled with Easter surprises. Egg Races and Egg Toss for older children and adults!

WHO will find the GOLDEN Egg?
WHO will find the KOLPING Egg?
Basket and Prizes!
FUN FOR ALL!



Bring your own baskets, please. Before and after, join other Kolping families and pitch in with the clean up items to help KOH open for the season! Please contact Cecilia Portilla by April 2nd by phone, text or email. Let her know the participants names and ages. cdgportilla@gmail.com or 516-761-8801.

KOLPING-ON-HUDSON SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring has sprung at Kolping-On-Hudson and we have much work to do to get it cleaned up and ready for the season. Please come out and help even if it is just for an hour or two. The more people we have the faster we get done. Doris and Heidi serve a delicious lunch to all who work. See detailed schedule on page 3.



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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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 Muriel Fullam (914-582-8379) or email MurielFullam@msn.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.

Louie Janny and **Martin McGreevy** are both doing well and getting stronger every day. They and their families thank you for all the prayers and support.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN APRIL:

Linda Ahrens, Stanley Beckett, Nick Bellet, Willi Bittermann, Russell Borner, Nancy Byrne, Brian Carey, Michelle Cervello, Romeo Cojocaru, Luca Matthias Colletti, Nichole Corrigan, Thomas Corrigan, Cristina Cretara, Steven Crowley, Christian DeMatteo, Erna Dengler, Katrina Dengler, Kurt

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SPECIAL APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Best Birthday wishes to Robert Doyle, Agatha Frassmann, Elfriede Orlowski, and Frances Kiernan.

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 Muriel Fullam at MurielFullam@msn.com.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Special 60th Anniversary Wishes to **George & Eleanor Mullins**. George & Eleanor had their wedding reception at Kolping House on April 11, 1953.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the **Catholic Kolping Society of Buffalo**. They read about our Lenten project and our \$1500 goal, and sent along a \$100 check with their best wishes for us to meet our goal.

A big thank you to members **Joe Szoldatits** and his son **Joe**— they've been spotted at KOH doing cleanup in March. Many of the trees that were blown down by Hurricane Sandy have already been cleaned up by Joe & Joe. They are our first "cleanup" responders. Thanks so much!

LENTEN PROJECT

The Lenten Project donations are coming in and thanks to the following people, we are getting closer to our goal of collecting \$1500 – Marlene & Willi Bitterman, Al & Linda Ferony, Frances Schulte, Gerald & Maureen Beyrer, John & Elizabeth Reitter, Barbara Grimm, Tim & Alida Carey, Al & Joycelyn Priesser, Bernie & Christine Priesser, Heide Bruegger, William Grimm, Margaret Cirincione, John & June Noonan, The Fullam Family, Emerich & Barbara Janny, Don & Dagmar Simons and The Catholic Kolping Society of Buffalo. We thank them all.

Please help us reach our goal. Send your check, no matter how small, to the Catholic Kolping Society and mail it to Kolping On Hudson, Att: Muriel Fullam, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548.

Classified Ads

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 Reslmaier, 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.



Kolping NY Member, Kristine Grossmann is an **Avon Lady**. Call her to purchase your favorite Avon products or to find out about the special sales: **914-414-5815**

Disney Condo For Rent.

Kolping Member has 3 BR / 2 Bath condo for rent in 5-star community only 3 miles outside of Disney's Main Gate. Affordable and convenient. Visit our web site at www.bestdisneycondo.com or call Gary & Terri Ostroff at 516-837-3804.



KOLPING IS ON FACEBOOK

Members can use this as another way to get the latest updates.

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 10 am. 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).

News & Notes

MARCH 3RD GERMAN MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Pastor Ramsey warmly welcomed all of our Kolping group at the beginning of the Mass. Kolping Member (and board member) Richard Brunhuber did a great job with the readings (in German) and he did his best too with some altar boy duties. It was a beautiful Mass and we are very grateful to Fr. Ramsey. Thank you to Kolping member Julia Winter for arranging the coffee klatsche after Mass and for making us all welcome at that time too.

KOLPING ANNUAL SKI TRIP

This year's ski weekend was a huge success. Many thanks to Joan and Ted Dengler for organizing the trip this year—we appreciate their hard work! And the weather couldn't have been any better. Fresh snow and plenty of sunshine. Look for photos in the next Bulletin!

THIS SPRING AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

Spring is here and that means Clean up.

SATURDAY, April 6—Rake leaves, cleanup fallen branches, rake field, outdoor furniture moving, Start kitchen cleaning. AND THE EASTER EGG HUNT!

SUNDAY, April 7—Kitchen cleaning and outdoor furniture moving as well as picking p branches and raking. Window washing.

SATURDAY, April 13—Riverfront cleanup; Continue kitchen and pantry cleaning; Start Dining Room cleaning.

SUNDAY, April 14— We will still be cleaning in the kitchen, pantry & dining room; gutters need to be cleaned. Wash windows in dining room and put up curtains.

SATURDAY, April 20—Window Washing bar area and put up curtains, Gardening & Planting, Cleaning Fr. Assmuth Hall

SUNDAY, April 21—Even more kitchen cleaning; Gardening & Planting

SATURDAY, April 27—Gardening & Whatever needs to be done. Fr. Assmuth Hall cleaning **SUNDAY, April 28**— Outdoor cleanup

SATURDAY, May 4—Final cleaning Fr. Assmuth Hall & Kentucky Derby Party **SUNDAY, May 5**—Finally last day of cleanup!

Remember us for your parties this spring and summer—Communion, Graduation, Weddings, Showers, Birthdays—we do it all! Call Jerry Fullam (914-582-0010) to reserve your date. The 2013 calendar is filling up, so don't wait, call now.

Do you like to cook? Think about being a guest chef this summer at Kolping. We will do all that we can to hep you with this venture.

BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS STIFTUNGSFEST

Bavarian Club Edelweiss (www.bavarianclubedelweiss.org) is having their 80th Stiftungsfest on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the Westchester Manor in Hastings-On-Hudson, New York. The banquet will include a cocktail hour, dinner and dessert and unlimited beer and wine. The Norbert Ludewig Orchestra will be playing for your dancing pleasure. The cost is \$80 per adult. Please contact Gloria McSweeney, 28 Tamarack Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 (phone: 845-240-3227) for more information.

EASTER WEEK SERVICES AT ZION ST. MARK'S

You are invited to attend the services in German and English: PALM SUNDAY: March 24 at 11am; GOOD FRIDAY: March 29 3pm; EASTER SUNDAY: March 31 at 11am.

Zion St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, 339 E. 84 St. (between 2nd & 1st Aves.), Manhattan www.zionstmarks.org • church@zionstmarks.org • 212-288-0600/212-479-7808

OUR HOLY FATHER'S APRIL 2013 INTENTIONS

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

Liturgy, Source of Life. That the public, prayerful celebration of faith may give life to the faithful.

Mission Churches. That mission churches may be signs and instruments

of hope and resurrection.

General Meeting & Elections submitted by Muriel Fullam, photos by Doris Lechner and Muriel

What a great team we have at Kolping House on 88th Street. Each year they work hard to make our General Meeting and Annual Elections a successful event at Kolping House. We know you start preparing a week before with set up of the tables, shopping for the food with Wolfgang and then helping with the serving, the bar and doing the cleanup on the actual day. Thank you Giovanny, Ray, Ken and Gilbert and Wilma—and of course Ernst Endrich who oversees the whole thing.

Wolfgang Hahn outdid himself this year with a great variety of food for us to eat. Chicken, rice, spaetzle, sauerbraten, red cabbage, rolls, coleslaw, delicious vegetables, gravy—it went on and on. Everyone's plate was piled high. Thank you to our great chef Wolfgang Hahn for a delicious meal.

Several of our current board members were re-elected to the 2013 board—they are Ann Hemsing, John Noonan, Richard Brunhuber and Hans Lechner. Peter Carruthers is our new board member. Peter and his wife Lisa have been members of Kolping since 2010. The board looks forward to working with him.

We were brought up-to-date on all Kolping finance matters and got reports on each of our Kolping Properties by Bob Hemsing, Ernst Endrich, John Reitter, Bernie Priesser, Ted Dengler, Bernie Dengler and Gerhard Schmitt. The bottom line is that the Catholic Kolping Society of New York is doing well.

As far as membership—we are also doing well. Last year Kolping New York received a trophy for the most new members in the United States. We hope to hold onto that trophy in 2013.

We thank all of our board members for their dedication to Kolping and for the time they spend at meetings and doing other work to promote Kolping. Thank you also to Father Bretone for attending our meetings and giving us guidance.

Minutes from this meeting will be published in a future bulletin.

- Willi & Marlene
 Bitterman, Lou
 Colletti, Annemarie
 Urban, Gerda
 Steinke, Maggie
 Mohapp & guest
- 2. Ann Hemsing
- Bernie Priesser
- 4. Bob Hemsing
- 5. Ernst Endrich
- 6. Jerry Fullam
- 7. Bob Hemsing & Muriel Fullam with trophy for most new members
- 8. Bernie Dengler

- 9. Muriel Fullam
- 10. Doris & Hans Lechner
- 11. John Reitter
- 12. Peter Carruthers & Gerhard Schmitt
- 13. Cecilia Portilla and children
- 14. Val Sartorius, Katherine Weigand, John Weigand, Ed Specht, Frank Weigand, Walter Weigand, Al Sartorius.
- 15. Ted Dengler































Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application

2013 Theme: In European countries such as France and Germany, which are only nominally Christian, there is a religion which is vibrantly expanding—Islam. This rapid growth of Islam has caused a good deal of xenophobia and religious discrimination in Europe. There is a great fear that Europe will loose its religious and cultural heritage. In the New York City area there has been a significant rise in the Muslim population. What is your opinion with regard to the increased Muslim presence in the United States. Will it damage or destroy our religious and cultural heritage? Will it enrich our country's future as was the case when Catholics first arrived in the United States in great numbers in the nineteenth century? Let us not forget how the first German and Irish Catholics were persecuted, even killed, when they first arrived in the United States.

Scholarship Applicants must:

- 1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York
- 2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
- 3. Submit an essay of no less than 500 and no more thank 1000 words. Please, follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar, vocabulary, syntax and orthography will be taken into account.
- 4. Not be a previous winner.

Signature of Applicant

- 5. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
- 6. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **APRIL 15, 2013**. Please email materials electronically to richard.brunhuber@verizon.net. If you prefer, you can mail the materials to me, and I will scan them and email them to Richard Brunhuber (mail to: Ingrid ResImaier, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563).

Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of New York at 212-369-6647 or 877-659-7237 with any questions. I hereby apply for the Joseph Sartorius Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility. First Initial Mailing Address: Number and Street Zip Code City State Phone: _ Date of Birth: ___ Area Code Number Name of School: Mailing Address: Number and Street City State Zip Code Major/Minor Program of Study: Year (Check One): _____ Freshman _____Sophomore _____Junior _____Senior ____2-year program Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly): Relationship to Student: Kolping Family Branch:

Date



Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Location:

St. Patrick School Auditorium

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It may be the last day of cleanup at KOH, but it's also...



KENTUCKY DERBY MAY 4, 2013 @ DOORS OPEN 4PM— Party

RACE TIME (APPROX.) 6:30PM

So, after cleanup, don your best derby hat and join in the fun at Assmuth Hall!





Buy a "horse" and an opportunity to "race" in our very own **KOH** Derby

> Raffles and Prizes for **Best Hat** (Ladies and Gents)

We welcome any food, snack or dessert donations, please let us know if you can bring something!

for more information contact:

Linda Ahrens: finlinda@gmail.com | 845-528-2588 Muriel Fullam: murielfullam@msn.com | 914-736-2340

Stories of Interest

"Molly Pitcher" (1754-1832) submitted by Martin A. Kelly



German-Americans contributed significantly to the American War of Independence (1754-1832). At the top of the list was a woman; her married name was Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley, but she is remembered as "Molly Pitcher."

Her father John George Ludwig Hass immigrated from the Palatinate in 1730. He started a dairy farm near Trenton, New Jersey where Mary was born. In 1767, she married John Caspar Hays and settled in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Her husband joined the colonists in the Revolutionary War becoming a cannoneer in the 7th Pennsylvania Regiment. On June 28, 1778, John Hays served at the Battle of Monmouth.

In those days, cartridges had not yet been invented. The gun crew had to stuff the explosive charge, wadding and projectile down the barrel of the cannon. Then the gunner would hold a torch to the fuse hole at the back end of the barrel setting off the explosive force.

The heat generated by those blasts plus the stifling hot weather and the smoke caused heat strokes among some of the members of the gun crew. Mary, who was on the scene, fetched water from a nearby well for the exhausted soldiers. When a crew member passed out she took his place. This won her the sobriquet "Molly Pitcher".

In 1789, her husband died; she married a George McCauley but it was not a successful union. Destitute she sought whatever jobs her talents qualified her for; baby nurse, housekeeper, etc. Her plight came to the attention of the Pennsylvania State Legislature; and, in 1822 they awarded her an annual pension. Her grave was marked in 1876 and again, in 1916 with monuments. She is pictured on the Monmouth battle field monument also.

Rumor has it that women are being considered for front line positions. Could it be suggested by Molly Pitcher?

When Lighting A Candle Submitted by Jack McGee

When you light a candle for another person or for your very personal intention always remember that the candle prolongs your prayer. As long as the candle is burning, your prayer is rising to God. The candle is spreading light and warmth, so you can imagine that with your prayer, your love and the love of God is flowing towards the person for whom you pray. Your prayer makes the life of the person brighter and warmer. Your prayer brightens your vision so that with greater confidence you can look upon the person and see with the eyes of the Love of God. When you pray for a personal intention light will enter the darkness; hope fills you. You may trust that God himself looks upon you and HIS merciful love overshadows you.

A candle radiates a gentle light. In the dim light of a candle you will look upon people and on your own life with gentleness. In calmness you will also be able to look at your own faults to have them healed by God.



For the early Christians, the candle was the symbol for Christ. The flame consumed the wax, so the Divinity of Jesus has penetrated and changed human nature. A candle is a sign of hope. Through your prayer, change will happen in the person for whom you pray. Thus in your own life, change happens, penetrated by the Divine Light, the Divine Love, shining forth in us and for us through Jesus Christ.

You light a candle in front of the Pieta, of Mary, who holds her dead son in her lap. In the Middle Ages, people preferred to present their worries to God by praying in front of the image of Mary. They recognized in the grief-stricken Mary, holding her dead son, a mother who will understand their pains. And they saw in Mary an image of a motherly God who knows our wounds and needs. They imagined that while praying, God himself puts HIS motherly arms around and lovingly embraces them. Therefore, put your needs and intentions in God's gentle hands and trust that HE, like a mother, understands you and will care for you.

When you have lit the candle, remain there and pray for a few moments. Look at the candle and trust that your prayer will bring light into your own heart and into the hearts of people for whom you pray. Be full of hope that God's love fills your heart with warmth and that through you the world will become brighter and warmer.

Meditation by a Monk of Münsterschwarzach Abbey - Germany

You are Special!

submitted by Walter and Kathy Weigand

In all the world there is nobody like you. Since the beginning of time there has never been another person like you. Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair. Nobody owns your handwriting, you voice. Nobody can paint your brush strokes. Nobody has your taste for food or music or art. Nobody in the universe sees things as you do. In all the times there has never been anyone who laughs in exactly your way and what makes you laugh or cry may have a totally different response in another.

So—you are special. You are different from any other person who has ever lived in the history of the universe. You are the only one in the whole creation who has your particular set of abilities. There is always someone who is better at one thing or another. Every person is your superior in at least one way. But nobody in the universe can reach the quilt of the combination of your talents, your feelings. Like a room full of musical instruments some might excel in one way or another but nobody can match the symphonic sound when all are played together. Your symphony.

Through all eternity no one will ever walk, talk, think or do exactly like you. You are rare and in all rarity there is enormous value, and because of your great value the need for you to imitate anyone else is absolutely wrong.

You are special and it is no accident that you are. Please realize that God made you for a special purpose. He has a job for you to do that nobody else can do as well as you can. Out of the billions of applicants, only one is qualified. Only one has the unique and right combination of what it take—and that is you.

What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

Check your tickets carefully for performance times this month. Each evening changes. Tickets from \$20. 212-362-6000

Faust Apr. 2, 5 La Traviata Apr. 3, 6

Julius Caesar Apr. 4, 9, 12, 19, 22, 27 (matinee), 30

Das Rheingold Apr. 6 (matinee), 25 Die Walküre Apr. 13 (matinee), 26 Rigoletto Apr. 13, 16, 20, 24, 27 Siegfried Apr. 20 (matinee), 29 Gotterdammerung Apr. 23

The Metropolitan Opera on Radio (WQXR Radio)

Saturday afternoons on 105.9 FM.

Apr. 6 Das Rheingold (1 pm) Apr. 13 Die Walküre (11 am) Apr. 20 Siegfried (11 am) Apr. 27 Julius Caesar (12 noon)

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Alternate Side Parking Regulations Suspended Apr. 1-2 Passover: Seventh and Eighth days

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

CINCINNATI

Sports Club—Teams are preparing for registration for the spring of 2013. We will have 45 teams this spring season, playing in 2 leagues. Sports Club is also hosting a benefit for one of the parents who is ill on Saturday March 23rd. We held our celebration dance on the February 18th. We had a large crowd and all had a good time. We did our raffle prizes with theme baskets, which went over extremely well. Here's hoping all the fish fries were a success and looking forward to a successful Schuetzenfest this year!

PHILADELPHIA [Fr. Michel]

The goal of Fr. Kolping was to help people, who were becoming immersed in a secular world, to pronounce their "yes" to God, also, that "yes", shown by their praying together, supporting one another in boarding houses, and improving their working abilities, helped them open new ways toward a meaningful, faith-filled life. Pope Benedict has encouraged all Catholics, and all Christians, to revitalize their faith in Jesus our Savior, by bringing back into our own lives and into our society a closer bond with Jesus. We must all, especially as brothers and sisters in the Kolping Family, look for ways to work together on Kolping activities, both charitable and social, here in our Philadelphia area. Also to make an annual donation to the International Project of the worldwide Kolping Society (usually a Lenten project); and, naturally, take time to pray together as members of God's family. In the coming months there will be many opportunities for our members to partake of such activities: Lent has already begun, so make a sacrifice each week and put the money you save into an envelope for the "Lenten Project".

You Can Now Text a Friar Your Prayer Intention

Often, prayer intentions are offered with hands folded, but a new service allows 'hands and fingers to move freely-provided a cellphone is handy. The Manhattan-based Holy Name Province of the Franciscans has started a service called "Text a Prayer Intention to a Franciscan Friar." The service is making its debut this month. Here's how it works: Text the word "prayer" to 306-44 and hit "send." Senders will then receive a welcome message inviting them to then send in their prayer intentions. Senders will receive a text in reply stating that their intention has been received and will be prayed for. The intentions are received on a website, and will be included collectively in the friars' prayers twice a day and at Mass. "With technology changing the way we communicate, we needed to offer people an updated way to ask for prayers for special intentions and needs either for themselves or others," said Franciscan Father David Convertino, executive director of development for the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province.

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Please include your current email address, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information I can use to update my files and mail it back with your dues. Please contact me if you don't see your birthday or your children's birthday in the bulletin. You can send this information via email to me at MurielFullam@msn.com or call me at 914-582-8379.

Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Muriel Fullam, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128 Please mark "Dues" in the left-hand corner.