

# **KOLPING** *BULLETIN*

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## note the date

### september

**3 Labor Day Barbeque**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

**15 Steuben Day Parade & Party**  
Kolping 88th Street

**18 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street

**19 October Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material

**23 Schlachtfest Dinner**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

### october

**6 German-American Day**  
Annual celebration of the  
German American heritage

**6 Close Out Dinner**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

**6-7 Fr. Bretone's Annual Retreat**  
Barryville, NY

**16 Executive Board Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street

**30 Rental Season Ends**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

### november

**4 Communion Brunch**  
Kolping-on-Concourse

**13 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street

# September

## 61st Annual Steuben Day Parade

Saturday, September 15, 2018

### MARCH WITH THE KOLPING SOCIETY!

You do not have to be of German heritage to march. The parade is up 5th Avenue from 68th to 86th Street, starting at 12 pm. We are in the 5th division (Metropolitan Division) this year. We line up at 11:30 am on 68th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues. Kolping will line up behind City Kinder and before the Leo House. We encourage all marchers to follow a "dress code"—trocken, or orange and black, for the Kolping colors, or blue bottoms and white tops—or suits for men.

### 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

Please join us for our annual "Steuben Parade Celebration" after-party at Kolping House at 165 East 88th Street. Eat, drink and have a great time. The doors will open at 1:30 pm. Great food, great music, plenty of beer and lots of fun! See the flyer in this Bulletin for more details.

For reservations, please call 914-275-7481  
or email Lou Colletti: [Lcookie1129@aol.com](mailto:Lcookie1129@aol.com)

### KOLPING ON HUDSON FOOD DRIVE

Our Food Drive will continue at all KOH events. Please bring non-perishable food items such as pasta, canned soup, vegetables, tuna, crackers, cookies, peanut butter, jams/jellies, coffee and tea. Your generosity will be much appreciated.



**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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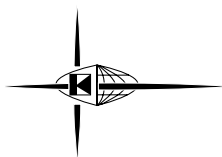
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## Milestones & Passages



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.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of **Maria Reuber**. Maria was a faithful participant in Kolping Society events both in NYC and up in Montrose. We offer our condolences to the Bruegger Family and please keep all of Maria's family and friends in your prayers.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN SEPTEMBER:

Melissa Aviles, Nick Basso, Alex Beldotti, Rita Berge, 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 Debeneditis, Andrew Dengler, Joan Dengler, Marcella DeSharnais, Geoffrey DeSharnais, Christopher Donato, John Donnelly, Wilma Endrich, Francesca Flood, Ingrid Franz, Max Fuchek, Spencer Fuchek, Diane Gale, Jeannine Gale, Connor Geoghegan, Eamon Gormley, Barbara Grimm, Robert Herman, Brian Hickey, Stefanie Keeney, Herta Koenig, Joanne Kovar, Elizabeth Lenihan, Roland Link, Maurin Loftus, Charlotte Longworth, Bill Lorenzen, Roger K. Lounsbury, 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, Julie Montero, George Mullins, Charles Norris, Leanne O'Dell, Susanne Orlowski, 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, Brian Smith, Julia Specht, Robert Stang, Paul Steigerwald, Daryl Stiloski Jr., Alison Ulrich, Anne Marie Urban, William Gerhard Weber, Emily Weinborg, Laurie Weisz, and Robert Weisz.

### SPECIAL SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday Wishes to those celebrating milestone birthdays— **Alida Carey, Kathy Davidson, Barbara Grimm** and **Charles Norris**.

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.

### WE THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

A special thank you goes out to the Kolping Kids workforce who spent a lot of hours the day after Oktoberfest helping us clean up. They took a minute out from their efforts to pose on the truck.



### OUR HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER 2018 INTENTION

#### YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA:

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

**Kolping NY Reflection:** This month's papal intention ties in beautifully to our Kolping Goat project. For our Lenten project, many members contributed generously to help buy goats for Kolping families in Kenya. New goat farmers learn about how to care for their small livestock, how to use dung to improve garden yields and they have milk for their own families or to sell.

# 2018 DUES

Mail your check made out to  
**Catholic Kolping Society** to  
Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East  
88th Street, New York, NY 10128  
**Att: Joan Smyth Dengler, Secretary**

Family: \$105

Individual: \$90

Student: \$45

50-year members: paid up forever!

Include **your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information and mail it with your dues to our secretary, Joan Smyth Dengler. She will be emailing notices of new events.

## Single Family Home For Rent in Society Hill I - Peekskill, NY! *Details Below*



### Beautiful Property in Peekskill, NY That Offers:

High Ceilings  
Hardwood Floors  
2.5 Baths  
3 Bedrooms  
In Home Washer & Dryer  
Free Parking  
Quiet Block  
Private 20ft Outdoor Deck  
Master bedroom has full walk-in closet  
Fireplace  
Centrally located on route 6, right next to the Beach Shopping Center and 10 mins from Metro North!  
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**Danielle Kern (914) 999-0231**

Address: **4 Cherry Court Peekskill, NY 10566**

Price: \$2,700 per month utilities not included

Bedrooms: 3

Bathrooms: 2.5

Square feet: 1,500

## News & Notes

### STEUBEN DAY PARADE

Be sure to join us on Saturday September 15th for the German American Steuben Day Friendship Parade. Our Kolping family will be marching up Fifth Avenue then coming back to the Kolping House on 88th Street for a post-parade party. \$25 per person for bratwurst, chicken, salads, dessert, coffee and one beer. Reserve your spot at the party by contacting Lou Colletti: Lcookie1129@aol.com

### ACCORDIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Our own Don Simons will be playing as part of "Accordions Around the World" at Bryant Park in NYC! Featuring performers with variations of this instrument and many genres of music, this free annual summer program on Wednesday evenings is open to the public. Don will play on September 5th between 5:30 and 7:30pm. His set will include selections from American Swing, show tunes and other favorites.

### 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2018

Remember that the 42nd National Kolping Convention happens this month in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. Please keep all the convention delegates in your prayers for wisdom and discernment as they gather to determine the future of our Society. Helmi Pinner and Father Richard Bretone are the NY family recipients of the Distinguished Service Awards which will be celebrated at the Convention.

Check out the kolping.org website for further info or this page:  
<https://www.phillykolpingnews.org/42-national-convention>

### BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS OKTOBERFEST

Join us Sunday, September 30th from noon to 6pm at Krucker's Picnic Grove, 81 Call Hollow Road, Pomona, NY. Enjoy live German Music by "The Austiran Boys Band" and German dance performances! Dancing...Games...Food! Admission is \$50 for adults, and \$20 for children ages 4-12. Includes unlimited German-American food, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert all day long! For more information contact Roland Lex (845-803-3774) or Ingrid Wittmann (914-400-7083).

### ST. NICK

Fr. Kolping was born on Dec. 8, 1813. Every year we celebrate his birthday with a nod to Christmas at our St Nikolaus party, the first Sunday of December. (St Nick's feast day is December 6th). We join together at the German Mass at St Joseph's Church on 87th Street, have a bit of a coffee klatsch with the parish community, then head over to our Kolping House on 88th Street for a big luncheon. We've been fortunate to have our members provide musical entertainment. In the old days, the children would perform a Christmas carol for St. Nick and he'd give them a surprise gift. A few years ago, one of our members brought her a capella group and they led us in song. More recently, Don Simons and Larry Kunz have shared their talents. This is also a day to celebrate our long term members. Those who've made the 25 year or 50 year membership milestones are recognized and honored. Contact Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com to learn more about this wonderful tradition that we want to preserve at the same time as we keep it fresh for our newer members.

### GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!

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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 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).

# More News & Notes

## Vielen dank!

A big thank you goes out to the gentlemen who built the new hook the ring game for us to have more fun at the Oktoberfest this year. Al Ahrens, Mike Scheuermann, Alfred Vogl, Mike Weinborg and Jimmy Stang drew up a plan, obtained materials and constructed the apparatus earlier in the week.



## Troop 36 Campout

*Submitted by Bob Hemsing*

Troop 36 has just returned from a week long campout at Curtis Read Scout Reservation, just 30 minutes north of the village of Lake George in the six-million-acre Adirondack State Park.

The Scouts enjoyed merit badge workshops ranging from chess to Outdoor Wilderness Survival. On three mornings, they woke at dawn for the Polar Bear Challenge, a jump into the lake at 6am. And they competed in a Triathlon, the Dutch Oven Cooking Challenge, Whitewater Rafting, Golden Arrow Archery Competition, and Pie Eating Contest, just to name a few. We were very busy!

Troop 36 really showed the entire camp their best scouting spirit. On the final day, the Camp Director awarded them with the camp's highest honor, The BOSS award. This award is given to the Troop who shows the Best of Scouting Skills.

If you are interested in joining Troop 36 for another terrific year of adventures, contact our Scoutmaster Staff at: troop36.montrose.ny@gmail.com



## Catholic High School Scholarship Kolping Awards

*Submitted by Bob Hemsing*

The two winners of \$2000.00 each were:

**Daniel Caracappa**  
*Kennedy H.S.*

**Brian Weigand**  
*Malloy H.S.*



Daniel, his mother Tricia and grandfather George McNamara



Brian, his parents John and Sharon, and grandparents Walter and Kathy Weigand. ▼



# *KOH Oktoberfest*

*Photos submitted by Charles Ruppmann, Jennifer Scheuermann & Maria Stang*

The weather threw us a curve ball as we hosted our annual fundraising event at Kolping on Hudson. The Oktoberfest helps us put a little money aside to pay the electric bill and keep the water on. We had plenty of water on Saturday 8/18 as the rain came down on us a few times during the afternoon.

In spite of that, everyone attending had a lot of fun. The day was beautiful early on, the food was plentiful and delicious, the music was energizing and we had one or two brave souls on the dance floor.

It takes a tremendous amount of work to put on a big event like this. Members pitched in to help guests park their cars. Members donated goodies for the raffle baskets. More members staffed the gate. The food crew was gigantic—from those who peeled a zillion potatoes on Friday to make our homemade potato salad to those who baked delicious desserts to the head chefs in the kitchen all day during the Fest and the team staffing the grill and the food tent. Two more teams ran the indoor and outdoor bars. Smiling faces staffed all the fun booths—kiddy booth, Hammerschlagen, wheel of fortune, hook the ring, the ladies' booth, face painting and ring toss for young and not-so-young. And of course there is the really hard work of planning, setting up all the structures and then cleaning up. We're grateful to all who pitched in. You made the day possible and you keep Kolping on Hudson going.





# *Stories of Interest*

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## **The Lebensborn Legacy** submitted by Martin A. Kelly (with supplemental information found online at [www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org))



"Lebensborn" translates to "wellspring of life" or "fountain of life." The Lebensborn project was one of the most secret and terrifying Nazi projects. Heinrich Himmler founded the Lebensborn project on December 12, 1935, the same year the Nuremberg Laws outlawed intermarriage with Jews and others who were deemed inferior. For decades, Germany's birthrate was decreasing. Himmler's goal was to reverse the decline and increase the Germanic/Nordic population of Germany to 120 million. Himmler encouraged SS and Wehrmacht officers to have children with Aryan women. He believed Lebensborn children would grow up to lead a Nazi-Aryan nation.

The purpose of this society was to offer to young girls who were deemed "racially pure" the possibility to give birth to a child in secret. The child was then given to the SS organization which took charge in the child's education and adoption. Both mother and father needed to pass a "racial purity" test. Blond hair and blue eyes were preferred, and family lineage had to be traced back at least three generations. Of all the women who applied, only 40 percent passed the racial purity test and were granted admission to the Lebensborn program. The majority of mothers were unmarried, 57.6 percent until 1939, and about 70 percent by 1940.

In the beginning, the Lebensborn were taken to SS nurseries. But in order to create a "super-race," the SS transformed these nurseries into "meeting places" for "racially pure" German women who wanted to meet and have children with SS officers. The children born in the Lebensborn nurseries were then taken by the SS. Lebensborn provided support for expectant mothers by providing a home and the means to have their children in safety and comfort.

The first Lebensborn home was opened in 1936 in Steinhöring, a tiny village not far from Munich. Furnishings for the homes were supplied from the best of the loot from the homes of Jews who had been sent to Dachau. Ultimately, there were 10 Lebensborn homes established in Germany, nine in Norway, two in Austria, and one each in Belgium, Holland, France, Luxembourg and Denmark.

By 1939, the program had not produced the results Himmler had hoped. He issued a direct order to all SS and police to father as many children as possible to compensate for war casualties. The order created controversy. Many Germans felt the acceptance of unwed mothers encouraged immorality. Eventually Himmler backpedaled, but he never condemned illegitimacy outright. Himmler himself had two illegitimate children.

Lebensborn soon expanded to welcome non-German mothers. In a policy formed by Hitler in 1942, German soldiers were encouraged to fraternize with native women, with the understanding that any children they produced would be provided for. Racially fit women, most often the girlfriends or one-night stands of SS officers, were invited to Lebensborn homes to have their child in privacy and safety.

Ultimately, one of the most horrible sides of the Lebensborn policy was the kidnapping of children "racially good" in the eastern occupied countries after 1939. Some of these children were orphans, but it is well documented that many were stolen from their parents' arms. These kidnappings were organized by the SS in order to take children by force who matched the Nazis' racial criteria (blond hair and blue or green eyes). Thousands of children were transferred to the Lebensborn centers in order to be "Germanized." Up to 100,000 children may have been stolen from Poland alone. In these centers, everything was done to force the children to reject and forget their birth parents. As an example, the SS nurses tried to persuade the children that they were deliberately abandoned by their parents. The children who refused the Nazi education were often beaten. Most of them were finally transferred to concentration camps (most of the time to Kalisz in Poland) and exterminated. The others were adopted by SS families.

On May 1, 1945, a day after Hitler's death, American troops marched into Steinhöring. They found 300 children, aged six months to six years. Most of the mothers and staff had fled. The British and Russians also found children at Lebensborn homes near Bremen and Leipzig. The majority of these children were either put up for adoption or sent back to their birth families. Some of the children kidnapped in other countries who were living with families throughout Germany were repatriated to their native countries. Unfortunately, many were too Germanic to fit in.

It is nearly impossible to know how many children were kidnapped in the eastern occupied countries. In 1946, it was estimated that more than 250,000 were kidnapped and sent by force to Germany. Only 25,000 were retrieved after the war and sent back to their families. It is known that several German families refused to give back the children they had received from the Lebensborn centers. In some cases, the children themselves refused to come back to their original family - they were victims of the Nazi propaganda and believed that they were pure Germans. It is also known that thousands of children were not deemed "good enough" to be Germanized were simply exterminated. During the ten years of the program's existence, at least 7,500 children were born in Germany and 10,000 in Norway.

Sources: *The Forgotten Camps*; ABC News 20/20 Special Report — Hitler's "Master Race": Nazi Program Attempted to Create Racially Pure Children (April 27, 2000).



# Steuben Parade Post-Party AT KOLPING HOUSE



**165 East 88th St.  
Between Lex. & 3rd Ave.**

**September 15, 2018 • Doors open at 1:30 pm**

*(Come celebrate the 61st Steuben Day Parade!)*

**Eat, drink, and have a great time  
after the parade!**



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