

January 2024

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Note from the Editor



*Let us all pray for peace, love and joy
for the year of 2024.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!!

Nancy Pelzel

Important Phone Numbers

President – John Mueller, 513-376-3672

Vice President – Tom Beiting, 513-325-7342

Praeses – Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM, 513-374-0623

Membership (New Members) – Rita Musbach, 513-793-1148

Membership (Current) – Karen Wienkamp, 513-503-4638

Sick Committee – Open

Sub Group Presidents:

Genealogy Group – Tom Montgomery, 513-969-5383

Sängerchor – John Wegener, 859-240-9598

Schützen Club – Bob Fehrenbach, 513-317-2746

Seniors – Tom Musbach, 513-793-1148

Soccer Club – Walter Dewar, 513-312-8551

The Journeymen Group – Lydia Sinclair, 859-221-8839

House & Grounds – Walt Gerbus, 513-543-9877

Kolping Center

Kolping Haus/Klubhaus Rentals – Wendy Salyers Mentrup,
513-851-7951 then press 1

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January Events

No General Meeting

January 10, 11:30 A.M.

January 19, 7:30 P.M.

January 21, 2:00 P.M.

January 26, 7:00 P.M.

Seniors Meeting

Schützen Nacht

Genealogy Meeting

Bourbon Club

February Events

February 2, 7:30 P.M.

February 3, 5:00 P.M.

February 10, 8:00 P.M.

February 14, 11:30 A.M.

February 16, 5:30 P.M.

February 16, 7:30 P.M.

February 18, 2:00 P.M.

February 23, 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting

Stube Nacht

Valentine's Dance

Seniors Meeting

Fish Fry

Schützen Nacht

Genealogy Meeting

Fish Fry

Membership Dues

Just a reminder that the annual dues notices were sent out the week of October 23rd. You can pay by check, through your bank bill pay, or online with a credit card at www.kolpingcincinnati.com. When paying online, please make sure you fill in your first and last name (and spouse if a family membership) so that we can track payments properly. The membership levels for 2024 are as follows:

Family – a married couple - \$75.00

Single – one person - \$55.00

**Life – a member who is at least 70 plus has
been a member for 20 years - \$25.00**

Active military - \$25.00

Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues.

Karen Schnetzer Wienkamp,
Membership Secretary



Congratulations to all our members celebrating birthdays in the month of January!



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Mike	Schwebler	Jan 1
Mary Ann	Wurzelbacher	Jan 1
Frank	Geiser	Jan 2
Chad	Smith	Jan 2
Timothy	Findley	Jan 3
Michael	Seibel	Jan 3
Karin	Albrecht	Jan 5
Karl	Butschkau	Jan 5
David	Moeller	Jan 5
Theodor	Tegenkamp	Jan 5
Ray	Beiser, Jr.	Jan 6
Patty	Hinnenkamp	Jan 6
Tom	Musbach	Jan 6
Tom	Bredestege	Jan 7
Steve	Kappen	Jan 8
Mike	Carroll	Jan 9
William	Goetz	Jan 9
John	Schwierling	Jan 10
Tom	Beiting	Jan 12
Cheryl	Bredestege	Jan 12
Jamie	Hoffmann	Jan 12
Gregory	Meyer	Jan 12
Timothy	Pohlman	Jan 12
Jim	Schroer	Jan 12
Wendel	Lachmann	Jan 13

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Thomas	Glover	Jan 14
Mary M.	Gonnella	Jan 14
Michael	Kappen	Jan 14
Ingrid	Thompson	Jan 15
John	Schnieder	Jan 16
Tim	Burda	Jan 17
Theodor B.	Leuker	Jan 18
Paul	Blom	Jan 19
Catherine	Thiemann	Jan 19
Joyce	Brown	Jan 20
Jane	Fitzpatrick	Jan 20
Steve	Drees	Jan 21
Michael	Szczepanski	Jan 22
David	Corbett	Jan 24
Eugene	Galbaugh	Jan 24
Clara	Hamen	Jan 25
Joseph	Kunze	Jan 25
Jim	Gieringer	Jan 28
Eric	Gerbus	Jan 29
Barbara	Hessler	Jan 29
David	Schroeder	Jan 29
Joe	Wessels	Jan 29
Charles	Dietz	Jan 30
Rosalinda	Seubert	Jan 30
William	Adelmann	Jan 31

Message from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

May the Lord bless our Kolping family in 2024. That is my prayer for all of us in the New Year.

Cincinnati Kolping families will face challenges in the months ahead, just like all families. Sickness, accident and employment issues are woven into the stuff of life. But it is also important that we count our blessings, especially the love shared and nurtured in our families.

A couple of days ago we buried my brother-in-law here in Cincinnati. On Jan 3 we will celebrate the life of my sister, Jean Bernens, who passed away on Christmas Eve in the Pittsburgh area. She and her husband raised ten children. The details of her funeral are still being planned, but I will travel to Pittsburgh for the funeral with family members here in Cincinnati.

Please keep my family in your prayers.

Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM

Children's Christmas Party Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Kolping Children's Christmas Party.

The children got to decorate their "Gingerbread" houses and be entertained by a magician, balloon artist and caricature artists. The adults also had fun participating in the Adult "Gingerbread" House Decorating Competition!

We would especially like to thank all the volunteers who helped build the houses and support the event: Family members from the Ahrnsens, Bauers, Hesslers, Hoffmans, Hulls, Klostermans and Wilkes.

And a big thanks to Santa and his elves as well!



Santa has arrived!



A Family Portrait

Sick & Shut-Ins

Linda Knizner
Regina Schnetzer
Helen Mueller

Gus Kramer
Doris Wilke
Maria Dechering

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks, and send a card or give them a call.

We ask for special prayers for Lowell Haber, the three-and-a-half year-old son of Kolping member Tom Haber and his wife Adrienne, who has been diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukemia. You can follow Lowell's progress on the website:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lowellhaber>

If you want to be taken off the Sick List or want to add someone on, please contact Nancy Pelzel at: 513-385-3120 or nancypelzel@aol.com.

Kolping Seniors

The Kolping Seniors will meet on January 10, 2024 at 11:30 am in the Kolping Klubhaus. Hopefully the winter weather will remain hidden.

Happy New Year, everyone!!

Tom Musbach

Soccer Club News

We have the Valentine's Dance on February 10th; the cost is \$30.00 per person for open bar and food. If you are interested in attending, please contact Walt at:

Walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com

Walt Dewar, President
Kolping Soccer Club
513-312-8551

Deaths

Judith A. Morano, sister of Kolping member Dianne Schwietering, passed away on December 11, 2023 at the age of 82. We extend our sympathies to Dianne and Harry Schwietering, as well as the entire Morano family. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Photos from the Tuesday Workers Christmas Party



Harry Schwietering & Russ Hessler, Chefs du jour



Past and present Tuesday Worker Cooks



Chowing down on all the delicious food



Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: January 19, 2024

Place: Kolping Klubhaus/100 Hall

Practice, Make-ups and Shoot-ahead Shooting:
7:00 – 7:30 PM

Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

Top Teams for December were Team Stegman and Team Wienkamp with a score of **322**.

Top Individual for December was Paul Anhofer with a score of **68**.

I would like to thank our spouses (Alicia Fehrenbach, Elaine Fehrenbach, Tamra Fehrenbach, Kelly Geoppinger, and Patti Schnetzer) for their help with the food during December's Shooting Night. We could not have done it without your help!

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

Targets: Team Boehm

Bar: Team Callahan

Food: Team Abt

Tickets: Team Stupprich

Respectfully,
Bob Fehrenbach
513-317-2746

Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

Dear Kolping Members,

The Father David Hiller Fund received the following donations.

In Memory of Norb Loesing

Clemens and Elisabeth Ricke
Alfred and Erica Redder

In Memory of Ben Geers

Joan Rehling

We are grateful for the many donations that have been sent from our subgroups, in celebration of members' events and in memory of our Kolping members, and will use them to continue the work of Blessed Fr. Kolping. We also received donations from the bar tips from events at the Klubhaus and Pavilion.

The FDHF continues to look for any of our members' sons and daughters who are attending Great Oaks Career Campuses or Butler Tech Trade and Vocational School and need assistance in defraying the costs of material, uniforms, tools etc. for their trade, or any sons in the Athenaeum who have expenses. If you know of someone, please contact Paul Ahrnsen at (513) 542-8554 for further information. Also, many companies have a matching gift program where you can add the Father David Hiller Fund as a beneficiary and the company may match your gift.

Thank you for your support!

Paul A. Ahrnsen, FDHF Chairman



Kolping Genealogy

We will meet at 2:00 pm on our regular third Sunday at the Kolping Klubhaus. Guests are welcome. We will also offer this useful seminar online, broadcasting using *Zoom*.

Sunday, January 21, 2:00 PM: Participant Charles Lintz will show us an overview of NARA's archive locations, along with the locations of the most researched/requested records. He will also talk about the fire of 1973 at the St. Louis NARA site. There will be a focus on eVetRecs:

(<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>), which is a method of ordering military records via the Web. In addition, he will be explaining "Project 62". Visit us live or online to learn more! Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82700385599?pwd=WEIkNGJhMk9PMEFhT3NuQjFVdVhxZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 0038 5599

Passcode: 043596

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kW7se01fK>

Always check the Kolping Website for any updates/schedule changes:

<http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy/Genealogy.html>

Dr. Tom Montgomery,

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**Deadline for submitting articles
for the January
Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin
is Wednesday, January 24, 2024
at 5:00 P.M.**

**Please submit to Nancy Pelzel
at: nancypelzel@aol.com**

Letter from the New President

Dear Kolping Society Members,

I am honored and humbled to assume the role of President for the Kolping Society of Cincinnati in our 100th year; following in the footsteps of the dedicated leaders who have served before me. I extend my sincere gratitude to the previous board members, and, in particular, to the outgoing President, Anna Stukenborg, and Vice President, Amy Ahnrsen, for their unwavering commitment, vision, and exceptional contributions to our society.

As we embark on this new chapter, I am excited to share with you the 3 key initiatives and changes that the board envisions for 2024. Our focus will be on organizational restructuring, operations, and membership growth.

1. Organizational Restructuring: We recognize the need to strike a balance between the business requirements of Kolping and the evolving needs of our society members. The forthcoming organizational restructuring, which was already started by the previous board, will ensure that both aspects are aligned, fostering an environment where the Kolping Haus business and the Kolping Foundation can thrive while meeting the diverse needs of our valued members. The organizational structure will address the functional interactions and management of the Kolping Society, Kolping Haus, and Kolping Foundation, and the lanes of responsibility for each position within the respective organization.

2. Operations: Transparency is a cornerstone of our society, and we are committed to enhancing it further. Our initiative to develop operational processes include: (1) Bylaws updates to reflect the organizational changes required, (2) Financial reporting, including revenue projections and sustainability assessments, and (3) Facility maintenance and improvement project forecasting. These processes will ensure that the Kolping Society Committees & Sub-Groups, Kolping Haus and Kolping Foundation's business and financial status are transparently communicated to our membership. This will empower each member to actively understand and support the events, projects and programs that shape the future of our society.

3. Membership Growth: In the spirit of growth and community, we are embarking on a journey to expand our membership through strategic marketing efforts. Simultaneously, we aim to introduce new programs that cater to the evolving interests and preferences of our members, creating a vibrant and dynamic Kolping community. To accomplish this, you will see new events that utilize our existing resources and draw new potential members to our society.

The "Why" Behind the Changes:

•**Balancing Business and Member Needs:** We recognize the importance of aligning and prioritizing the Kolping Haus business needs with the expectations and requirements of our society members. Striking this balance will ensure the sustained success of both entities.

•**Transparency in Funding and Projects:** Open communication is paramount. We believe that transparency in Kolping Haus & Foundation's business funding and revenue generating projects is essential for members to feel connected, informed, and actively involved in shaping our collective future.

•**Clarifying Employee Roles and Member Interactions:** Clearly defined roles and responsibilities for our employees, coupled with streamlined and disciplined society member interactions, will lead to a more efficient and cohesive society. This ensures that everyone knows their part in contributing to the success of the Kolping community while having the structure and proper management processes to be a sustainable and respected employer.

Swift Execution: Our commitment goes beyond words. The new board, along with the Vice President and myself, is dedicated to swift and decisive action to implement and expand upon the vision and efforts of our previous board. We understand the urgency of implementing these changes, and we pledge to do more than just talk. We are focused on delivering tangible results that positively impact our society members.

I look forward to working collaboratively with each of you to make these transformative changes a reality. Your support and engagement are crucial as we collectively shape the future of the Cincinnati Kolping Society for the next 100 years or more.

Thank you for your trust and dedication.

Sincerely,
John Mueller
President
Kolping Society of Cincinnati

Volunteers Make It Better!

Hello Heidi, have you been to the Kolping Haus lately? It looks fantastic!



I know what you mean, Gus. The roof is painted, the landscaping has been redone, lighting has been updated, the ceiling tiles in the Klubhouse are new and the gazebo looks great!

I know a lot of the materials were donated and it looks like there was a calculated effort to keep the Kolping Haus a modern place for all types of events.



I wonder who did all the work?

I think I know who made the Kolping Haus look so good.



Your mean the Tuesday Workers and people who show up on Saturdays to keep the Kolping Haus up and running?

Don't forget all those people who helped generate money for these projects during events like the Schützenfest.



Gus, do you know what I think? It's all the volunteers that made and continue to make the Kolping Haus what it is today.

To all our volunteers
Thank You!



Introducing the Kolping Bourbon Club January 26th, 2024 at 7 PM

A Toast to Flavor, Conversation, and Distillery Discoveries!

Embark on a journey into the world of fine bourbons with the launch of our exclusive Kolping Bourbon Club – a haven where both men and women gather to savor the rich tapestry of unique bourbons, engage in spirited conversations, and delve into the fascinating stories behind the craft. Whether you're a seasoned connoisseur or a curious newcomer, our club is designed to be a welcoming space for all who appreciate the artistry of this exceptional spirit.

What to Expect:

- **Tasting Sessions:** Immerse yourself in the world of bourbon through curated tasting sessions, where each sip unveils a new layer of complexity and character.
- **Engaging Conversations:** Foster connections with fellow bourbon enthusiasts as we share stories, insights, and tips on discovering the perfect pour.
- **Educational Insights:** Learn from experts and enthusiasts alike about the history, production, and diverse distillers behind your favorite bourbons.



What Help Do We Need?

Leadership: Be a trailblazer in our community by becoming a leader in our Bourbon Club. We're on the lookout for passionate individuals to guide and shape the future of our club. Roles needed to be filled include a Chairperson, Event Coordinator, Treasurer and the all-important Secretary (to capture the tasting notes of course!!!).

Logistics:

What are the Membership Dues? \$10 per year gets you on the membership email list where, in advance of the next monthly meeting, we will highlight that month's tastings or Bourbon Club adventure.

What are the Meeting Costs? Depending on the sourced bourbon or planned event, cost will vary by meeting and will be collected upon entry of the event. Reservations will be requested in order to insure we have sufficient samplings available for tasting or seats for the Bourbon focused events. Doors will be open to all, but availability may be limited to those that did RSVP.

When and Where Do the Members Meet? Starting Jan 26th, 2024 and every 4th Friday of each month thereafter, we will meet at the Kolping Society Club House at 7PM unless notified otherwise via email or text message. Address: 10235 Mill Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

How do I sign up and get notified of the meeting plans? Once you sign up, you will be placed on the email list and notified of the next tasting or event plans and the associated cost for that event. Sign up using the following link now so we can get you on the mailing list for this meeting:

<https://forms.gle/gr64pooT19aruNAMA>

As we embark on this bourbon-filled adventure, let's raise our glasses to the shared passion that unites us. The Kolping Bourbon Club is not just a club; it's a community where friendships are forged over the clink of glasses, and every sip is a journey into the heart of bourbon culture. Save the date for our inaugural gathering and become part of a spirited community that savors the essence of fine bourbon, embraces the art of conversation, and celebrates the craftsmanship of the world's most beloved spirits.

Cheers to a new era of bourbon appreciation!

The Kolping Bourbon Club

Questions – eMail John Mueller – Kolping President at JohnMueller@KolpingCincinnati.com



STUBE NACHT 2024

A Place Where Food, Family, and Fun Come Together

Saturday, February 3rd • 5:00 – 11:00

Cocktail Hour from 5:00 to 6:00



**Entertainment By The Festhaus Musig Band
Featuring Rick Ipach and Nick Gulacsy!**

**Eat and Drink Stube Style, including our Fun Cocktail Hour!
Games & Fun for All Ages, including the Kolping Kid's Corner!**

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STUBE NACHT 2024

**The Festhaus Musig Band
featuring Rick Ipach and Nick Gulacsy!**

You do not want to miss the fantastic, fun, and fresh German sounds of the Festhaus Musig Band!

JUMBO Split-the-Pot & Heads -or- Tails Games!

Homemade Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinners!

Refreshing & Fun Beverages!

Our Kolping 'Electrified Schnaps Cart' will have an eclectic set of specialty Schnaps & Drinks, as well as Artisanal KY Bourbons • Wonderful Wine Selection • Cocktails • Beer - \$4 a beer / \$15 buckets (4 beers)

**EXCLUSIVE GERMAN BEERS Brought to America
for Stube Nacht and Schützenfest!**

Come and enjoy the fantastic and award-winning König Ludwig Helles and Dunkel beers on Draft!

Stube Raffle Basket Bonanza!

**Kolping Kid's Corner with Movies, Games,
and Coloring Contest!**

Where: Kolping Center (10235 Mill Road, 45231)

When: Saturday, February 3rd

Hours: Stube Nacht 5:00 - 11:00 /

Cocktail Hour 5:00 - 6:00

Homemade Dinners 6:30

Admission: \$5 per Person / \$10 per Family

(parents and school-age children)

12 & Under - Free Admission,

Hot Dogs, and Pop

Open to the Public

Dining: Homemade Dinners - \$12 (optional)

Appetizers - \$5 (optional)

Desserts - \$3.00 (optional)

Party Attire, of Course!

Attire: Party Attire, of Course!

RSVP: stubenacht@gmail.com ~or~

call Tom Beiting (513-325-7342)

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend!

Schützenfest 2024 is on Father's Day Weekend (June 14 - 16)!
Mark your calendars as we celebrate America's Oldest German Fest at Kolping!

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2024 Calendar of Events

<p>JANUARY 2 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 29 Board Meeting (February)</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2 General Meeting 3 Stube Nacht 10 Valentine's Dance 16 Fish Fry 23 Fish Fry 26 Board Meeting (March)</p> <p>MARCH 1 Fish Fry 1 General Meeting 8 Fish Fry 15 Fish Fry 16 Schützen Royal Ball 21 New Member Initiation 22 Fish Fry 22-24 Kolping Memorial Tournament 30 Easter Egg Hunt Kolping Park</p> <p>APRIL 1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting 7 St. Joseph's Day Mass/Awards Bqt. 21 Sängchor Spring Konzert 29 Board Meeting (May)</p> <p>MAY 3 General Meeting 17 Schützen End Party</p> <p>JUNE 2 Anniversary Mass 3 Board Meeting</p>	<p>JUNE (cont'd.) 7 General Meeting 14-16 Schützenfest 16 Father's Day Brunch Kolping Park</p> <p>JULY 1 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 7 Appreciation Party 19 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 29 Board Meeting (August)</p> <p>AUGUST 2 General Meeting 15 New Member Initiation 16 First Schützen Nacht</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 3 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 27-29 1931 Invitational Tournament 30 Board Meeting (October)</p> <p>OCTOBER 4 General Meeting 27 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 28 Board Meeting (November)</p> <p>NOVEMBER 1 General Meeting/Elections</p> <p>DECEMBER 1 Sängchor Weihnachts Konzert 2 Board Meeting 8 Christmas Mass and Party 15 Children's Christmas Party 30 Board Meeting (January)</p>
<p>MEETINGS:</p> <p>Board of Directors Monday prior to the first Friday of the month - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Women's Klub First Thursday - 6:30 pm</p> <p>General Membership First Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Senior Citizens Second Wednesday - 11:30 am</p> <p>Bier Choir 2nd & 4th Thursday - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Schützen Club Third Friday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Genealogy Group Third Sunday - 2:00 pm</p> <p>Sängchor Every Tuesday - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Soccer Club Fourth Wednesday - 8:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</p> <p>We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, led by the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, promote the development of the individual and the family by fostering a sense of belonging and friendship through our holistic programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and social activities.</p>