

# **KOLPING** Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin

## September 2020

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#### Note from the Editor

We have a new event on Friday nights beginning August 28<sup>th</sup> – *Friday Night Gemütlichkeit*! This event is chaired by Barb and Russ Hessler and Sue and Rick Valentino, and will provide an opportunity to have a bit of a respite from COVID-19 Fatigue and to see some of your Kolping Family members. See flyer on page 6 for details.

All COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Please come out and celebrate life with your friends and family!

**Treu Kolping!** 

Nancy Pelzel nancypelzel@aol.com

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#### **September Events**

September 4, 5:00 P.M. Friday Gemütlichkeit September 8, 11:30 A.M. Seniors Meeting September 11, 12, 13 National Convention **September 11, 5:00 P.M.** Friday Gemütlichkeit September 11, 12, 13 Fill the Net Soccer **Tournament** September 18, 7:00 P.M. Schützen Nacht September 20, 2:00 P.M. **Genealogy Meeting** September 25, 5:00 P.M. Friday Gemütlichkeit

#### **October Events**

October 2, 5:00 P.M. October 2, 7:30 P.M. October 9, 5:00 P.M. October 13. 11:30 A.M. October 16, 5:00 P.M. October 16, 7:00 P.M. October 18, 2:00 P.M.

Friday Gemütlichkeit General Meeting Friday Gemütlichkeit Seniors Meeting Friday Gemütlichkeit Schützen Nacht **Genealogy** Meeting

All events crossed out above have been cancelled. There is no general meeting in September.

#### A Couple of Sayings from Andy Rooney

I've learned .... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned .... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.



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



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#### Fr. David Hiller Fund Report

The Father David Hiller Fund is very grateful for the many donations that have been sent in memory of our Kolping members. Thank you for your support. These are the donations that were received since last month.

#### **Donations in memory of Alberta Seibel**

Helene Schrand, August and Mary Kramer, Anni Diekmann, Lynda Stagman, Sonja Ann Wilson

#### Donations in memory of Marcie Kohlmorgen

Der Deutsche Buben Verein, Bob Bauer, Kevin and Teri Luther, Manfred and Regina Schnetzer, Mike and Cathy Brakers, Harry and Dianne Schwietering, Herman and Joan Koehling, Trey Seibel, Steve and Ingrid Thomas, Cathy Weissmann, Hans and Jill Weissmann, Bob and Mary Pat Findley, Herb and Roz Seubert, Mike and Linda Irlbacher, Mike and Nancy Pelzel, Phil and Beth Neumann, Tom and Rita Musbach, Pat and Irene Whalen.

> Sincerely, Paul A. Ahrnsen, FDHF Chairman

#### **Kidney Needed**

KIDNEY NEEDED for my wife, Elaine Wilke – Anyone have an extra kidney just taking up space in your body when it could be used to save Elaine? Are you wondering why God gave you two kidneys when all you need is one?

As of mid-January, Elaine has been officially registered on the Kidney Transplant List. Elaine has been on dialysis since September of 2018, and a new kidney would be a game changer for her. If you or anyone you know would consider a lifesaving kidney donation for Elaine, please contact Jessica Ratcliff at The Christ Hospital for more information. Her number is: 513-585-1427.

Thanks, Ted Wilke



#### **Sports Club News**

As we start this fall season, we are excited and anxious, as the health and safety of our players and staff is our number one concern. We are constantly and diligently reading over the new guidelines that come out almost daily. We have twenty-one teams eager to get out there and do what they love.

Last year, we started our SAY program, and we only had two teams. This year, we are up to five teams and are looking forward to seeing how it will grow.

While it will look differently on the sidelines, we have been approved to play our league games. Local tournaments don't look promising, but there is hope for some out-of-state tournaments. Please keep our staff, players and players' families in your prayers, as you are always in ours for a safe and prosperous year.

> Walt Dewar Kolping SC President Kolping SC Tournament Director <u>walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com</u> (513) 312-8551



#### Schützen Club News

To all Shooting Club Members,

The Shooting Club will have its first shooting night on September 18, 2020 at 7 o'clock. There are a lot of changes due to COVID and an email from me will be sent out that explains what we are doing. We have a lot of setting up that night and we are asking for members to come at 6:15 PM to help set up. Competition shooting will start at 7 o'clock, not 8 o'clock, and this is why we need you there at 7.

If there are any Kolping members who are interested in shooting, please come to the Clubhouse on September 18.

Respectfully,

Steve Lawson, President slawson@mthealthy.org

#### House & Grounds Committee Needs Your Help

The House and Grounds Committee is organizing a work day on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please report to the Pavilion at 8:30 A.M. to organize work crews. We will be focusing on miscellaneous repairs, mowing, trimming and spraying. Please bring your own weedeaters and other gear if you are able. Worker lunch will be provided.

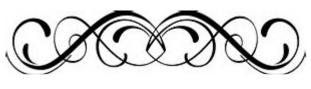
If you should have any questions, please call Walt Gerbus at 513-543-9877.

Thank You! The House & Grounds Committee

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#### NOTICE



#### **Deaths**

**Josef W. Bueter**, husband of the late Maria Rosa Bueter and Kolping member for 46 years, passed away on August 19, 2020 at the age of 92. Joe was involved with the Kolping Youth Soccer teams back in the 1970s and was an avid card player. We extend our sympathies to his daughter, Connie Bueter, and his daughter-in-law, Kathleen Bueter, as well as the entire Bueter family.

**Hubert Mohs**, husband of the late Margaretha (nee Ficken) Mohs and Kolping member for 62 years, passed away on August 20, 2020 at the age of 87. Hubert was an early member of the Schützen Club, as well as the Kolping Golf League. He also volunteered with the Tuesday Workers. Our condolences go out to Hubert's children, Diane Menzer, Paul Mohs, Doris Kohlmeyer, Nancy Freudiger, and Michael Mohs, and the rest of the Mohs family.

**Mary G. Even**, sister of Kolping member Joe Wolterman, passed away on August 16, 2020 at the age of 67. We extend our sympathies to Joe and Gina Wolterman and the entire Wolterman family.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

#### **New Kolping Members**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our new applicants for membership have not been able to meet for their preinitiation or their regular initiation as members. When the restrictions are safely lifted, we will officially welcome them into our Kolping Family. In the meantime, they are receiving the *Kolping Bulletin* and are welcome to participate in Kolping functions. Please welcome these new members:

Richard Balzer Shannon Hayden Emily Merz-Frans Tim Tensing Fred Bowling Amanda McNett Mel Pistor Daniel Weisbrodt Upon the death of a MEMBER, please call the President of the Kolping Society or one of the Bereavement Committee members. In order that the membership can be aware that a member has died, the family of the decedent should be willing to place in the Death Notice that the decedent is a member of the Kolping Society and at what time Kolping members should assemble for prayers. (This should be mutually agreed upon by the family and the Kolping representatives.)

The members of the Bereavement Committee are:

Christa Olding, 513-385-1476 Marilee Uhlhorn, 513-661-0414 Helene Schrand, 513-741-9780 Doris Wilke, 513-521-5019

#### Sick & Shut-Ins

Regina Albers Margaret Gerdes Maria Von den Benken Vince Meyer Johanna Stegman Bill Lunnemann, Sr. Linda Knizner Herm Koehling Tom Resing

Also please say prayers for Kate Callahan, granddaughter of Mike and Manette Callahan and daughter of Ben Callahan, as well as all members of the Kolping family who are in need of prayers.

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks. Send a card or give them a call. It is always nice to hear from friends when you are not feeling well. Please pray for all members to be safe from the Corona virus.

#### **Kolping Seniors**

Summer is quickly passing away – enjoy the outdoors when you can. Pray that things get better, and most of all, pray for all who are sick and struggling to get back to be able to enjoy each new day. God is good and He will help us to get through this.

Christa Olding, President 513-385-1476

#### **Kolping Genealogy**

Bored at home? But have an internet connection? Might be a good time to schedule a look at the calendar Kolping genealogist members have requested over the days/weeks we are home following our governor's and county health officials' guidelines. Preserving our family genealogies depends on us!

(http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy/ Genealogy.html)

Fire up that computer for another virtual Webex meeting. Click Join when the clock approaches 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 20.

(https://meetingsamer22.webex.com/meetingsamer22 /j.php?MTID=me4baf8cbdd3052436a6367140d9f445c

We will be reviewing **Matricula** (data.matriculaonline.eu). Co-hosting with me will be member David Lahrman. We have covered this site in our live sessions, but it is so good, it needs another examination! Take some time accessing Roman Catholic records. Matricula is a nonprofit organization that made its mark by digitizing Catholic Church records from the old Austro-Hungarian Empire. Among records, you'll find Catholic registers from Münster and Paderborn, as well as the German Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Unique to this site is the large collection of Roman Catholic Militärkirchenbücher, the "barracks parishes" of garrisoned soldiers who were often far from home. Matricula has a language "flipper" that translates the home page into English, but some pages, the originals, are in German only. Much can be learned spending time researching from home.

Dr. Tom Montgomery, Kolping member: montgota@fuse.net, montgota@miamioh.edu, 513-969-5383.

#### **Kolping Name Badges**

We all miss our Kolping meetings and events – always a time for cheer and happiness! Some of us will need to re-learn names after the lockdown is lifted. You may order custom name badges to wear at Kolping events. The cost for these is minimal and is coordinated bv member Tom Montgomery, representing the Society. He will just need your first and last name, email, phone and funds. Tom can be reached at 513-969-5383 or montgota@fuse.net. You can send him a check (515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014) or just wait until the badges arrive and Kolping is re-opened to pay and pick up your name badge.

Front will be the same for all name badges as follows.



Please specify **Magnet** or **Pins** (two on the back) and <u>exactly</u> how you want your name to appear on the badge. We need to order ten at a time.

Back-Magnetic to fit any article of clothing, but beware, it is NOT for those with Pacemakers; \$4.75 each.



Back – two pins can be used to fit to any soft article of clothing; \$4.00 each.



The name badges can be picked up at any general meeting, event or mailed back to you (at an extra cost). They are \$4.75 (magnetic) or \$4.00 (pins) each, with cash or a check made payable to Tom Montgomery (not written to the Kolping Society), 515 Vinnedge Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014.

## THE KOLPING SOCIETY PRESENTS:

# FRIDAY NIGHT GEMÜTLICHKEIT!

Come and enjoy a wonderful night of Gemütlichkeit und Freundschaft with friends and family, in the beautiful Kolping Biergarten!

FRIDAY NIGHTS ONLY: 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/25, 10/2, 10/09, 10/16

Come and enjoy a delicious Brat, Mett, Weiner, Pretzel, Ice Cold Beer, Pop and Water.

WHERE: KOLPING CENTER, 10235 MILL ROAD TIME: 5:00PM -10:00PM, FOOD SERVED UNTIL 8:30PM

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### Kolping History Corner

#### **The Kolping Sports Club**

by Nancy Pelzel

Excerpts from "Making a Difference: A History of the Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati"

The Cincinnati Kolping Society has always been synonymous with Cincinnati soccer, long before soccer gained such popularity as it has today. In fact, in 1931, when the Kolping Sports Club was founded, the majority of people in the U.S. didn't even know what soccer was.

The Kolping Sports Club came into being on March 4, 1931 when twelve Kolping brothers came together and decided to form the club. It was first called the "Kolping Soccer Team" and August Schnieders was the club leader, Frank Wensing the team captain, and Clem Diekmann the ball handler. The club held its founding celebration on May 3, 1931, at which time the soccer team played against the Greater Cincinnati Kicker's Reserve. They added another soccer team and joined the Southwestern Ohio Soccer League in September of that year. They also added a track team, a volleyball team and an "old men's" soccer team the first year. (The "old men" were in their late twenties and early thirties.) By the beginning of 1932, they already had fifty-five members.



The Kolping Soccer Team (first team) in 1932.

On June 26, 1932, Cincinnati Kolping purchased a ballpark on Runnymede Avenue in Cumminsville/ Northside to be used for the Sports Club. Lots of hard work had to be done to get the field ready for a sports meet that Cincinnati was hosting on September 4 for the Kolping Athletes of America, which was to be the grand opening of the park. By the time September 4 arrived, there would be a soccer field, a cinder track, a volleyball court, space and equipment for high jumping and broad jumping, as well as for shot-putting, in addition to a parking lot for about 200 cars.

The Sports Club participated in many tournaments with other

athletes from the Kolping Societies of Detroit, St. Paul and Chicago. They also played in tournaments with local and regional sports clubs and each year they would play at the Kolping West District Sports Meet on Labor Day weekend in various cities.

By the late 1930s, the Sports Club disbanded and the sports field was sold, as there was no further mention of either one in either the *Kolping Banners* of the time or the meeting minutes. The club did have a slight revival, though, when in the latter part of 1939, a group of former Kolping athletes formed a new Sports Club, which was loosely based on a camaraderie basis and active only in the summer for baseball and nine-pin bowling. It is not known how long this group lasted, as the only subgroups that were active during the World War II years were the Ladies Auxiliary and the Singing Club.

In 1951, well after World War II had ended and Cincinnati began to see a new wave of immigrants coming from Germany, Gus Schnieders organized a soccer program for the Kolping youth. The new Kolping team played at the field at Muehlenhardt Farm at 8448 Winton Road at first, and then at the field at the new Kolping Grove after 1953. At a time

when soccer was not the popular sport that it is today, this program gave the young men of Kolping, and especially the new immigrants, the opportunity to play a game that they loved and to enjoy the camaraderie that it brought.

At first, the Kolping soccer team was part of a consisting five team league of the Donauschwaben, Ft. Wayne, Columbus and Dayton. In 1953, two more teams were added to the league - the Indianapolis Soccer Team and the Italian team. In May of 1953, a two-day soccer tournament called the Sportsfest was begun at the Kolping Grove, with the teams from the Tri-State area participating. This Sportsfest was later extended to three days and it lasted well into the nineties, always taking place in May of each year.

In 1956, Cincinnati Kolping started a new soccer team called the Queen City Team. Both this team and the original Kolping Soccer Team played other Kolping soccer teams at the Regional Meeting of the Midwestern Branches of the Kolping Society of America on Labor Day weekend that year.

In 1959, Frank Borchers became the head of the Sports Club. Other early managers and presidents of the club included: Gus Rehling,



1952 Kolping Soccer Team

Front row, L to R: Dave Strecker, John Dienesch, Gus Kramer, Victor Rotschka, Horst Meyerrose. Back row, L to R: Manager Gus Schnieders, Eddie ?, Pete Woroncow, Frank Hermes, Romolo Totis, Albert Zerhusen, Harry Talkers, George Diekmann.

Foster Stearns, Ben Geers, Rainer Wingbermuhle, Harry Talkers, Joe Freese, Otto Hermes, Albert Thiele, Sandy Bakos, Dave Strecker, Gus Kramer, Gary Gerdes, Herman Ruether, Gunther Uhlhorn and Ben Albers. Gus Rehling was very involved in Kolping soccer in leadership roles for nearly forty years, and he lived and breathed soccer. He was instrumental in recruiting players, bringing soccer teams from Germany, and sponsoring friendship exchange trips to Germany for the Kolping soccer teams.



## The first Kolping Girls' Soccer Team in 1975

Front row, L to R: Peggy Meyerrose, Carolyn Schroeder, Margie Lally, Barbara Redder, Mary Catherine Uhlhorn, Karen Bruewer, Ann Feldman.

Back row, L to R: Lisa Hasenfratz, Cindy Kalkhoff, Sylvia Ostendorf, Assistant Coach Jim Lally, Coach Marilee Uhlhorn, Vivian Mercer, Janet Ostendorf, Pam Donaway. Other girls on the team were: Connie Bueter, Susan Krier, and Jennifer Meyerrose.

Photo courtesy of Marilee Uhlhorn

In 1967, SAY (Soccer Association for Youth) Soccer was founded in Cincinnati, and Kolping members got very involved. Gus Kramer and David Strecker were in charge of coaching neighborhood teams and Kolping supported them by letting many of these teams use its facilities. Kolping Sons Youth Soccer Teams were started in the spring of 1974, with the boys ranging in age from six to sixteen years.

In 1970, the first German soccer team visited and played at the Kolping Grove. Many teams from Germany were hosted by Cincinnati Kolping over the years. This was a great opportunity for the Kolping youth to be exposed to another culture and to forge new international friendships.

By 1975, the Sports Club had formed a league with over ten teams, plus they had five youth soccer teams, as well as a girls' team. The first girls' soccer team was coached by Marilee Uhlhorn, with Jim Lally being the assistant coach. Marilee painted the Kolping logo on the girls' shirts.

Also in 1975, Cincinnati Kolping started the GCL (Greater Catholic League) Soccer Banquet, inviting the all-stars of the soccer teams of all Greater Cincinnati Catholic high schools. This event was originated by Ben Albers, Gary Gerdes, Rich Loesing, Alan Schlaechter, A.J. "Bud" Schaub, Jr., Harry Talkers, and Charlie Wirtle. The high schools involved in the first banquet were: Elder, LaSalle, Roger Bacon, St. Xavier and Moeller. The Soccer all-stars were selected by coaches of the GCL and were honored with trophies donated by Kolping. According to Rick Hill, President of the Sports Club from 1998 through 2014, "We also included academic awards, player of the year and coach of the year awards. In 1982, girls' teams were added and the banquet was renamed GCL-GGCL Banquet. In the later days of the banquet, we were hosting close to 500 players, coaches, and parents for dinner and entertainment. In 2012, the schools made a decision to stop having all banquets." The support that Kolping gave the soccer programs of these Catholic high schools through this banquet was instrumental in raising awareness of the sport and contributing to its popularity in Cincinnati. In 1975, the president of the SAY Soccer League said, "Kolping is the cradle of soccer in Cincinnati and we will continue supporting it."

In 1977, the Cincinnati Kolping Stars soccer team made a trip to West Germany to play against soccer teams in nine different cities. This was the first time a Kolping U.S.A. soccer team had played in competition in Germany, and Kolping Cincinnati was well represented by some of the top 17 - 19 year-old players in the city. Gary Gerdes was the general manager of the Sports Club at the time, so he and two coaches, Dave Strecker and Frank Hermes, traveled with the team. This opened the door for many other Cincinnati Kolping soccer teams to travel to Germany through the early 1990s.

By the late 1990s, soccer's popularity had grown tremendously, and the game changed dramatically as well. Rick Hill took over as president of the Kolping Sports Club in 1998 and he and his team made lots of changes through the years of his stewardship. In 2002, the Seth Stevens Memorial Soccer Tournament was created, which was named for a young man who lost his life to Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. The tournament was designed as a fundraiser for the club and proceeds were also given to Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The name of this tournament was changed in 2020 to the Kolping Memorial Tournament.

There have been many changes in soccer leagues throughout the years. Kolping competes in both a competitive league, as well as a premier league, with some of their teams. They have run as few as seven teams to as many as forty-five teams



per season, with an average of twenty-six teams per season in the last five years, with 70% girls' teams and 30% boys' teams. Walt Dewar took over the helm of the Sports Club in 2015 and is currently its president.

Kolping Sports Club 07 Governor's Cup Finalist Team with coaches Brad Saylor on the left and Ron Hughes on the right.

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## **2020** Calendar of Events

JANUARY	NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 11 King's Party	JUNE	1 Board Meeting 5 General Meeting				
	0		<del>19 Schützen End Party</del>				
	17 Schützen Nacht		5				
	25 Stube Nacht		21 Father's Day/Anniversary Mass				
FEBRUARY	3 Board Meeting		29 Board Meeting (July)				
LEROMA	7 General Meeting	JULY	NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY				
	8 Celebration Dance		11 3v3 Soccer Tournament				
	21 Schützen Nacht		<del>17, 18, 19 Schützenfest</del>				
	23 Schlachtfest		18 Kolping Members' Family Picnic				
	28 Fish Fry (Society)		1 0 9				
		AUGUST	3 Board Meeting				
MARCH	2 Doord Mosting	nouobi	7 General Meeting				
MAKCH	2 Board Meeting						
	6 Fish Fry (Sports Club)		21 Captains Meeting – Schützen Club				
	6 General Meeting		21 Appreciation Party				
	13 Fish Fry (Schützen Club)		31 Board Meeting (September)				
	20 Fish Fry (Fr. David Hiller Fund)						
	20 Schützen Nacht	SEPTEMBER	NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT.				
	21 King's Ball		11, 12, 13 Kolping Nat'l. Convention				
	27 Fish Fry (Young Families)		11, 12, 13 Fill the Net Tournament				
	<del>29 St. Joseph's Day Mass</del>		18 Schützen Nacht				
	30 Board Meeting (April)		28 Board Meeting (October)				
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APRIL	<del>3 Fish Fry (Endowment)</del>	OCTOBER	2 General Meeting				
	3 General Meeting		16 Schützen Nacht				
	<del>17 Schützen Nacht</del>						
	19 Awards Banquet	NOVEMBER	1 Memorial Mass/Goettafest				
	24 Sängerchor Sängerfest		2 Board Meeting				
	25 Sängerchor Sängerfest		6 General Meeting/Elections				
	26 Sängerchor Sängerfest		6 & 7 Harvest Fest				
	27 Board Meeting (May)		20 Schützen Nacht				
			29 Weihnachts Konzert				
MAY	1 General Meeting		30 Board Meeting (Dec)				
	<del>15 Schützen Nacht</del>						
	22 Kolping Memorial Tournament	DECEMBER	6 Christmas Party				
	23 Kolping Memorial Tournament		13 Children's Christmas Party				
	24 Kolping Memorial Tournament		18 Schützen Nacht				
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MEETINGS:		<b>KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT</b>					
<b>Board of Directors</b> Monday prior to the first							
20010012110	Friday of the month – 7:00 pm	We, the mem	bers of the Catholic Kolping Society of				
<b>General Membership</b> First Friday – 7:30 pm		America, led by the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, promote the development of the					
Senior Citizens Second Tuesday – 11:30 am							
			d the family by fostering a sense of nd friendship through our holistic				
Schützen Club	<b>5</b> 1	programs of spiritual, educational, charitable, and					
Genealogy Gr		social activitie	25.				
Sängerchor	Every Tuesday – 7:30 pm						
Sports Club	Fourth Wednesday – 8:00 pm						

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