

# **KOLPING** Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin

# February 2023

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## Note from the Editor

An early Happy Groundhog's Day and Happy Valentine's Day, everyone! As you can see by the events on the right, we have a lot going on at Kolping in February and March. Stube Nacht takes place on February 4<sup>th</sup> (see details on p. 7) and the Soccer Club Valentine's Dance takes place on February 11<sup>th</sup> (see details on p. 5), while our Fish Fries are back, beginning on February 24<sup>th</sup> (see details on p. 9). And don't forget our Schützen Royal Ball on March 18th (see details on p. 10)! This is the premier event during the Schützen King and Queen's reign. Enjoy!

Nancy Pelzel, Editor

## **Important Phone Numbers**

President – Anna Stukenborg, 859-221-8334 Vice President - Chris Petersman, 513-314-1359

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 – Aaron Callahan, 513-406-3188 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

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Clubhouse Rentals/Kolping Mgr. - Beth Hoffman, 513-266-6695 Business Office - 513-851-7951 then press 1 Clubhouse - 513-851-7951 then press 5 Hall - 513-851-7951 then press 4

## **February Events**

February 3, 7:30 P.M. February 4, 5:00 P.M. February 8, 11:30 P.M. February 11, 8:00 P.M. February 17, 7:30 P.M. February 19, 2:00 P.M. February 24, 5:30 P.M.

General Meeting Stube Nacht Seniors Meeting Valentine's Dance Schützen Nacht **Genealogy Meeting** Fish Fry

## **March Events**

March 3, 5:30 P.M. March 3. 7:30 P.M. March 10, 5:30 P.M. March 16, 7:00 P.M. March 17. 5:30 P.M. March 18, 6:00 P.M. March 24, 5:30 P.M. March 24-26 March 31, 5:30 P.M.

Fish Fry **General Meeting** Fish Frv Member Initiation Fish Frv Schützen Royal Ball Fish Frv Memorial Tournament **Fish Fry** 

## **Membership Dues Notices**

The Kolping dues notices were mailed out in October. 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 dues amounts are: \$55.00 for single membership, \$75.00 for family membership, and \$25.00 for Life membership.

Please pay promptly. Thank you for your membership.

Karen Wienkamp, Membership Secretary



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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday	First Nam	ne	
arbara	Macke	Feb 1	Vincent		Reinhold
Robert	Helmle	Feb 2	Channon		Smith
Amber	Muench	Feb 2	Barbara		Adelmann
Erika	Muench	Feb 2	Greg		Freudiger
Sylvia	Ostendorf Smith	Feb 2	Robert		Findley
Ron	Dowers	Feb 6	Brian		Sunderman
Susan	Drees	Feb 6	Catherine		Weissmann
Ashley	Schnetzer	Feb 6	Ann Marie		Burwinkel
Walter	Dewar	Feb 7	Brent		Daniels
Doug	Stegman	Feb 7	Walter P.		Gerbus
lanet	Ostendorf Tripathy	Feb 7	Steve		Lawson
Brian	Brunsman	Feb 8	Marc		Schnetzer
Maureen	Waldman	Feb 8	Robert		Mattingly
Susan	Barker	Feb 9	Kim		Corbett
Robert	Hobek	Feb 9	Erika		Stark
Donna	Sunderhaus	Feb 9	Daniel		Mueller II
Villiam	Boone	Feb 10	Doug		Gowans
Robert	Koeninger	Feb 10	Max	ł	Keck
Ellen Burke-	Montgomery	Feb 11	Christy	۷	Vestendorf
Pamela	Schweinefuss	Feb 11	Lois	G	iutzwiller
Richard J.	Merz, Jr.	Feb 12	Jason	S	chlake
Br. Marcel	Groth, O.F.M.	Feb 13	Bob	F	ehrenbach
Peter	Hoffman	Feb 13	Bill	N	1aly
C. Michael	Brakers	Feb 14	Sunni	Ν	/illmann
Diane	Menzer	Feb 14			

## Fat Tuesday/Fastnacht Celebration

Celebrate Fat Tuesday the German way at Hofbräuhaus Newport on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6PM until 11PM. Fat Tuesday (Fastnacht in German) is the custom of celebrating the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent, the time of fasting before Easter.

At 7:00PM there will be a children's parade with prizes and at 7:30PM, the adults' parade will take place with prizes for the four best costumes.

Fat Tuesday is sponsored by the German-American Citizens League (GACL), which was founded in 1895, and since then has served as the umbrella organization for the German societies of the region. In 2000, the League established the German Heritage Museum in West Fork Park to showcase the area's German heritage, and Fat Tuesday serves as a fundraiser for the museum. For information, call Don Tolzmann at: 513-574-1741.

Manfred Schnetzer



**Donald (Dean) Thiemann**, husband of Catherine Thiemann and Kolping member for 50 years, passed away on January 4, 2023 at the age of 91. He served as a Kolping Board member in 1991-1992 and in 1996-1997, he served on the Finance Committee in 1997, and was also a temporary manager of the Kolping Center in 1997. He was a member of the Tuesday Workers and the Kolping Golf League. Dean received the Cincinnati Kolping Meritorious Service Award in 1998 and the National Kolping Distinguished Service Award in 2002. We extend our sympathies to Cathy and their children, Mary Ellen Moeller, Ann Marie Woulms, Andrew Thiemann, and Nancy Thiemann Donahue, as well as the entire family.

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

## **Kolping Seniors**

We will meet on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Klubhaus. Perhaps we can celebrate Valentine's Day a little early or Groundhog Day a little late.

Contact Tom Musbach at 513-793-1148 for any questions.

## Sick & Shut-Ins

Gary Gerdes Margaret Eismann Gene Bertke Willy Gerdes Tom Resing Linda Knizner Regina Schnetzer Ursula Meyer Tony Walker

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

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.

### Need for Chairperson of Bereavement Committee

Christa Olding has been the chairperson of the Bereavement Committee for many years, and is now stepping down from this position. We thank Christa for her years of faithful service, and are looking for someone to fill her shoes. This position would entail reporting Kolping member deaths and illnesses at the general meeting and for the *Kolping Bulletin*, leading Kolping prayers at the funerals of Kolping members, communicating member deaths, and making phone calls to sick and shut-in members. Current members of the Bereavement Committee are: Marilee Uhlhorn, Helene Schrand, and Doris Wilke. If you are interested in taking over this much needed position, please contact Nancy Pelzel at <u>nancypelzel@aol.com</u> or 513-385-3120.

Deadline for submitting articles for the March *Cincinnati Kolping Bulletin* is Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Please submit to Nancy Pelzel at: nancypelzel@aol.com.

## **A Special Prayer Request**

For the last three Kolping Masses, we have been fortunate to have Tom Haber, a Kolping member, as our pianist. Tom and his wife, Adrianne, just found out in January that their 3 ½ year-old son, Lowell, has been diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukemia. As of this writing, he is scheduled for a spinal tap as long as the pain and swelling from the bone marrow extraction location clears and that they do not find cancer in his spinal fluid. Their special prayer request is that there is an overall management of his pain and for Lowell's understanding of what the pain means.

Bob and Annamarie Geoppinger

### **Kolping Genealogy**

We will meet virtually once again at 2:00pm on this, our regular third Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The session will be broadcast using Zoom. Guests are welcome. You do not need to be a Kolping member, but you do need to copy the link below into your computer, tablet, or Smart phone.

Sunday, February 19: David Lahrmann will lead us in a review of the United States and Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) – Genealogy Division. The USCIS Genealogy Division provides access to records submitted by immigrants who applied for citizenship. With a bit of information about your relatives, such as name and birth date, you can access documents such as a Declaration of Intention. for Naturalization Petition and Naturalization Certificate. Most of these records have been digitized by USCIS and cover a range from 1906 to 1956. There is a process and a fee to access these records, but it is well worth it. There may be several documents that contain information, not just about the person for whom you are searching, but also information about other family relatives.

Zoom Guests: <u>Sunday, February 19th at 2:00 P.M.</u> <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89216174278?pwd=</u> <u>YUVoTzBaSWZtTHhWVVMwbGV3NnFDZz09</u>

Always check the Kolping Website for any updates/schedule changes: http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy/G enealogy.html

Dr. Tom Montgomery, <u>montgota@gmail.com</u>, <u>montgota@miamioh.edu</u>, 513-969-5383



## Schützen Club Corner

Next Shooting Date: February 17, 2023 Place: Kolping Clubhouse / 100 Hall Make-ups and Shoot-ahead Shooting: 7:00 – 7:30 Competition Shooting: 7:30 PM

## <u>Please be early to help set up and get signed up for your shooting time.</u>

**Top Team for January** – Team Fehring with a score of 328 – Congratulations!

**Top Shooter for January** – Andrew Hessler with a 70 – Congratulations!

#### <u>Please remember that the gun you shot the first</u> <u>night is the gun you will shoot all season.</u>

#### **TEAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

Targets: Team Boehm

Bar: Team Meyer

Food: Team Yuellig

Tickets: Team Koeninger

\*\*\*\*\*\* We need Schützen Club officers and scorekeepers for next shooting season. Please talk amongst your team to see if this is something you would be able to take on. Without officers and scorekeepers, we do not have a Shooting Club, so it is imperative that we get volunteers for these positions. Please reach out to me if you are interested and/or would like additional information on these positions. Please call me on my cell at 513-406-3188,

Please remember that the bar closes at 11:00 PM on shooting nights. When working the bar, please remember to clean the clubroom and the 100 hall; all trash is taken to the dumpster, and tables wiped down. The money must be counted and dropped in the manager's slot.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in January for shooting night!

Respectfully,

Aaron Callahan 513-406-3188

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## **Royal Report for February**

This has been a busy year for Julie and me in which we attended now over three dozen events and activities at our sister German clubs, etc. One recent event we hit this last weekend on January 21<sup>st</sup> just before we left for a weeklong work trip, was the regular Schnitzenfest Dinner at Liederdranz-Turner's hall in Downtown Dayton. Not only did we see fellow Kolping members there, but there were others from our Cincinnati sister clubs, as well as royals, etc. from Columbus. There are a few events left in this year that you will want to be prepared for. If you are ever looking for something to do, these clubs almost always have something going on every weekend.

#### The Royal Ball the Evening of March 18<sup>th</sup> in Kolping's Main Ball Room

Invite your family and friends to mark their calendars for Kolping Society's most extravagant event of the year.

Over the recent years we have heard from many guests who have commented on how unique and fun the Royal Ball was. There are few events most of us freely go to (unlike fundraisers and annual business Christmas parties) that have such an upbeat and culturally unique and welcoming environment with a formal dinner, drinks, and top echelon live music.

The Kolping Royal Ball is a formal event: women of the royal court wear floor length ball gowns, solid in dark color; the men of the royal court are in black tie, ideally tux, or a dark suit.

#### Hofbräuhaus February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-7:30pm, be there by 6:40pm

The Kolping King leads February's monthly Tapping Night. Be there by 6:40 with flags and in Tracht, and IF you want to join the parade, we'll all get a Free Beer from the first barrel of the month's new beer, which is our privilege to tap that night. To reserve our table for this busy night, we'll need your calendar confirmations (already sent) or RSVPs sent to Paul Boehm at <u>boehm1@fuse.net</u> as we get closer to that event.

*Fish Fry Fridays* begin February 24<sup>th</sup> and are every Friday starting at 5:30.

## Royal Report for February (cont'd.)

#### February 4<sup>th</sup> Stube Nacht

- Kolping's Stube Nacht is Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 11pm, cocktail hour from 5-6pm
- \$12 homemade dinners at 6:30pm
- Admission: \$5 per person, \$10 per family (parents and school-age children, 12 & under, free hot dogs & pop)
- Party Attire; RSVP to <u>stubenacht@gmail.com</u> or call Amy Ahrnsen at 513-542-8554.



## **Soccer Club News**

We have our Valentine's Dance coming up on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 7PM – midnight. The cost is \$30.00 per person for an open bar and food from Hammann's Catering. If you have any questions, please contact Walt Dewar.

The Pub will be opening for all FC Cincinnati away matches this season, beginning with the March 4<sup>th</sup> match. It is a good time to hang out with friends and make new ones.

Please don't forget about our recreational program. This program is for kids ages 3-12, who are just getting introduced to the game of soccer. The fee of \$100.00 includes the uniform. Registration is open on our website: www.kolpngsc.com

> Walt Dewar Kolping SC President 513-312-8551

## Fr. David Hiller Fund Grants

Once again, the Father David Hiller Fund will offer two (2) \$3,000 grants for children of active Kolping parents who will be attending Catholic high schools in the Tri-State area. At least one parent must be a member for at least three years. Grants are available for children who will be freshmen at a Catholic high school in the school year 2023- 2024. These grants will be renewable for each successive school year provided certain conditions are met.

In 2023, the grants will be awarded to two freshman students. Current grant recipients are also required to update their information in order to continue receiving their renewable grants. Applications and program description will be available in the Hiller Fund mail slot in the Kolping copier room. Applications should be sent directly to the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation, 324 E. 4th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202, who will determine the awardees. The applications are not provided to the members of the FDHF committee. **Deadline is February 28, 2023.** A complete description of the program is available on the Kolping website, www.Kolpingcincinnati.com.

Additional questions should be sent to Paul Ahrnsen at 513-542-8554 or <u>pahrnsen@fuse.net</u>.

### Message from Fr. Dan, Our Praeses

Yikes! Feb 22 is Ash Wednesday. So today's Kolping Bulletin is a good time to write about Lent.

Most of you remember how serious the Catholic Church was about Lent, especially fasting and abstinence. No meat on days when there was a fish on the calendar. Every adult (under 59) was supposed to fast by limiting how much we ate. Of course there were exceptions and dispensations for those who were students, doing heavy labor, sick or whatever. My mother used to cook "Pope burgers" (commonly known as salmon croquettes) on days when we were supposed to abstain from meat. We were taught that the church's rules on fasting and abstinence were serious obligations under pain of mortal sin depending on the circumstances.

### Message from Fr. Dan (cont'd.)

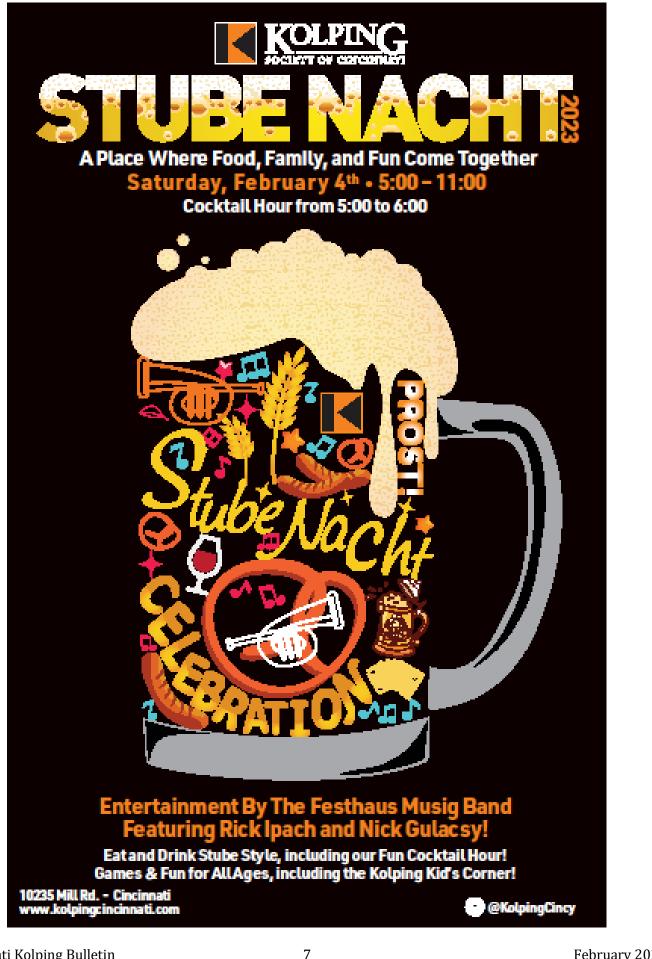
There were discussions in religion classes about how much meat constituted a grave matter. When asked whether it was OK to eat a hotdog at the high school football game on Friday night, the young priest at our parish replied by asking, "How much meat is in a hotdog?" He explained that one hot dog could not be a serious matter because one hot dog probably had less than two ounces of meat, assuming hot dogs only had less than 50% meat. Hairsplitting legalism, I guess. I recall some in our family waiting until midnight so they could legally eat hamburgers on Friday after midnight. As children, we had to go to Sunday devotions (Way of the Cross and Benediction) or bring a note from our parents on Monday. To face the Catholic Sisters who taught us was a serious matter. Those were the days and the Catholic culture of that time.

When the rules on fasting and abstinence were relaxed by the pope, we were told that the obligation to do penance during Lent was serious, but that other things like helping the elderly or the poor might be a better form of penance. We were told to freely choose what seemed best.

Today, we realize that the Law of Christ is not legalism. Jesus denounced that in the Gospel. For example, think of how Jesus told the Pharisees that they were making all sorts of human rules while ignoring the more important matters of caring for their elderly parents, or treating the poor justly by forgiving debts rather than throwing them into jail until they paid back what they owed. He seemed particularly disturbed with those worried about appearances who neglected more important matters.

Lent remains a time for penance and returning to God in prayer, fasting and charitable works. What do you propose for your spiritual growth and drawing closer to God and neighbors? Talk about these matters in your family or with your Kolping friends.

Fr. Dan Kroger, OFM



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# Schützenfest 2023 Planning Team Kickoff Meeting Invitation

## Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00\*\*

## **Calling All Kolping Members** –

You are enthusiastically invited and encouraged to be part of our 2023 *Schützenfest* Planning Team! We have an outstanding team that is very welcoming to new members. The growth of our leadership team is fundamentally important to *Schützenfest*'s continued growth!

If you are a new member or have been thinking about joining our planning team, please stop by our Kickoff Meeting on Monday, February 20 at 7:00 PM\*\*. Food and refreshments will be provided.

The more help we have, the less there is for each individual person to do. *Schützenfest* is Kolping's primary fundraiser and fundamental to our Society's financial stability. Your time and support are truly appreciated!

Additionally, as part of our team, you will be part of history because the Cincinnati *Schützenfest* is *America's Oldest German Fest*, established in 1866! Please mark your calendars for *Schützenfest* on *Father's Day Weekend* (June 16 - 18).

Planning meetings are traditionally on Wednesdays but we are meeting earlier due to Ash Wednesday.

Please do not be shy. We look forward to seeing you there!

Treu Kolping,

- Jim Stukenborg (<u>schutzenfestcincy@gmail.com</u> / 704-907-0929)

\*\*Food and refreshments are available starting at 6:30, with the meeting to start promptly at 7:00. Please let me know if you will be coming so we can make the necessary plans.

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# The Kolping Fish Fries Are Back! And we are back to Dine-In this Year!

## Dates: February 24 • March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



Menu items include: Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Cheese Pizza, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Our Famous Homemade Cole Slaw, French Fries, Delicious Delectable Desserts baked by our Kolping Soccer Teams

Variety of Beers, Domestic and German Split-the-Pot • Mega Split-the-Pot (to be drawn on last Fish Fry)

> Doors open at 5:00 P.M. Dinners served from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. Stay tuned for pricing!



King Mark and Queen Julie Cordially Invite you to

The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Kolping Society's Royal Ball

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at The Kolping Haus

German American Music by Bill Klaber and the Bergstrasse Boys

6:00 Royal Hall Doors Open
6:00-6:30 Signature Cocktails Featuring "The Eagle's Revenge" and Light Hors d'oeuvres
7:00 Royalty Parade
7:30 Home-Cooked Dinner Buffet Served by Hammann's Catering
8:00 The Royals' Dance
8:30 Bienenstich Dessert by Oakbrook Bakery
9:30 Schüsse with the Royals
11:00 Band Concludes

Adult Tickets \$45; Under 21 Tickets \$30

Adult Tickets include: Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Dessert, Schüsse with the Royals, Soft Drinks, 2 Drink Coins for Beer, Wine, or Liquor. Additional Drinks served Cash Bar (Cash and Credit Cards Accepted).

Formal/Semi-Formal Dress Required

**Payment Options and Further Details to Come.** 

## **2023 Calendar of Events**

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY	NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY 30 Board Meeting (February) JARY 3 General Meeting 4 Stube Nacht 11 Valentine's Dance 24 Fish Fry 27 Board Meeting (March) H 3 Fish Fry 3 General Meeting 10 Fish Fry 16 New Member Initiation 17 Fish Fry 18 Schützen Royal Ball 24 Fish Fry 24-26 Kolping Memorial Tournament 31 Fish Fry		JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER	2 General Meeting 4 Anniversary Mass 16-18 Schützenfest 18 Father's Day Brunch Kolping Park 3 Board Meeting NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY 9 Appreciation Party 21 Captains' Meeting Schützen Club 28 Board Meeting (August) 4 General Meeting 17 New Member Initiation 18 First Schützen Nacht 28 Board Meeting (September) NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPT. 22-24 1931 Invitational Tournament 2 Board Meeting 6 General Meeting 29 Memorial Mass/Goettafest 30 Board Meeting (November) 3 General Meeting (December) 3 Christmas Mass and Party 10 Children's Christmas Party			
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<b>MEETINGS:</b>			KOLPING MISSION STATEMENT				
Women's Club General Membership Senior Citizens		Monday prior to the first Friday of the month – 7:00 pm First Thursday – 6:30 pm First Friday – 7:30 pm Second Wednesday – 11:30 am	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.				
Bier Choir		2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday – 7:00 pm					
Schützen Club		Third Friday – 7:30 pm					
Genealogy Group		Third Sunday – 2:00 pm					
Sängerchor		Every Tuesday – 7:30 pm					
Soccer Club							
Succer Club		Fourth Wednesday – 8:00 pm					