Note from the Editor

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE! As we contemplate new beginnings, it might be a good idea to look to the example of one of our founding fathers, Ben Franklin. Ben would ask himself two questions each day. The first would be in the morning before he arose from bed – "What good shall I do today?" The second would be as he went to bed in the evening – "What good have I done today?"

As we ponder upon these questions, don’t forget to support all the Kolping events in January and February – the King’s Party, Stube Nacht, the Celebration Dance, the Lenten Fish Fries, and the Schlachtfest.

Treu Kolping!
Nancy Pelzel

January Events

January 5, 7:30 P.M.  General Meeting
January 6, 8:30 P.M.  King’s Party
January 9, 11:30 A.M.  Seniors Meeting
January 19, 8:00 P.M.  Schützen Nacht
January 21, 2:00 P.M.  Genealogy Meeting
January 27, 6:00 P.M.  Stube Nacht

February Events

February 2, 7:30 P.M.  General Meeting
February 10, 8:00 P.M.  Celebration Dance
February 13, 11:30 A.M.  Seniors Meeting
February 16, 5:00 P.M.  Society Fish Fry
February 16, 8:00 P.M.  Schützen Nacht
February 18, 2:00 P.M.  Genealogy Meeting
February 23, 5:00 P.M.  Brew Klub Fish Fry
February 25, 2:00 P.M.  Schlachtfest

Membership Dues Notices

The notices for membership dues went out in November. The annual dues amounts are as follows:

Life Membership  $25.00
Single Membership  $42.00
Family Membership  $63.00

Life Membership is available to any member who is at least 70 years old and a member for 20 years in 2018. Please pay promptly so that there are no issues with being able to shoot with the Schützen Club. We appreciate your membership in the Kolping Society.
Congratulations to all our members celebrating birthdays in the month of January!

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Welcome, New Kolping Members!

We were very happy to be able to have 26 new members initiated on December 3, 2017 at our annual Mass and Christmas Celebration. This is one of the largest initiation classes we've had in several years. Please welcome:

Susan Barker     Michael & Jeanne Bauer     David & Lisa Belle
Daniel Brunsman  Angie Chachoff         Mark & Julie Faust
Kim Haas         David Hardy            Shannon Hayden
Rachel Hoffman   Joe Kennedy            Alex Klosterman
Chris Petersman  Thomas Scherz         Michael Schnieder
Gunther Schulte  Wade Southwood        Rick & Theresa Stille
Harry Voet, Jr.  Tyrice & Anna Walker   Robert Willmann
Join the Seniors for a Day at Belterra Park
Thursday, January 18, 2018

9:30 am  Leave the Kolping Center, 10235 Mill Rd., 45231
10:00 am  Arrive at Belterra Park
3:00 pm  Leave Belterra Park
4:00 pm  Approximate arrival back to the Kolping Center

Cost: $25.00 per person
You will receive $10.00 in Bonus Rewards and a free lunch.

Send your check for $25.00 with your Name, Address (with state and zip), and Date of Birth.
If you have email, please include your Email address.
Please include your players card number if you have one.

Send to: Doris Wilke, 5180 Deeridge Lane, Cin., Ohio 45247
For more info call: Doris, 513-521-5019

Be sure to include your phone number and email address so that if there is bad weather, we can contact you.

Fr. David Hiller High School Scholarship

Once again, the Fr. David Hiller Fund will offer two (2) $3,000 grants to children of active Kolping parents. Grants are available for children who will be freshmen at a Greater Cincinnati Catholic high school in the school year 2018 – 2019. These grants will be renewable for each successive school year, provided certain conditions are met.

In 2018, the grants will be awarded to two freshman students. Current grant recipients are also required to reapply in order to receive their renewable grants.

Deadline is February 28, 2018. A complete description of the program is available on the Kolping website: www.Kolpingcincinnati.com. Any additional questions should be sent to Paul Ahrens at: 513-542-8554 or pahrnsen@fuse.net.

Fr. David Hiller Fund January Report

Happy New Year to all of you and we hope and pray that it will be healthy and prosperous. The following folks contributed to this fund in December 2017:
Gene Meister Memorial – Angela & Rudy Pohlabeln
Charlie Lintz Memorial – Angela & Rudy Pohlabeln

Following are a few financial highlights.

We received donations of $7,329.09 and memorials of $7,720.44, for a total of $15,049.53. The funds deposited with the Vanguard Group earned $22,198.91. The Endowment Fund paid out $21,000.00 in scholarships and administrative fees, so the surplus was $1,198.91. The value of the fund holdings was $271,023.30.

The Fund paid out $2,500 to the Diocesan Seminary for the tuition of one candidate for the priesthood, $17,500 for seven high school scholarships and $1000 for administrative fees to the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation who represents us in the scholarship selection process. All figures are as of December 27, 2017, and there will likely be minor changes for the final financial report for the year 2017.

Our sincerest "Thank You" goes to all who in some way contributed to this Fund. Without your interest, donations, memorials and help, the Fund could not do what it is doing. Also a big Thank you for entrusting us with this endeavor and supporting us.

The Endowment Fund Committee
Ted Tegenkamp, Treasurer (513-941-6439)
Thank you to all who donated canned goods, paper products and toiletries to the Mt. Healthy Alliance at the Kolping Christmas luncheon. We were able to donate 409.5 pounds of canned goods, etc. and $251 in cash, which they will use at Meijer to double the amount. Your generosity goes a long way for those in need, especially at this time of year. We appreciate your support and look forward to doing it again next year.

Thanks,
Barb Hessler

Kolping Genealogy

Prior to the civil government issuing Birth, Marriage and Death records, churches recorded information about christenings, baptisms, marriages, and burials. Vast numbers of parish registers have been microfilmed from throughout the world and are being added to online collections at sites and are labeled Church Records.

These ecclesiastical records can extend your family history research further back before civil registrations in many areas. Church records were usually of:

- baptisms (Taufen), not births,
- marriages (Heiraten),
- and burial services (Begrabnisse), not a death record.

Baptism records would usually indicate the date of birth, but if not, you could assume that the baptism took place just a few days after birth. Burial services records, which give the age of the person, date of death, place of death, and if an altar service was given. Other types of records the church might have kept were confirmations (Konfirmationen) which were done about the age of 14, communions, family registers (Familienbcher) or lists of its members, account records (such as for fees for special Masses), and pastor lists.

Our next genealogy session on January 21, will cover Church Records, 2:00 pm, Clubhouse. [http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy.html](http://www.kolpingcincinnati.com/Genealogy.html)

Dr. Tom Montgomery, Kolping Member

Sports Club News

We are in the middle of winter training and the spring season will be beginning in mid-March. The Celebration Dance is on February 10 at Kolping, starting at 8:00 P.M. If you are interested in coming, let me know. Ticket prices are $25 per person for open bar and food, and we will have raffle baskets available. Come and have a good time!

Walt Dewar
513-312-8551
Walt.kolpingsoccer@gmail.com

Help Support the Kolping Soccer Club

Purchase Cincinnati Cyclone tickets
Game Date: February 24, 2018 @ 7:30pm

Kalamazoo Wings @ Cincinnati Cyclones

Ticket Price: $15 per ticket (For each ticket purchased, $6 will go back to the Kolping Soccer Club)

Promotional Night: Cyclones Fight Cancer Night

Please order tickets through the link below & be sure to list Kolping Soccer Club in order for us to get credit toward our fundraising efforts:

https://groupmatics.events/event/Kolpingsoccer6

Questions? Please contact Sara Richards at:
sara.richards81@gmail.com

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Deaths

Zettarose (Sis) Meister, wife of the late Gene Meister and Kolping member since 1982, passed away on December 6, 2017 at the age of 82. Sis had been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and also had served as secretary of the Kolping Seniors. We extend our sympathy to her children, Caryn Mundstock, Matthew Meister, Julie Henry and Terri Doerr, as well as the extended family.

Our sympathies also go out to Donna Faulk, whose brother, David Shackleford, of Columbus, Indiana, passed away on November 30, 2017 at the age of 57.

We also send our condolences to George Gerdes, Sr., whose daughter-in-law, Sharon Gerdes, passed away on December 28, 2017. She is the wife of George Gerdes, Jr.

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

Sick & Shut-Ins

Gerd & Agnes Oevermeyer  Charlie Zix
Otger Kappen            Marlene Lintz
Bill Lunlemann          Christa Drees
Rudy Pohlabeln          Bill Kraeling
Walburga Kappen         Ed Reinert
Donna Sunderhaus        Maria Dechering
Allen Cliffe

Also please say prayers for Kate Callahan, granddaughter of Mike and Manette Callahan and daughter of Ben Callahan; and Mark Poole, son of Betty Poole.

Please take time out of your busy schedule for these folks. Send a card, stop to visit or give them a call. It is always nice to hear from friends when you are not feeling well.

Lost and Found

There are lots of coats left in the Kolping Clubhouse and a few in the coat room. If you are missing a coat, please take a look the next time you are at Kolping and take it home if it’s yours. If any of the coats are not claimed by the Father’s Day/Anniversary Mass on June 17, 2018, we will donate them to charity.

NOTICE

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

GACL’s Fat Tuesday/Fastnacht Celebration

Celebrate Fat Tuesday/Fastnacht the German way at Hofbräuhaus Newport on Tuesday, February 13, from 6 PM until closing. Fat Tuesday – Fastnacht is a German custom of celebrating the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent, the time of fasting before Easter. Prizes will be presented for the best Fat Tuesday costumes worn by children and adults. Celebrate Fat Tuesday and the area’s German heritage!

Sponsored by the German-American Citizens League, Fat Tuesday/Fastnacht at HBH Newport benefits the German Heritage Museum, which showcases the German heritage of the region. For information, call: Don Heinrich Tolzmann at 513-574-1741.

Kolping Seniors
Next Meeting on January 9th

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, TURN ON CHANNEL 12 TO DETERMINE IF THE MEETING IS ON.

We, the officers OF KOLPING SENIORS, wish you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christa Olding

January 2018
Note from the President

It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve as your President for the next two years. Nancy Pelzel, your new Vice-President, and I, as well as our new and returning board members, will strive to uphold the traditions of the Kolping Society. We all express our thanks to Trey Seibel and Mike Siebel for their tireless service over the last two years.

Some committee changes for next year include: Paul Wienkamp will serve as the new Building and Grounds chairman and Rita Musbach will be the new Membership chairman. Barb Hessler will continue as Recording Secretary and Jim Schnieder will continue as Treasurer.

One of our initial tasks will be to find a replacement for Father Bruno, who served as our Praeses for the last twenty-seven years. Several names have been suggested and we will follow up to determine their interest.

I look forward to working with you in the spirit of Father Kolping. I welcome any comments or suggestions you may have to improve our Society.

Tom Musbach

Tuesday Workers

Our tireless Tuesday workers are on vacation. Tuesday workers will resume on January 16, 2018.

Schützen Club News

Shooting night is January 19th; team signup and practice starts at 7 pm and competition shooting starts at 8 pm. All Kolping members are invited to shoot during practice and join the fun. Please come to the scorer’s table for more information.

Please try to come around 6 pm to help set up the room and stay after to help put everything back. **For those teams that help set up, they will not have to wait until 7 pm to sign up; they can sign up as soon as the tables, chairs and gun range are set up.**

December’s high scores are (subject to change due to makeup shooters): high practice score – Nick Krummen, 68; high individual score – Kurt Brickweg, 70; high team score – Team Wilke, 327. Congratulations to all!

Teams scheduled to work are: Team Blum working bar, Team Sterwerf working targets, Team Wilke, food, and we still need a team for tickets.

If you have any Shooting Club questions, contact Steve Lawson at email – slawson@mthealthy.org or call me at 513-578-7873.

Steve Lawson,
Schützen Club President

Sängerchor Notes

The Kolping Sängerchor will have its annual Schlachtfest (Pork and Sauerkraut) dinner on Sunday, February 25, 2018 and the Spring Concert will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

The Bezirkssängerfest (District Sängerfest) will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 13-15, 2018.

Linda Geisselbrecht,
Co-Secretary
Not ready for the Christmas Season to End?
Come Join the Festivities with King Sepp & Queen Rose

**KING’S TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY**
(The Last Night of the Twelve Days of Christmas)

Cincinnati Kolping Center
Saturday, January 6, 2018
8:30 PM

Music by The Alpen Echos
$10.00 includes Buffet
Dress is German Tracht or Semi-Formal
Royalty Parade at 8:45 PM

Reservations:
Doris Wilke 513.521.5019
STUBE NACHT 2018
Saturday, January 27th • 6:00 – 11:00
A Place Where Food, Family, and Fun Come Together

Open to Public

Featuring Heiner Schwendemann from Cologne, Germany!

Night At The Races – Games & Fun for All Ages
Eat and Drink Stube Style
Children’s Area
STUBE NACHT 2018
Cure Your Winter Blues

Entertainment by
Heiner Schwendemann
(Die Kölsche Quetsch) from Cologne, Germany!
We are VERY EXCITED AND FORTUNATE to have Heiner joining us at Stube Nacht!
He has been one of our Schützenfest headliners the past couple years! Heiner is a chart topping success and has been on many German TV shows.

Night At The Races
Try Your Luck at the Stube Race Track!

Homemade Food
Pretzel Sandwiches, Baked Potatoes, and Soup & Salad bar

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 Selections • Cocktails • Beer - $3 bottles / $10 buckets (4 bottles)

Children’s Area with Magic Shows, Movies, Games, and Coloring Contest

Where: Kolping Center (10235 Mill Road, 45231)
When: Saturday, January 27th
Hours: Stube Nacht from 6:00 - 11:00 PM / Dinner Buffet 7:00 PM
Admission: $5 per Person / $10 per Family (parents and school-age children)
12 & Under - Free Admission, Hot Dogs, & Pop
Open to the Public
Dining: Homemade Dinner Buffet - $8 (optional)
Desserts - $2 (optional)
Attire: Party Attire, of course!
RSVP: schutzenfestcincy@gmail.com ~or~
call Doris Wilke (513-521-5019)

Schützenfest 2018 (July 20 - 22) - mark your calendars as we celebrate America’s Longest Running German Fest here at the Kolping Society
The seventh Schützenfest sponsor that we are highlighting in the E-mail version of our newsletter is Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home. John Weissmann, Jr. is a funeral director/embalmer at Neidhard-Minges and has been a member of Cincinnati Kolping since 2000.

Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home

Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home is one of the oldest and most respected funeral homes in the Western Hills area and has been privileged to serve its many residents. Our reputation for honesty, fairness and a true concern for those we serve has been a hallmark of Neidhard-Minges for over 150 years.

Our roots date back to 1860, approximately one year before the start of the Civil War. Operated under the name “A. Neidhard & Sons”, the funeral home was located at the site of the Neidhard family residence in Taylor's Creek. Andrew Neidhard (pictured at right) settled on Harrison Pike in Taylor Creek in 1859. He owned a wagon repair business and began making coffins and transporting the dead. In March of 1860, he finally decided to hang out his shingle which said “Andrew Neidhard: Undertaker, Coffins Made to Order.” When called upon, Andrew would measure the deceased with a piece of string and then make a solid walnut coffin at the standard price of $15.00! He would then transport the deceased on a spring wagon trimmed with draperies to give it the appearance of a hearse.

Kolping Connection: Kolping Members have had a longtime relationship with Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home and its important services. Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home is a Legacy Sponsor and this year sponsored the Buben Booth. John Weissmann, Jr.’s father, John Weissmann, and his wife Cathy, served as our 2013 Schützen King & Queen. Thank you to Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home for your continuing support of our Kolping Values and helping to preserve the German Heritage in the Greater Cincinnati Community.

John Weissmann, Jr.

John has been a licensed funeral director/embalmer with Neidhard-Minges since 1997. He is a member of Donauschwaben Society, Catholic Kolping Society and St. Ignatius Church. He and his wife Jill live in Bridgetown with their two children.