

## Kolping History – November 2014

During the last month, contributions (of photos, documents, etc.) and assistance came from Carl Kreimer (son of Hermann Kreimer, king in 1936), Dolly Fleischer, Otger Kappen, Ben Geers, Gert Schroeder, Gene Bertke, Jim Schnieder, Gary Gerdes, Frank Fellerhoff (son of Henry Fellerhoff, founder), Carolyn & Henry Althoff, Msgr. Anton Dechering, Maria Dechering, Mike Seibel, Alberta Seibel, Josie & Gottfried Schlembach, Mary & Gus Kramer, Margaret Borchers, Rosalie Schroeder (daughter of Ben Niemann and niece of George Niemann, president in 1926 and Joe Niemann, king in 1934), Lisa Trump (granddaughter of Ben Niemann), Ric Strecker & Rita Ann Strecker Adams (son and daughter of Dave Strecker, king in 1957), Peter Herbon, Jr., (son of Chess Club leader and soccer team member, Peter Herbon, Sr., from the 1930s), Emmi Rosen, Ben Jansen (son of Ben Jansen, Sr., founder), Celeste & Otto Hermes, and Joan & Herman Koehling. These people bring the total number of contributors to 143.

We visited 1523 Republic Street with Josie Schlembach, Werner Wilke and Gene Bertke, as well as three special guests – Gottfried Schlembach, Henry Althoff and John Tensing. These three lived in the Republic Street Kolpinghaus in the fifties upon their arrival in Cincinnati. We took some good pictures of the day, including some of the tour we took of St. Francis Seraph Church that was the site of many Kolping functions in the early years of the Society. We were joined by one of Mike's former students who is the Commander of District 5 of the Cincinnati Police Department. Can't be too safe, you know! While there, Henry Althoff took a close look at the words, "Gott segne das ehrbare Handwerk", that are carved in stone above the doorway. Unfortunately, it was determined that there is no way to remove and preserve them.

### Time is Running Out

It seems like just yesterday that it was January and the search for the history of the Kolping Society began. Now, only **two months** remain for collecting pictures and other information. Then the work will begin to put everything into book form. **Please keep digging for the last remnants of our history.** We continue to search every nook and cranny at Kolping for bits of history that have been stored in the most unusual places. We are trying to leave no stone unturned.

**To all those from the different sub groups who have volunteered to write historical descriptions of your time with a sub group, we hope you can have this finished by early January, or shortly thereafter. This information is critical for beginning the final text and keeping us on target for the earliest possible finish date in 2015.**

We are still in need of photos that were taken on the occasions when people received awards over the years. We have many, but there must be more hiding in photo albums or under the couch. How about some old photos and information relating to The Bakers Ball, The Queens Ball, Polkafest, Winefest, Tuesday Workers, Schützen Club, Young Kolping, Teens Club? Does anyone have any? Ric Strecker, Joan Rehling and Kay Kempe Huss had a few Queens Ball pictures. If you were part of these groups, please look around your house for some pictures.

**Has anyone ever seen a collection of Ladies Auxiliary meeting minutes? We have the minutes from the 1930s, but nothing after that.**

## **Kolping History, November 2014 (continued)**

Photos of all but one king, and most of the queens, have been found. The last one will be in our hands shortly. Photos of all the presidents have been found. The list of all known Kolping members is approaching 4,100.

We have made contact with the children of nine of the founders and the son-in-law of a tenth founder. Still to be contacted are children of one more founder - Henry Sellmeyer. The twelfth founder, Chris Huthmacher, had no children, so we don't know who to contact. Does anybody know if Chris and Dora had nieces, nephews or someone else who managed their affairs?

We had a nearly five hour session with Mary and Gus Kramer to identify faces in some of the nearly 2000 photos we have found. How's that for a welcome back to Cincinnati for Gus? Anybody else want to take a stab at this identifying faces thing? We'll keep it to far less than five hours! Of course, Emmi Rosen probably won't believe that last sentence!

**There is still time for you to write your memories of being a Kolping member.** The following questions might spur you on to write those memories. When did you join Kolping and why? How many generations of your family have been involved in Kolping? What are your earliest memories of Kolping? What are some of your favorite memories of Kolping? Did you belong to any sub-groups? What activities were you involved in? Any particular stories to tell regarding these activities? What offices or positions of leadership did you hold at Kolping? Which years? How has being a member changed your life or made it better? **Whether you have been a member for only a few years or more than fifty, your contributions to the Society are important and they deserve to be remembered.**

**Over our nearly nineteen years as members of Kolping, we have come to know so many long time members who have given their all for the organization. We witnessed this giving for nineteen years and now can see the further contributions of these people, as we go through minutes of meetings from years before we knew them personally. We could place a long list of names in this spot, but you already know who you are, and you don't need to see your name here. The part you played in building Cincinnati Kolping needs to be recorded in the book by YOU. What you did was important and needs to be remembered!** To the children and spouses of members who have passed away - We hope that you can write about your loved one's contributions to the Society, so that his/her memory can be preserved.

Does anyone have the original photos that were used for the 2010 convention book? How about the original photos that were used in the membership directory from around 2003?

Is anyone able to put us in contact with the children of the following: Theo & Catherine Diewald, Tony & Hermine Hoffmann, Berthold & Helene Schwegmann, and Robert & Jennie Berter?

**Thanks to all who have contributed items and information over the last ten months. Two months remain to make the pile even larger.**

Mike & Nancy Pelzel, 6205 Twinwillow Ln., Cinti., OH 45247, pelzefest@aol.com, 513-385-3120

# **Kolping Society's** **Children's Christmas Party**

**DECEMBER 21, 2014**

Doors open at 2:30  
Party from 3- 5 pm.



Call Amy Ahrnsen at 513-542-8554  
For reservations before December 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Leave your name, phone number and # of children  
attending

Enjoy a day of entertainment and crafts with the  
children and grandchildren!!  
All Kolping member's children and grandchildren are  
invited.

If you'd like to help out by donating items to decorate the  
gingerbread houses, please call the office @ 851-7951 or  
let Amy know what you like to bring.  
(ex. marshmallows, skittles, etc.)



*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 and at what time Kolping members should assemble for prayers. (This should be mutually agreed upon by the family and the Kolping representatives). The Board of Trustees agreed that this notice should present members of the Bereavement Committee are: Christa Olding, Marilee Uhlhorn, Lois Kemper or Berni Brunsmann



*The Kolping Sangerchor is always interested in new members. If you are interested in singing with us, please talk to one of our singers about applying for membership.*

*Make Music a Part of Your Life*



*Join the Choir!*

**KOLPING PHONE NUMBERS**

- President – Walter Amrein, 513-367-1511
- V. President – Richard Ellensohn, 513-742-5895
- Membership – Nancy Ellensohn, 513-742-5895
- Sick Comm. – Christa Olding, 513-385-1476

**Sub Group Presidents:**

- Brewing Klub – Mike Seibel, 513-256-8213
- Sangerchor – Jim Slouffman, 513-871-8447
- Schutzen Club – Aaron Callahan, 513-406-3188
- Seniors – Christa Olding, 513-385-1476
- Sports Club – Rick Hill, 513-858-1174
- Young Families – Paul Ahrnsen, 513-542-8554
- House & Grounds – Werner Wilke, 513-521-5019

**Kolping Center**

- Clubhouse Rentals – 513-851-7951 then press 1
- Business Office – 513-851-7951 then press 1
- Clubhouse – 513-851-7951 then press 5
- Hall, 513-851-1951 then press 4

**KOLPING SENIORS**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 9, 2014**

Come and join us for a Christmas Dinner, Music and Prizes. We will have special guests – good Christmas music and a good time. A donation to Our Lady of the Woods Senior Center as well as gifts for the residents. There is no better way to start off your Christmas celebration.

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!**

Join the Kolping Seniors

**DECEMBER 11. 2014**



**Thursday**

- 2:30 p.m. Depart Kolping Society, 10235 Mill Road, Cincinnati, OH.
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive at King Fish Restaurant for your included dinner. Tonight's entrée choices are: Whitefish Filet; Grilled or Blackened Salmon or Chicken Tenders.
- 6:30 p.m. Depart for Mega Cavern.
- 7:00 p.m. Arrive at Mega Cavern. Your tour time is 7:15 p.m.
- 7:45 p.m. Depart for home.
- 9:45 p.m. Approx. return to Kolping Center.

**Tour Cost Per Person:**

\$89.00

**For More Information or to Make a Reservation, Please Contact:**

**Doris Wilke, 513-521-5019**

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**What is Mega Caverns?**

It's a man made cave where we will enjoy a 30 minute ride through 17 miles of underground passageways, which will feature over 850 lit characters with over 2,000,000 points of light. This is a great way to start the Christmas season!!

*Congratulations*

**Carmen Althoff**

Carmen is the recipient of the 2014 Fr. David Hiller Fund Scholarship. She is the daughter of James & Anne Althoff and is attending Notre Dame Academy in Kentucky.

We had additional applicants this year but based on the Scholarship criteria only one recipient was chosen. Each year the scholarships are offered to 2 incoming High School students of active Kolping members who have been members for at least 3 years. We hope that these scholarships will help ease the financial burden of attending a Catholic High School.

Paul Ahrnsen

FDHF Chairman

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**Euchre Schedule 2014**

**Kolping Center - 10235 Mill Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45231**

**Sunday's at 1:30 p.m.**

**November 9 & 23**

**December 7 & 21**

**Be sure to come early to register. We begin playing at 1:30 p.m.**

**For info call: Doris Wilke, 513-521-5019 or 513-519-1167**

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**DEATHS**

Our sympathy to Ted Tegenkamp whose brother Bernd, who lived in Germany passed away this past month.

We extend our sympathy to Jan Shively whose mother passed away this month.

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

**Sick List – Shut Ins**

Agnes & Gerd Oevermeyer    Gene & Sis Meister  
 Ray Shively                      Gunther Uhlhorn  
 Frances Deddens                Carol Cliffe  
 Charlie & Marlene Lintz        Elyn Busam  
 Ted Segbers                      Lorraine Hoerstmann  
 Regina Albers                    Dick Kuntz  
 Dick Ellenshon                  Gerhard Oevermeer  
 Elyn Busam

Remember these folks in your prayers. Send a card, stop for a short visit, give them a call. It is always nice to hear from friends when you are not able to get out. Those four walls get real confining.

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*Happy Birthday to all our  
 members celebrating in  
 November*

11/1	Weissmann	John
11/1	Stukenborg	James
11/2	Chouteau	Dale
11/3	Noll	John
11/4	Ostendorf	George
11/5	Eckstein	Anthony
11/5	Talkers	Jeff
11/5	Hull	Wendell
11/5	Klosterman	Charles
11/8	Schomaker	Norbert
11/8	Egbers	Thomas
11/8	Hausfeld	William
11/8	Klosterman	Theodore
11/9	Cromer	Brian
11/9	Wilke	Theodore
11/10	Rosen	Emmi
11/10	Talkers	Ralph
11/11	Schantz	Konrad
11/11	Brunzman	Dennis
11/11	Murray	John
11/12	Grote	Ursula
11/12	Brunzman	Michael

11/13	Ellers	Manfred
11/14	Stegman	Johanna
11/14	Welage	Susan
11/14	Lewis	Greg
11/15	Wilke	Doris
11/17	Sersion	Jean
11/17	Brickweg	Kurt
11/18	Wagner	Carl
11/18	Pelzel	Nancy
11/18	Kemper	Kenneth
11/19	Schindler	Robert
11/19	Abeln	David
11/21	Geers	Bernard
11/21	Wienkamp	Karen
11/21	Abt	Stephen
11/22	Keck	Roberta
11/22	Adams	Roger
11/23	Schmidt	Larry
11/23	Reynolds	Charlie
11/23	Rumpke, Jr.	Harry
11/23	Mushaben	Thomas G.
11/23	Reis III	Joseph
11/25	Yoder	Carol
11/25	Griffin	Brian
11/26	Ostendorf	Richard
11/26	Gardner	Judy
11/27	Meyer	Beverly
11/28	Von Den Benken	Maria
11/28	Schoenberger	William
11/30	Willenbrink	Barbara
11/30	Knizner	John
11/30	Schroer	James

Thanks to your support of the **last Buben Golf Outing** and our recent **“Drinks for Diplomas”** event

at Clovernook Country Club, the Father David Hiller Scholarship Fund recently received a check in excess of \$4,000. Over the years the Buben Golf Outing generated and donated more than \$45,000.00 to the Father David Hiller Scholarship Fund but it is time to move on so please, save the date for a **new event in the Kolping Pavilion on Saturday, June 6, 2015** ~ details to follow.

Thank You for all of your support through the years ~ we look forward to continue to earn it!

**Der Deutsche Buben Verein**

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**Save the Date – Stube  
Nacht – January 17, 2015**

We hope you can join us for Kolping’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wein & Bier Stube Nacht, as we look to build on our fun in 2014! Plans are being made for a more enhanced Fest Hall and fun experience for the entire family. This is a family friendly experience, so make your plans to bring everyone!

Please save the date of **January 17, 2015** and pass the word onto your friends, family, and co-workers! More details will be provided as January draws near.

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**Next Shooting Date: November 21, 2014**  
**Place:** Kolping Clubhouse  
**Practice:** 7:00 p.m.

- Targets;** Team Abell
- Bar:** Team Abt
- Food:** Team Luther
- Tickets:** Team Stupprich
- Turkey Shoot:** Weinkamp

Happy Thanksgiving

Turkey shoot is this month, get there early. We have a problem with individual’s pre shooting or having a sub shoot, then the following month, shooting again. Only the first score will be counted. Teams working the bar have the following responsibilities: Shift starts at 6:30 p.m. for set up. Bar closes at 11:55 p.m. Clean the clubroom and 100 hall. All trash is to be taken to the dumpster. Tables wiped down, money counted and dropped in the manager’s slot. These rules have existed for many years, however recently they have not been observed.

Team captains must review and sign score sheets each month.  
Aaron Callahan, President

[Irishone1971@yahoo.com](mailto:Irishone1971@yahoo.com) (513-406-3188)

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A group of Kolping members are planning a trip to Hawaii in October 2015.

We will be flying to Los Angeles and cruising to Hawaii

For more information call:  
Doris Wilke 513-521-5019

**The German Heritage Museum**



celebrates the beginning of the Advent season with its St. Nikolaus Day Celebration on Sunday, December 7, from 1-5 PM.

St. Nikolaus is scheduled to meet and greet children and guests from 2 to 4 PM. Members of the Cincinnati Carvers Guild will display their beautiful wood carvings. Refreshments, including chocolate drinks, cookies and Kuchen, will be available. The German Heritage Museum Choir will sing German Christmas songs at 3 PM.

The German Heritage Museum showcases German culture in the region and features exhibits on the German heritage. Gift items are available dealing with the German heritage, including books, maps, and German Heritage Museum t-shirts.

The German-American Citizens League, which was founded in 1895, opened the German Heritage Museum in 2000 to showcase the German heritage of the region. It is located at 4764 West Fork Road. For more information on the German Heritage Museum, go to: [www.gacl.org](http://www.gacl.org).

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**Fr. David Hiller High School Scholarship**

Once again, the Fr. David Hiller Fund will offer two (2) \$2500 grants to children of **active** Kolping parents. At least one parent must be a member for at least 3 years. Grants are available for children who will be freshmen at a Greater Cincinnati Catholic High School in the school year 2015-2016. These grants will be renewable for each successive school year provided certain conditions are met.

In 2015, the grants will be awarded to the two freshmen students. Current grant recipients are also required to reapply in order to receive their renewable grants. Applications and program description will be available in the Hiller fund mail slot in the Kolping Board room

after December 1, 2014. Applications should be sent directly to the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation who will determine the awardees. **Deadline is February 28, 2015.** A complete description of the program is available on the Kolping website, [www.Kolpingcincinnati.com](http://www.Kolpingcincinnati.com). Any additional questions should be sent to Paul Ahrnsen 542-8554 or [pahrnsen@fuse.net](mailto:pahrnsen@fuse.net).

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**Fr. David Hiller Endowment Fund Report**

The Fund received the following donations during the past month.

**Celeste & Otto Hermes Golden Wedding**  
Doris & Werner Wilke

**Golf Outing netted \$2,538.00**  
**Drinks for Diplomas netted \$1,536.91**

These two events were sponsored & organized by the Buben. The Buben sponsored the last Golf Outing this past June due to waning interest and the unpredictability of the weather.

Drink for Diplomas was a spur of the moment type event and held at the Clovernook Country Club in North College Hill. The results speak for themselves for an spur of the moment evening event. You will hear more about this in the future as the Buben are planning better and greater events to benefit the Endowment Fund. We thank Mike Brakers and all his helpers for putting this fund raiser together. They have benefitted the Fund tremendously.

This year the Fund paid out \$18,550.00 for scholarships and administrative costs. Seven scholarships at \$2,500.00 each plus \$150.00 per scholarship administrative fee .The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation takes care of the scholarship selection process – the Fund provides the finances.

Ted Tegenkamp, Treasurer

**November Miscellaneous News**



The work on the festival grounds is completed. Now it is up to mother nature to make the grass sprout and grow.

We planted 12 Locust trees, approximately 15' tall, between the festival area and the Dudley soccer field. It is a nice addition to the place and we thank the Sports club for the financial assistance with this project. We also want to thank Guenther Stark for getting these trees for a reasonable price and providing the supervision for their installation. We also want thank Phil Neuman for his support and drilling the holes for us so we could drop the trees into them. We also thank all the guys who helped in any way with the seeding and the spreading of the straw.

**Social Life of the Organization**

In recent years our social life has drastically diminished and I believe that we need to take a look on how we can improve upon it.

Our membership has changed in recent years and also many say they joined because of the German aspect of the Society they do not support the German flavored activities. Since the younger membership is taking over the leadership reigns, they have done very little to build a social life that reflects their interests. A healthy social life in an organization reflects the health of such an organization. A healthy social life furthers camaraderie amongst the members and thereby creates interest and the desire to be a part of it.

The recent Winefest was not supported by the membership as it has been in recent years. Only a few years ago it sold out before the admission tickets were even printed. Now it is a struggle to fill one hall. I ask why – what has changed to make this event undesirable? Is it the food, wine or the choice of music? I am partial because I like this event since it plays to my palette. I am willing to try other food, wine or music if that is what it takes to in order to entice the new membership to participate.

I realize that there are no easy answers, but someone needs to raise the issue to provoke

thought and discussion. Jim and Anna Stukenborg have introduced a new event with their idea of a Weinstube. The Buben introduced us to the Drinks for Diplomas event. Both of these events show a lot of promise and deserve full support of the members. We thank Jim and Anna, Mike Braekers and his crew for taking the imitative to offer the membership alternative entertainment to our social activities. These events are a welcome change. I view this as a step in the right direction.

I am certain there are answers within our membership and ideas on how we can resurrect the social life within the Catholic Kolping Society of Cincinnati.

**Member News**

A deer buck decided to challenge Jim Schnieder on his way home after the November Board meeting and lost. Jim’s car received some damage but Jim was fortunate that he didn’t get hurt. The Mill Rd area is notorious for deer travel because of Winton Woods and other open habitat for them including ours. So please be alert when you drive in the area day or night.

**Personal Note**

I want to thank fellow members for extending their condolences to my family and me on the loss of my brother Bernd to lung cancer in Germany. It is very helpful to hear the comforting words although nothing is going to change the fact. It is wonderful to have caring friends at this time of hurt.

Ted Tegenkamp

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**Congratulations**

**On your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**Otto & Celeste Hermes**