



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

September 2015

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## Mission Statement

The South Bend Chapter of The Christ Child Society is a not-for-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to the personal service and clothing of all needy children and infants in the love and spirit of the Christ Child.

## Executive Board

President:

Peg Riggs

President Elect:

Debbie Spillman

Vice President (Fundraising):

Holy Hosinski

Vice President (Membership):

Anne Choinacky

Vice President (Clothing):

Linda Wray

Recording Secretary:

Joanne Van Avermaete

Corresponding Secretary:

Jane Reed

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

## Help Salute Hammes ND Bookstore At Let Love Shine Dinner

The Let Love Shine Committee is pleased to announce Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore is the recipient of the 2015 Heart of a Child Award. In 1996, when Follett Higher Education Group began to manage Notre Dame Bookstore, we were asked to wrap gifts at Christmas and receive all proceeds. Over the years this partnership has led to over \$40,000 in cumulative donations to our cause.

Additionally, since 2008; Follett has often provided Good Night Moon Board Books at no cost to our layette ministry. In 2009 the corporation's k-12 division contributed 5,000 new books to our family book program. Truly great partners for many years, it is a fitting tribute to their philanthropic spirit that we recognize their many contributions through the Heart of a Child Award. We hope you'll be on hand at the event to offer your gratitude for their long-standing generosity.



## CALENDAR

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ..... Center Open  
for Clients 8:30 AM

Sept. 3 .Let Love Shine diner/auction

Sept 13 (Sunday) Clothing Center  
Open 1:00-3:00 PM

Sept. 21 ..... Board Meeting  
Francis Branch SJ CPL 10:15 AM

Sept. 23 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

Sept 25-26 ..... NCCS Conference  
Bethesda, MD

## Data Updates

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- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: [www.christchildsb.org](http://www.christchildsb.org)

## From the President . . . . Peg Riggs

"Do not wait on a leader... look in the mirror, it's you!" – Katherine Miracle Well, it's finally happened: we have a PRESIDENT ELECT!

Thank you Debbie Spillman for volunteering to lead our chapter. With Debbie's dedication to our mission, we will be in great hands.

With new leadership comes a change. The Board would like to propose a co-presidency beginning next year. I would continue for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year as president and current president elect Debbie would be the co-president. (There would continue to be a president elect.) In 2017, Debbie would have the 2016 president elect become her co-president. This change is to get more members to consider joining the board and leading the chapter. If you had considered a leadership position, but were concerned that since you spend February in Florida, by having a co-president serving at your side, she could step in and be sure to take care of all issues in February. The following article explains this.

I thank the Board for having faith in possible changes. This is the most supportive group of women I have worked with. They are always willing to step up and step into new situations. These ladies have kind words and great questions. Christ Child is in great hands.

When this newsletter hits mailboxes, Let Love Shine 2015 will be in the books, but the co-chairs Mary Barrett and Holly Hosinski are already thinking of Let Love Shine 2016. If you want to be a part of this fabulous fundraiser, please contact Holly or Mary or me and we'll be sure to remind you of your commitment in the months ahead. It is a really great way to be involved with Christ Child, even if you can't be at the Clothing Center on Wednesdays. Please consider offering your talents to this event.

On August 12, 2015, the Center opened for clients for the first time in the 2015-2016 season. It is ALWAYS a great day! The weather was in our favor, the clients were in good humor and the Christ Child volunteers were eager to get this distribution season open. We served 164 children in 64 families. Good to see familiar faces - and new members come out to volunteer.

### Why a Co-Presidency? *by Peg Riggs*

Since I have been a part of the Board, we have heard over and over, "I'd volunteer for president, but I'm gone all February," or "I would do that, but it seems like a lot of work for one person." The Board listened, and we believe there is a solution.

#### Co-Presidents

A co-presidency, that is two board members sharing the duties and responsibilities of a president on a rotating basis, would encourage those members who have a busy life or dual residences or a grandbaby on the way to step up and serve Christ Child. Having another person to run the Board meeting or be at the Clothing Center when you have a conflict or speak at a meeting, would lighten the load of the office and its responsibilities.

#### How would a co-presidency work?

Now that there is a president elect (Debbie) in place for 2015-2016, starting next year (2016-2017) the current president (Peg) and this year's president elect (Debbie) would share the co-presidency. The following year, a new president elect would step up, then in 2017-2018, Debbie would be co-president with her. The co-presidency would be a revolving position. The president elect position would remain one member for one year, then two years as co-president. It would be a three year commitment with the last two years as shared co-president.

#### How can we do this?

By-laws will need to be updated. The article called: "By-Law Changes" in this newsletter explains how change occurs in the way Christ Child operates.

#### Questions?

Want to share with me what a great idea this is? Step up to join the Board next year? Offer your talents as president elect for next year? *Email me: [peg-griggs1@yahoo.com](mailto:peg-griggs1@yahoo.com).*

## First Notice

### By-Law Changes

With the proposal of co-presidency, would come change to the by-laws. Throughout the by-laws, there is wording regarding the president. This will have to change from "president" to "president or co-presidents."

Example: Article VIII, Section 1 currently reads:

The officers shall be **president**, president-elect, vice-president of fund-raising, vice-president of membership, vice-president of clothing project, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer. Officers shall be chosen by the Board.

Proposed change: Article VIII, Section 1 will read:

The officers shall be **president or co-presidents**, president-elect, vice-president of fund-raising, vice-president of membership, vice-president of clothing project, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer. Officers shall be chosen by the Board.

The following passages will have to change from "president" to "president or co-president"

Article VII: Section 3, 13, 15

Article VIII: Section 1, 5 (a, b, (1 & 2), c, d, e, f, g, h), 7

Article IX: Section 2, 4

Article X

Article XIII: Section 3

Article XIV: Section 2, 3

Article XVII: Section 4

Article VIII Section 4 for would change from "Officers are elected to hold office for a period of (1) year and may be elected for one or two additional years. They shall take office at the first Board meeting of the Fiscal year." to adding the additional sentence: "Officers are elected to hold office for a period of (1) year and may be elected for one or two additional years. **In the case of co-presidency, office shall be held for 2 years.**

They shall take office at the first Board meeting of the Fiscal year."

This proposal to change the by-laws will be voted on by the general membership at the October Annual Meeting, October 22, 2015 (the Fall Luncheon).

## Gifts and Memorials

The beautiful Gold Christ Child Remembrance Card is a convenient way to send donations in any amount to the Christ Child Society, as an In Memoriam or in recognition of a special occasion or accomplishment. A donation can be made in memory of deceased friend or relatives who will also be remembered in a perpetual monthly Mass. The card also makes it possible to celebrate happy occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries in the same way. When requesting a Remembrance Card, members are asked to print legibly since the names will be printed in each newsletter with the donor's name in parentheses. Extra cards are available in the office or from Joan Hardig (277-7787)

### IN MEMORIAM

Robert B. Bartels, Sr (George/Teddi Murray)  
 Raymond Bilinski (Toni Pikuza)  
 Donald Capello (Bruce/Marcia Auger)  
 Jean Granfield (Mary Beth McGrath)  
 Emil T. Hofman (Kathryn Screes)  
 Dr. John Horvath (Kathy/John Seidl)  
 Hoffman G. Kennach (James/Kimberly Keultjes)  
 Kathleen Klawitter (Ann/Fred Schmiedeler, Kathy/John Seidl, Ryan/Jessica Gates, Gary/Deborah Priestap, Mary/Dick Reineke, Chris/Kathleen Flynn Fox, Bruce/Marcia Auger, Julie Considine, Kathryn Schoenle, Frederick/Karen Giel, Frank/Shirley Cyr)  
 Mike Klosinski (Mike/Deb Low)  
 John Korb (Sheila Emge, Marie/Paul Brady, Frank/Marti Moriconi, Bernie/Mary Ann Randall, M/M John Hintz)  
 Marian Mackin (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
 Barbara Meehan (Marjorie/John Bycraft, Ann L. Molenda, Julie W. Considine, B. G. Butler)  
 Beverly Morris (Peggy Bauer, Carol Bauer)  
 Karen Offerle-Wilcoxson (John/Suzy Halloran)  
 Barbara Powers (Helen Diltz, Rex/Margaret Voorheis)  
 John Snaithman (Fran Austin)  
 Mary Lou Wolfe (Rose Acklin)  
 Dominic Zappia (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)

### Book Club

*The Red Skirt Memoirs  
of an Ex Nun*

by Patricia O'Donnell Gibson  
 September 16  
 Elizabeth Bannon (855-3084)

### SPECIAL OCCASION

Joe Blazek's 80th Birthay (Mary Lou/Pete Mullen)  
 Dolores Dowdell - Get well (Carol Holt)  
 Eleanor Fails - 85th Birthday (Lyla Lockhart, Gratia Eades)  
 Joseph/Patricia Feighan - 60th Wedding Anniversary (Tom/Beverly Sweeney)  
 Elizabeth Goeller - 93 Birthday- Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Ed/Joan Hardig - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Kathy/John Seidl, Marjorie/John Bycraft, Sheila Emge, Marie/Paul Brady, Bob/Joyce Knapp, Pat/Joe Corcoran, Rosemary Shafer, Ron/Dottie Wallace, Pat/Fred Hillebrand)  
 Carol Holt - Speedy Recovery (Kathy/John Seidl)  
 Edward D. Kline - Get well (Dr/Mrs. John B. Toepp)  
 George A. Lane, SJ (Marjorie/John Bycraft)  
 Venita Miller - Good recovery (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Msg. Bill Schooler - Happy Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Barbara Sorensen - Get well (Barbara Dillon)

## Motor Corps Needs Volunteers

Back to school means back to work! We can always use new volunteers and new venues. If you can help pick up clothes at any church/school, please let us know. A few of the schools we know that are without volunteers are Queen of Peace, Corpus Christi, and Trinity.

Please contact Terry Slamkowski (256-2650) or Judy Burmeister (259-4737).

### SEPTEMBER

1	Anne Klimek
1	Marlene Martinec
4	Sharon Henely
4	Patricia Zubler
5	Janet Paul
6	Sheila Emge
7	Loretta Chrobot
7	Patricia Healy
7	Norma Sue Uhran
7	Suzanne Wiwi
8	Mary Jane Stanley
8	Catherine Thurin
9	Deborah Bernhard
11	Shirley Sommer
12	Linda Rakow
13	Carol Holt
14	Kathleen Welsh
15	Dorothy Wallace
15	Jeanne Ward
16	Francis Skubiszewski
19	Sharon Jones
21	Teresa Jermano
25	Marie Brady
25	Patricia Van Rie
26	Kathy Large
26	Helen Manley
26	Rita North
26	Barbara Phair
26	Kathy Roberts
27	Janet Williams
28	Martha Redden
30	Barbara Skubiszewski

Deadline for next newsletter  
September 21

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Join us for the Annual  
**CHRIST CHILD LUNCHEON MEETING**  
 Thursday, October 22, 2015  
 Windsor Park Conference Center at 11:30 AM.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of reservations at \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed  
 (Make checks payable to Christ Child Society)

Your check for \$25 is your payment and RSVP.

Mail your check by October 15 to  
 Christ Child Society, PO Box 1286, South Bend 46624.

If you have any questions,  
 contact Marti Moriconi or May Lou Mullen.

Note: Remember to mail your checks to the Center. Tori will enter the checks into the system, making it easier for all.