



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

June 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:

Vice President (Fundraising):

Judy Burmeister

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Anne Choinacky

Vice President (Clothing):

Sue Walsh

Recording Secretary:

Jean Fuehrmeyer

Corresponding Secretary:

Marie Burt

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

Exciting Plans for *Let Love Shine*

The *Let Love Shine* event committees are working hard to create another successful dinner auction again this year! As stated in last month's newsletter, the silent auction will be a scaled back event—all part of an effort to have a warm, inviting fundraising evening without overwhelming our volunteers who work so hard to make *Let Love Shine* happen.

Kathy Seidl and her silent auction committee will be working with local businesses to obtain donations of a variety of items that will fit into packages focusing on fun experiences. Just a reminder—because of the changes to the silent auction this year, we will not be having the usual gift gathering party and will be asking for donations only to fill in where businesses do not meet our needs for these specific packages.)

This year's silent auction will also include something a little different—buy a \$5 ticket (or 5 for \$20) and put in your chance to win one of a select number of packages. One such item is a baking package that includes a Kitchen Aid stand mixer (a \$450 value!). This is a great way for many people to spend a little to support a great cause!!

What if auctions are not your cup of tea? Raise your paddle during the Bids for Kids portion of the event to make a donation to Christ Child. It's exciting to get in on the action by raising that paddle and we all feel a great deal of satisfaction knowing we have helped the mission of an incredible organization!!

Look for more information about both silent and oral auction items in the August newsletter! Contact Holly Hosinski with any questions at hhosinski@gmail.com.

'Being a Volunteer is Just Awesome'

Being a teenage volunteer is something that is very fulfilling at Christ Child and is one of the best ways to get high school required service hours. I'm sure everyone at Christ Child knows it is very rewarding to see the look on a child's face when they get a new coat, but somehow being a teen and seeing it, is even better. It is not only the children you see, it is the face of the parents that is the surprising part about it. They are usually surprised to see a teen helping out, and I am proud to receive that look. It means I am doing something worthwhile.

One other thing that is so great about being a teen volunteer is all the compliments not only I get, but my parents get. It shows to me that I am a mature person and that I am doing the right thing by volunteering. Being a volunteer is just awesome!

Drew Riggs

St. Joe student

Christ Child volunteer for five years

CALENDAR

June 2.....Board In/Board Out
Luncheon – Knollwood, Noon

June 8,15,22,29 Restock/Inventory
Center 9:00 AM - NOON

June 24..... In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

July 20 Board Meeting
TBA

August 2New Member Training
Center

August 12Opening Day for Center

Updates

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- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

From the President . . . Peg Riggs

Miracles happen everyday, change your perception of what a miracle is and you'll see them all around you. - Jon Bon Jovi

Usually this is the time where the president says what a great year it has been, how much she learned, how she was just getting into the swing of being president and it's over. Not me. I'm here for another year. So my swing still has momentum and I am ready to keep moving.

I just want to take a minute to thank a few members:

Retiring Board Members:

Judy Kuzmich - thank you for being such a support and willing to help me wherever needed.

Judy Burmeister - thanks for always being prepared

Marie Burt - thanks for your wonderful thank you notes

Jean Fuehrmeyer - thanks for "recording" all of our secretarial needs

Sue Walsh - thanks for keeping all the clothing rooms in order

Chairs of 2014-2015 Events:

Linda Brammer and Denise Collins - thank you for making Let Love Shine 2014 such a successful event

Trish Shafer and Kelly Harrison - thanks for the spring celebration of Derby Day 2015

Bette O'Malley and Joan Hardig - thanks for the tasty treats at the new member coffee

Holly Hosinski - I bet you see the CAC II dolls in your sleep! Thanks for jumping right in

Jean Fuehrmeyer - thanks for heading St. Adalbert's SUCCESS for so long

My Mom, Joan Hardig, has always told me how special the Christ Child ladies are and now that I have had the privilege to work side by side with many of you, I understand a little more clearly. Each one of you brings a special talent to the organization. I enjoy seeing new members find a spot where they fit and feel comfortable. Seeing new friendships blossom out of our shared mission is so beautiful.

Thanks to all of my Christ Child family. Every one of you has made my first year one I will never forget. I cannot wait to see what next year brings!

Happy Summer!



In April Christ Child received a donation from the Knights of Columbus Council #553 from proceeds from last fall's Tootsie Roll drive. Pictured are Eric Snyder, Peg Riggs, Jean Fuehrmeyer and Marie Burt.

Christ Child Society Requests

A gift in your will (a bequest) is the most traditional way to provide significant help to carry out the mission of The Christ Child Society of South Bend, Indiana. It will provide layettes and clothing each year for thousands of needy children in our community.

Your gift in your will can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage or a part of your residuary estate. A gift can be made to the Endowment Fund or to the General Fund. For example:

Specific Bequest

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund the sum of _____ dollars."

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund the sum of _____ dollars."

Percentage Bequest

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund _____% of my estate."

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund _____% of my estate."

Residuary Bequest

"I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund."

(or)

"I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, IN, General Fund."

Book Club

Longbourn

by Jo Baker

June 17

Maureen Jones (273-3911)

Deadline for next newsletter
July 20

Ann Korb (277-6443) ack339@aol.com

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

Fr. Irving Bauer (Mary Ann Mason)
 Mary Erhardt (Ann Molenda)
 Jean Granfield (Kathryn Screes)
 Christine Hass (Ginger O'Hara, Prof/Mrs Albin Szewczyk)
 Irene Haines (Stacie Hudson)
 Joe Hickey (Gay Eades)
 Sara Quinn Hill (Mary Ann Mason)
 Prof. Edward Jerger (Prof/Mrs Albin Szewczyk)
 Lance Johnson (Toni Pikuza)
 Mary Ann Jones (JoAnn/Jim Wittenbach, Robert/Barb Herr, Marie Brady, Jim/Pat Short, Louise/Steve Anella, Joseph/Ann Iams, Mary Ann Spence, John H. Lloyd III, Ed/Joan Hardig, Dianne Hogerty, Rocky Geans, Carol Burgess, George/Sharon Lybarger, Kris Ullery)
 Judy Kobb (Ken/Barb Fedder)
 Anne Kotoske (Ed/Rose Wray, M/M James Cierzniak, M/M James Yohe, Kay/Frank Catanzarite, Bill/Marian Bickel)
 William Kretz (James/Kase Shalio)
 Andrew T. Krizman (Brian/Ginger Lake)
 Sophia Kuta (Toni Pikuza)
 Tim Lake (The Lake Family)
 Jeanette Landy (Margaret Hosinski, Joan/Orlen Biltz)
 Ann Lauer (Prof/Mrs. Albin Szewczyk)
 Sue Ann Leeman (Kathryn Screes)

Eileen McCullough (M/M Thomas Blum)
 Veronica Majcher (Joan Jaworski)
 Ross Mangano (Jack/Nancy Pycik, Toni Pikuza, Kathryn Screes)
 Wilford Mayette (Florence Duesterberg)
 Ronald Meert (Dan/Beth Barrett)
 Mary Michalak (Carol/Don Nash)
 Callix Miller (Mary Ellen Brennan, Margaret Hosinski, Diane Boehnlein, Ginger O'Hara, Jane Horning, Martha Hosinski, D/M John Toepp, Greg/Jean Mee, Ed/Joan Hardig, M/M John Hintz, Betsy Cooke, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Peg Claeys, Rosie Shafer, Marie/Paul Brady, Marti/Frank Moriconi, M/M Bernard Randall, Ray/TerryWedel Jr., Bill/Marian Bickel, Kathleen/Mark Hoyer, Rachael Myers, Paul T. Cholis, Lynn Miller/John Hamilton)
 Mary Myers (Ed/Joan Hardig)
 Harry Niemier (Carol Bauer, Loretta Chillag)
 Charles Odum (Barb/Ken Fedder)
 Pauline Palermo (Tom/Judy Burmeister, Frank/Diane James)
 Sue Rice's friend, Jack (M/M Thomas Blum)
 Connie Rinaldo (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 Ella Ratajczak (Winnie VandenBossche)
 Charlotte Seloske (Carol/DonNash)
 Katie Shanley (Ann Schmie-

In Memoriam

Members: Jean Granfield
 Jane McCullough
 Mary Ann Tice
 Mary Lou Wolfe
 Husbands: Ross Mangano
 Callix Miller

delier/Lillie Grady)
 Stephanie Sieradski (Brian/Ginger Lake, Beverly/James Jacques)
 Edward Slagis (Anthony/Leone Michel)
 Tina Tippet (Suzy Halloran)
 Cliff Trunick (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Jane Warner (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Antoinette Waruszewski (Toni Pikuza)
 Reggie Weissert (Rolande/Roger Parent, Kathryn Screes)

Kenneth Whitehead (Carol/Don Nash)
 Dylan Woodcox (B.J. O'Brien)
 Patti Zych (Kathy/John Seidl, Walter/Elaine Nicgorski, Jane Horning, Rolande/Roger Parent)

Special Occasion

Robert Courtney - Complete recovery (D/M John Toepp)
 Mandy Gizzi - Complete recovery (Virginia Zellers)
 Martha Sabbe - 100th birthday (Jim/Carol Holt)
 Mary Ann Williams - Mother's Day (Jan/Jim Williams)
 John Zellers - Recovery from brain surgery (Virginia Zellers, Mary Jo Miller)

Christ Child Society Guardian Angels

A special membership category was established in 1998. A one time \$1000 enrollment fee for deceased members or spouses, benefiting the Christ Child Society Endowment Fund, will insure the Society's ability to continue the future good works.



The Guardian Angels are honored with their names appearing on a plaque in the Christ Child Society office. The family of the deceased will receive an enrollment certificate. Each angel will be remembered monthly and each year at our annual Mass. A special page in our directory will list our angels annually.

Current members and spouses may pre-enroll in the program. These "angels in waiting" will be kept on a special list and officially enrolled upon their deaths.

Newest Guardian Angel: Don H. Claeys
Living Angel: Peg Claeys

Refer any questions to Sheila Emge (277-6421).

Prospective Members, Sponsors Attend New Member Coffee

Eighteen prospective members and their sponsors attended the New Member Coffee on May 13 at the Center. Names of friends, family, and acquaintances were gathered from current members and invitations were mailed to them. Coffee and pastries were provided by Joan Hardig and Bette O'Malley. After being welcomed by President Peg Riggs, Marge Hosinski, the 2015 Mary Virginia Merrick award winner, related the history of the Christ Child Society. Mary Barrett, co-chair of the event, explained the fall fundraiser, Let Love Shine, and described ways in which members, even new members, can help. Past president Judy Kuzmich concluded the program by answering questions and organizing the groups to tour the Center. All prospective new members were given a folder with information about the Christ Child Society and a membership application.

But don't wait for next year's Coffee; anytime there is someone interested in the Christ Child Society, give the name to Kristy Botich, New Member Coordinator (291-7523 or wbotich@sbcglobal.net). She will send her a packet of information with an invitation to join. Let's all help to grow our wonderful organization all year long.

Women's Care Center Thanks Layettes of Hope

Dear Peg and Christ Child Volunteers,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of all the little layettes for our clients! These little gifts bring so many smiles to our moms and dads, when they first hear the news about their pregnancy!

Thank you for your love and generosity!

God bless all of you for the wonderful and "holy" work you do!!

Ellen Sommer
Counseling Director
Women's Care Center



June

2	Roberta Heeter
6	Cindy Burkhart
7	Margaret Gerstbauer
7	Marjorie Bycraft
7	Catherine Fitzpatrick
11	Alicia McLaughlin
13	Rosamond Byrd
14	Margaret Marley
15	Agnes Houk
16	Marlene O'Brien
16	Kathryn Schalliol
16	Elizabeth Ann Bannon
17	Catherine Koscielski
17	Susan Niemann
18	Sparky Tavis
18	Mary Ann Wasniewski
19	Winifred VandenBossche
19	Geraldine Dickey
19	Kathleen Simeri
19	Rose Lyphout
20	Mary Jo Miller
22	Kathy Seidl
24	Mary Ann Butts
28	Catherine Vroman
29	Kathryn Schoenle
30	Alice Backs
30	Ann Molenda



July

1	Patricia Kruszynski
1	Bernice Frame
5	Marianne Doran
5	Mary Schilling
5	Sue Seall
7	Shirley Wuslich
9	Mary Ann Randall
9	Margaret Hosinski
13	Joann Reitz
15	Catherine Baer
17	Susan Armstrong
17	Jacquelyn Boynton
19	Anna Jean Cushwa
19	Shirley McLaughlin
20	Rose Mary Wray
21	Helen McNeill
21	Cindy Krupp
22	Katy Cressy
25	Helen Diltz
25	Irene Panzica
26	Ann Korb
26	Karen Karason
28	Nancy Donnelly
30	Mary Buersmeyer
30	Catherine Gregg
30	Martha Dunn
31	Jean Kass-Edmonds

Have you seen members with Christ Child T-Shirts?

Wonder how they got them?

Shirts available include:

V-Neck ¾ Sleeve Small-XXL	\$20	Short Sleeve Small-XXXL	\$15
V-Neck Short Sleeve Small-XXXL	\$17	Long Sleeve Small-XXL	\$20

Want to order one?

Email Jane Kanouse at janekan39@gmail.com who will order them in July; shirts will be available when we open for clients on August 12



The St. Adalbert School staff hosted an Appreciation Tea for the SUCCESS program tutors on May 12 at the school. It was a great opportunity to hear first hand how the tutors and teachers work together for the success of the students. Tutors pictured include Christ Child members Elizabeth Bannon, Kathy Miller, Laverne Molenda, Nancy Paris, Judy Kuzmich, Karen Clifford, Jane Philips, Mary Beth McGrath and Judy Quinn. Also pictured are Cindy Young and Rachael Myers from St. Pius X and school parent Albaluz Gutierrez.

JuneJuly..... August 12 and Opening Day





Derby Day



Thank You

A big "thank you" to everyone who attended the Derby Day luncheon this year and to everyone who helped make Derby Day a great success.!

We had a beautiful day inside and out. The weather was gorgeous, and so were the ladies who attended. Thanks so much to Dottie Wallace for executing a great fashion show, and to Sue Seall and Donna Kyle for their work on the luncheon. Thank you also to Barb Fedder and Pat Corcoran for helping at check-in, and to Susie Anastos for photos. The \$600 raffle prize was won by Dee Tepe who donated it to Christ Child.

Tricia Sloma was once again a wonderful MC. Throughout a delicious lunch of hot browns and Derby pie, she showcased the fashions of Chico's and White House/Black Market. Fancy hats were all around, and approximately \$3000.00 was raised for The Christ Child Society.

Chairmen Tricia Shafer-Bradley and Kelly Harrison



... Fun Day



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