



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

October 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.

### Have You Heard?

#### Students from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, local public, private schools show interest in volunteering at Center.

Our student volunteers are the best! On the first Sunday the Center was open, 20 students arrived to work in our clothing rooms and shoe department. The second Sunday 40 volunteers energetically unpacked and sorted winter coats. We could not have asked for a better outcome on either day!

Although those numbers are exciting, it is important to continually update our student information. On September 1 Debbie Spillman and Marie Burt were invited to the University of Notre Dame Student Activities Night to speak about the work of Christ Child. A total of 57 college students (from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College) expressed an interest in working with us after learning about our mission.

Because of our presentation at this event, the Language Department from the University of Notre Dame has offered assistance with interpreters. Information about our organization has been provided to their Spanish faculty and students. We are eagerly awaiting a response.

The Christ Child Society was also invited to Saint Joseph High School for their Christian Service Fair on September 14. We spoke with students during their lunch hours. A total of 143 students provided their contact information so we can inform them of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

It is interesting to note that we usually contact the Catholic high schools because their students are required to perform community service; but our recent groups of volunteers represented an additional four high schools and seven elementary schools (both public and private)! Our mission is appealing to students throughout our area. We just need to get our message them!

### Executive Board

- President:  
Peg Riggs
- President Elect:  
Debbie Spillman
- Vice President (Fundraising):  
Holly Hosinski
- Vice President (Membership):  
Anne Choinacky
- Vice President (Clothing):  
Linda Wray
- Recording Secretary:  
Joanne Van Avermaete
- Corresponding Secretary:  
Jane Reed
- Treasurer:

### CALENDAR

- Oct, 7, 14, 21, 28..... Center Open for Clients 8:30 AM
- Oct. 4, 25 (Sunday) Clothing Center Open 1:00-3:00 PM
- Oct. 19..... Board Meeting Bittersweet Branch
- Mishawaka Penn Harris Public Library..... 10:15 AM
- Oct. 21..... In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Oct. 22..... Fall Luncheon Windsor Park, 11:30 AM

### Don't Forget to 'Buy' a Doll Or Ten for Clothe-A-Child II!

Clothe-A-Child II is underway now at thirteen Martin's stores, 8 Mutual Banks and at 9 Notre Dame Federal Credit Union locations. This amounts to about 26,300 dolls distributed to these great promoters of the Christ Child Society.

If each of these paper dolls brought in at least \$1.00, just think how many children could be clothed. Please, everyone, patronize these fine merchants and buy a doll or ten!



Deadline for next newsletter  
October 19

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

### Data Updates

- Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/ChristChildSB
- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

## From the President . . . Peg Riggs

*“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.”* Erma Bombeck

In August we served 758 children. Through September 16, we have already seen a total of 1441 children. The Clothing Center is very busy assisting these families. With all the warm weather we have had, the Center has not been as busy as usual. Once the air gets colder, we will see an increase of clients in need of warm clothing for their children. Please take some time and come down to help. It is truly a blessing to be able to see God’s love in action.

The Christ Child Society of South Bend and Fort Wayne are featured in this year’s Bishop’s Appeal video. If your parish hasn’t shown the video yet, take a minute and look at it online on the diocesan website: <http://www.diocesefwsb.org>. It was an honor to be approached by Bishop Rhoades to appear in the production.

Another Let Love Shine is in the books. A huge thanks goes out to Mary Barrett and Holly Hosinski for planning, organizing and executing the event. It was absolutely lovely! Such fun to see everyone all dressed up and ready to spend money. The excitement of the live auction, the delicious food, and the one-liners from Bob Nagle made it a night to remember. I cannot say enough about the event and the girls who chaired it - you are truly awesome!

At the Fall Luncheon on October 22, there will be a vote to amend the by-laws to include the option of a co-presidency. Please take a minute to read the article in the adjoining column explaining the change. The idea of sharing the presidency will give more members the opportunity to step up within the Society. It will give the snowbirds or the lake ladies, a chance to be a part of the board.

September 9<sup>th</sup> brought a huge shock to the Christ Child Society. Pat Hillebrand passed away. Pat had been treasurer of our chapter for at least seven years. She was such a great woman and we were so lucky to have had her in our organization.

Have you ever met someone and you know instantly that you like her? That was Pat Hillebrand.

When I first joined the board in 2011, Pat was treasurer. She had it all under control. I was in AWE! This lady could keep this society straight! All the numbers, fundraisers, creditors, bills, new clothing, coats, shoes, printing, endowment, operational, deposits, and member requests - she had it all organized. And with a SMILE. She could, and did, do it all. She was quick to adjust to new presidents. Over the next few years, I got to know her better - she was just as orderly as I assumed, had an awesome sense of humor, and truly cared about Christ Child - the children and all the members. Above all, Pat was fiercely loyal.

Pat was more than the Christ Child treasurer and Board member, she was my friend. I will miss her every time I go to the Center, at every Board meeting, and at every event.

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

Winnie the Pooh



*Bishop Kevin Rhoades and the “Ladies in Blue”*



## Second 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

Isabella Bobay (Dan/Beth Barrett)  
 Betty Catanzarite (Toni Pikuza)  
 Nancy Whelan Diaz (Julie Considine)  
 Emil T. Hoffman (Sparky/Lee Tavis)  
 Mitzi Goethals (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)  
 Kathleen Klawitter (Kathleen/William  
 Ferguson, Diane Quinn, Susan  
 Caruso, Kathleen Flynn Fox, John/  
 Jane Callan)  
 Nancy Mangano (Jane K. White-Stvens)  
 Don Mikesell (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)  
 Joe Nash (Bill/Jan Killilea, Mary Ellen  
 Brennan)  
 Mary Rader (Ed/Joan Hardig, Cathie  
 Taelman, Marie/Paul Brady, Bette/  
 Pat O'Malley, Sam/Linda Jones,  
 Kathryn Screes, Sheila Emge,  
 Margaret Hosinski, Joan Biltz, Esther  
 Cyr, Rolande Parent, Ginger O'Hara,  
 Greg/Jean Mee, Jane Horning, Scott  
 Horton)  
 Donald L. Reid (George/Teddi Murray)

### In Memoriam

Member:  
 Pat Hillebrand  
 Husband:  
 Bill Stanley  
 Daughter  
 Mary Rader (Lois Leliaert)

Bill Stanley (Joe/Marie Burt, Ed/Joan  
 Hardig)

Joanie Trzybinski (Joan Biltz)

### Special Occasion

Dick Dennen - Birthday (Janette Bur-  
 khart-Miller)

Pat Hillebrand - Speedy Recovery  
 (Kathy Seidl)

Tee Miller - Birthday (Bill/Marian Bickel)

Pat/Bob Parks - 50th Wedding Anniver-  
 sary (Kathryn Screes)

P. Ross - Speedy Recovery (Dr. John B.  
 Toepp)

Mildred Ulicney - 90th Birthday (Mary/Ed  
 Kubiak)

## Feel that chill in the air?

It's time to order a Christ Child sweatshirt to keep warm this winter.

Crew Neck SWEATSHIRT: \$25  
 Royal blue, 75% cotton/25%  
 polyester fleece

LADIES sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

Full Zip Hoodie SWEATSHIRT \$30  
 Royal blue, 75 % cotton/25%  
 polyester fleece

LADIES sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

¼ Zip SWEATSHIRT \$25  
 Royal blue, 50% cotton/50% polyester fleece  
 ADULT/ UNISEX sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Contact Jane Kanouse: [janekan39@gmail.com](mailto:janekan39@gmail.com)

Deadline to order: October 12

## Calling All Gift Wrap Volunteers

Please join co-chairs Cathy Mathews and Deb Low

in a Kick-Off and Sign -up "Christmas in October" Coffee

Tuesday October 13 at 10 am at 19415 Cottage Ct., South Bend

RSVP by October 574-243-0583 [cathmath@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathmath@sbcglobal.net)

Hope to see you there!

## Corrections

In membership directory (page 17), the listing should read Sonny Tepe as an Angel in Waiting.

### In Let Love Shine program:

The dinner wine supplier was Frank's Place, owner Nick Linarello.

The correct logo for Anella/Anella Group, Wells Fargo Advisors is:



## Book Club

*The Girl in a Train*

by Paula Hawkins

October 21

Mary Jane Chase (233-7977)



- 1 Linda Diltz
- 1 Betty Lou Vascil
- 2 Pat Gault
- 2 Amy Patterson
- 3 Joan Hofman
- 4 Ann Riley
- 6 Sharon James
- 7 Jane Horning
- 8 Virginia O'Hara
- 9 Judith Kearns
- 9 Sue Messaglia
- 10 Dolores Andrzejewski
- 10 Susanne Shirrell
- 12 Mary Jane Chase
- 12 Betty Ann Gibbons
- 13 Carol Bauer
- 13 Judy Garatoni
- 14 Lola Pataluch
- 15 Wendy Bogнар
- 15 Patricia Short
- 16 Florence Duesterberg
- 16 Antoinette Pikuza
- 17 Jane Pinnick
- 20 Patricia Chodzinski
- 20 Virginia Zellers
- 21 Darlene Cyr
- 22 Shirley Wittenbrink
- 24 Mary Ann Barrett
- 25 Carolyn Chrzan
- 25 Suzanne Halloran
- 26 Lorraine Yocum
- 26 Nancy Yohe
- 28 Lois Berry

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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 so that it will arrive at the Christ Child Society by October 15.  
 PO Box 1286, South Bend, IN 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.