



Christ Child Society Newsletter

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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.

Invite Friends to New Member Coffee

Mark your calendars for May 16 at 9:30 AM for our new member coffee. Please consider inviting friends or relatives who you think may be interested in learning more about the Christ Child Society. New members who have joined in the last six months are also invited to come.

There will be a tour of the Center and presentations about the many ways a new member could serve Christ Child. Coffee and pastries will follow. Current member workers are asked to come to be available in their respective rooms for the tour.

Contact Carol Holt (259-0461) at Jholt7@sbcglobal.net with names and addresses of guests so an invitation can be sent. .

Executive Board

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Norma Villanucci

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Kathy Seidl

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Pat Corcoran

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Carol Holt

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Norma Cherry

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Kelly Ghyselink

Corresponding Secretary:

Rose Wray

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

March 4, 2012

Dear Members:

As you may or may not know, last November we were made aware by St. Patrick's Parish that the Center's roof has major damage and, subsequently, we were told to find an alternative location. After thorough discussion and evaluation (which included discussion with a realtor), the Christ Child Board came to the conclusion that it would be almost impossible to find a location as suitable as the one we have now. Our current location best suits our clients and our classroom set-up is perfect for our various departments. We requested to remain at the Center and our request was approved.

In light of this, the Board made the decision to assist in the cost of repairing the roof. At its February meeting, the Board allocated \$30,000 to this end. Additionally, two matching grants were initiated to further support our efforts. Hopefully, by July, we will know if these grants have been approved. Until that time, this will be an ongoing process.

Most recent estimates put the total damage of the roof at roughly \$143,000. Should our grants be denied, the Board is considering allocating additional funds to the roof repair in order to secure this location. The Christ Child Society of South Bend moved into this vacant school four years ago and brought life, hope and happiness to the many needy families and children of our community. We have been so blessed to have this building, and it is our desire to do what we can to continue our work here.

If you should have any questions or comments about this, please feel free to contact me. In the meantime, thanks for your support, and God bless!

Sincerely,
Norma J. Villanucci
President

Calendar

Apr 4, 11, 18, 25.....Restock/Inventory
Center 9:00 AM
Apr 16.....BOARD MEETING
Center 9:30 AM
Apr 25..... In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's Chapel 12:15 PM
May 1Membership Renewal
Deadline
May 9Mother's Day Tea
Hilton Garden Inn
Noon - 2 PM
May 16 New Members' Coffee
Center 9:30 AM

Deadline for next newsletter

April 16

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

From the President . . . Norma Villanucci

April showers bring May flowers! This is a phrase that I remember my mother telling me when I was a young person. Spring is such a beautiful time of the year with the sign of crocuses, green grass and more sun! Winter this year has been extremely mild and for the first time in years that I can remember not wishing it to go away. We have been blessed with beautiful weather with little snow. Hopefully, Easter will be a beautiful day! Happy Easter to you and all your families!

The Center has been quiet with most departments up-to-date in stocking and inventory. The ladies have worked extremely hard to accomplish this and we have been able to close on a couple of Wednesdays.

Our new Board members for 2012-2013 are Jean Fuehrmeyer, Judy Burmeister, Diane Coiro, Dick Riel and Marie Burt. This is an outstanding and talented group of hard-working members and we look forward to their presence on the Board. At our spring luncheon meeting on March 28, these new members were unanimously voted to the Board.

The membership renewal form will be out the middle of this month. Please take time to fill it out and promptly return it with your dues. Don't forget the National dues! The deadline is May 15 and this year there will be **no reminder** calls. We want to make sure that all paid members have their names in the directory. Thank you.

Our schedule for the next couple of months includes the Mother's Day Tea on Wednesday, May 9, from noon to 2:00 PM at The Gillespie Center (Hilton Garden Inn). Invitations have already been sent for our first annual Mother's Day Tea so put this event on your calendar and send in your reservation. The month of May is a great month to honor our mothers since it's the month of Our Lady.

The next event is our New Member Coffee on Wednesday, May 16, at 9:30 AM at the Clothing Center. Please try to attend this coffee to meet and welcome new members. If you need further information regarding this coffee, please email Carol Holt at jcholt7@sbcglobal.net

Word of Wisdom for April by Mother Teresa

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving."

Renew Membership on Time!

One big change the recently formed Technology committee is working on this year is how we renew membership and send out directories. Starting in 2012, **Membership renewals will be sent out in April and must be returned by May 15 for the committee to update the records. This time is needed to gather and input all the members' information, to lay out the directory and to send it to the printer. If a renewal is not received, the member's information will NOT be in the directory. No phone calls will be made to remind you that we have not received your renewal form and check.** The goal is to have all information entered so that the membership directory can be sent to the printer and distributed no later than September 1.

Among the other projects: The Center needs an Internet connection in the computer room. Through the connection, the Center's client record program would receive the updates necessary to have an efficient program. An outside company will be contacted for bids and the work.

Our website, www.christchildsb.org, is a great tool to get our mission out to the public. We are working to keep the information on it current. A Facebook page, Christ Child Society of South Bend, Indiana (<http://www.facebook.com/ChristChildSB>) has been created. Check it out!

The biggest undertaking is working with the membership program "Donor Perfect" and learning how to use the program to its fullest potential. All member records are saved on this program: membership, donations, In Memoriams, fundraising, endowment, and grant information.

Mother's Day Tea

Invitations have been mailed for the Mother's Day Tea at the Gillespie Center on Wednesday, May 9, from noon to 2 PM. Stephenson's of Elkhart will present a style show with Christ Child members modeling new spring fashions. Tricia Sloma will be guest emcee. If you have not received an invitation but would like to attend please give Linda Brammer a call (287-5048) or the Christ Child office (288-6028) for an invitation to be sent to you.

Tables of eight and 10 guests will be available. If you would like to be seated with friends, return your card with their names listed on the back of the card. Tickets are \$30.00 each and the menu will consist of tea sandwiches, assorted sweets, soup du jour, complimentary champagne and, of course tea!

A raffle will be held with three fun themed gift baskets and an exquisite quilt handmade by our own Linda Rakow. What a delightful way to spend a spring afternoon. Reservations are being taken until April 25. We look forward to sharing this event with you!

March Board Meeting

Needed roof repairs at the Center was the topic of the March Board meeting. Norma Villanucci, Kathy Seidl and Pat Hillebrand had met with John O'Connell (Parish Finance Council) and Father Len Chrobot. Norma's report of the meeting yielded interesting discussions. Additional estimates on the roof repair are in progress and further discussions will be held with the parish.

Pat Corcoran will look into changes proposed to the current scholarships. Norma Cherry brought concerns regarding the Center's hours in January and in the summer; the Board will take some time to look into possible changes in the summer schedule.

Book Club

Room

by Emma Donoghue

April 18

Vickie Riel (289-0768)

Let Love Shine Volunteers Needed

We are looking for individuals to head up the Oral Auction (the big prizes) area and Invitations and volunteers to help Judy Kuzmich solicit for the Silent Auction. Interested volunteers will be notified of exact details of meeting in mid-April. Please contact Beth Barrett at (256-5633) or ehbarrett@comcast.net

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 Jane Horning (272-4160).

In Memoriam

Esther (Itsy) Barrett (Jim/Rose Lyphout)
 Todd Basicker (Kay, Rosemary, Joyce, Carolyn, Nancy, Elle, MaryLee, Jan, Margie, Ann/Herch Riley)
 Mary Dorothy Born (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Beverly Calhoun (Pat/Frank McLaughlin)
 Anne Cooney (Jim/Karen Frick)
 Judy Daffron (Oak Park Book Club)
 John Doran (Children's Autism Center, Inc., Kirk/Cindy Kacsor, Phyllis Kubale)
 Marjorie Foster (Connie Mauch)
 Kevin Gallagher (Bill/Marian Bickel, Marie/Paul Brady, Ann Korb, Tee/Cal Miller, Mary Ann McTigue)
 HaKanen Family (Jim/Rose Lyphout)
 Pat Harrison (Diane Boehnlein, The Christ Child Society, Joe/Pat Corcoran, Edward/Joan Hardig, Used Clothing Workers, David/Ann Jones, Dianne Kalthoff, Mack Tool & Eng., Inc., Ron/Theresa Mudwilder, Katie Screens, American Inks & Technology Ltd., Scott/Lisa Dejong, 1st Source Bank Personal Asset Management Group, Debbie Harrison, Kim Lis, Pat/Frank McLaughlin, Tom/Pat Murray, Barbara/James Niesman, Debbie/Bob Rosenfeld, Dave/Sharon Slade, Doojie/Jack Trant, Heather/Bruce/Brian Trant)
 Sally Horvath (M/M James Cierzniak)
 Richard Hronek (Toni Pikuza)
 Helene Janowski (Trudy Pikuza)
 Robert Kalthoff (Nedra J Kennelly)
 Dick Klee (Gratia Eades)
 Patrick Laake (Carol Bauer)
 Robert LaGoolney (Toni Pikuza)
 Marilyn Lawton (Tom/Pat Murray)
 Stephen S Marozsan (Alice/Jack Campbell)
 Carl T Masterson (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Renee' Moore (Linda Rakow)
 Eleanor Morse (The Christ Child Society)
 Evelyn T Murphy (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Warren Naber (Bette/Pat O'Malley)
 Vera C Neal (Mary/John Hintz)
 Francis J O'Connor (Rose/Jim Lyphout)
 Raymond Pfledderer (Mary Beth McGrath)
 Murphy Rafferty (Nedra J Kennelly)
 Emerencia Rakow (Linda Rakow)
 Edward D Reid (George/Teddi Murray)
 Alice Schlesinger (The Christ Child Society)
 Clara Sienkiewiz (Mary Tice)
 Kathleen Sullivan (Gratia Eades)
 Dick Thompson (Ann Korb)

In Memoriam

Deceased Members:

Pat Harrison
 Eleanor Morse
 Alice Schlesinger
 Josephine Zwickl

Barbara Vaerewyck (Theresa Van Nevel)
 Thomas J Velleman (Pat/Fred Hillebrand)
 Kathleen Ward (M/M Roger Skurski)
 Curt West (Carol/James Holt)
 Richard Zawlocki (Mary Tice)
 Josephine Zwickl (The Christ Child Society)
Special Occasion
 Dee Andrysiak - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)

Mary Ann Corcoran - Renewed Health (Joe/Pat Corcoran)
 Janne Groga - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Jan Ivkovich - Get Well (Carol Holt)
 Nina Klee (Barbara Dillon)
 Ann Riley - Speedy Recovery (Pat Hillebrand, Jane Horning)
 Rosemary Shafer - Birthday (Ken/Pat Scott)
 John Shanley - Speedy Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Marietta Squibb - Happy Birthday (Carol Bauer)
 Virginia Zellers - Speedy Recovery (Pat Hillebrand)
 Zerr Family - Special Intention (Rose/Jim Lyphout)

Chapel Hill Funeral Home Honors Deceased

The Christ Child Society recently received a donation from Chapel Hill Funeral Home honoring the following:

Wynona D Sheets, Sarah M. Hall, Dorothea M. Basham, Barbara R. Herendeen, Lorene R. Petree, William H. Shaffer, Robert L. Sample, Tomasita Tate, Frederick L. Griffin, Joyce Rudduck, Glenn B. Ridenour, Nancy J. Campbell, Duane W. Akin, Ruth M. Reed, Mary E. Burk, Rodney A. Sowala, Francis W. Gerst, Ferenc Szabo, Robert R. Dziurzynski, Evelyn F. Kuwicki, Josephine H. Roberts, Marilyn K Bowser, Francis Szlanfucht, Robert Hegal, Sr, Donald G. Blackford, Joan M. Siade, Delores C. Brandt, Joyce A. Olson, Mary F. Moreno and Martha Vandeventer,

Also, Helen Gannon, Mary Beth Breske, John R. Heltzel, Sr, Robert J. Kirkpatrick, Kathleen Bess, Billie Joe Downing, Carol A. "Dolly" Seifer, Alice R. Sayer, Raymond A. Fowler, George Easton, Patricia S. Ohse, Juanita M. Hunt, Dorothy J. Gindelberger, Dollie F. Keck, Paul Feltrinelli, Marcia R. Klotz, Edwin Smith, Diane Doty, Herman W. Hartke, William R. Porter, Morris McLemore, Allen J. Neely, Jr, Keith E. Shaffer, Betty L. Hogue, Rex J. Harmon, Carol A Glassburn, Susan Fitzgerald, Lawrence Britton, Shirley A. McCartney and Mary L. Pavasco.

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Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is May 13 and we suggest you consider honoring that special woman in your life with a donation to the Clothe-A-Child Campaign. Sixty dollars (\$60) will provide a layette to a newborn and seventy-five dollars (\$75) will clothe a child. A note acknowledging your gift will be sent to the recipient at your request.

Name _____

_____ In Memory of

Address _____

_____ In Honor of

City/State/Zip _____

Given by: _____

Please send your check for \$60 or \$75 to:

Happy Mother's Day! Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624

*Check here if you want the individual notified of your gift. _____