



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

October 2012

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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

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Kathy Seidl

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Pat Hillebrand

## 'Let Love Shine' . . . A Huge Success!

The Dinner/Auction "2012 Let Love Shine" was a huge success and everyone had a wonderful time. There was a lot of bidding for the "Dollars for Children" and fun using the Bid Pal hand-held auction bidding system, a lot of laughing and smiling and a lot of camaraderie going on Thursday evening. The "Dollars for Children" brought in \$38,000! We will be able to clothe a lot of children next year. The children from St. Adalbert's Children's Choir sang their hearts out to a very appreciative audience. They were "stingingly" wonderful.

Thank you to all who donated items and gift certificates to the auction. We had some really great auction items.

Individual committee chairpersons were: Marcia Auger, Gift Gathering Party; Beth Barrett, Co-Chairperson; Mary Liddell, Co-Chairperson; Mary Ann Barrett, Program Design; Kristy Botich, Parish Coordinator; Linda Brammer, Decorations; Norma Cherry, Parish Coordinator; Diane Coiro, Decorations; Colleen Barrett DeJarnatt, Invitations and Program Cover Design; Jean Fuehrmeyer, Publicity; Sharon Harlozinski, Entertainment; and Pat Hillebrand, Accounting.



Also, Marge Hosinski, Invitations; Judy Kuzmich, Publicity and Co-Chairperson Solicitations; Diane Quinn, Reservations; Dick Riel, Underwriting; Vicki Riel, Underwriting; Kathy Seidl, Co-Chairperson Solicitations, Sue Uhran, Underwriting; Norma Villanucci, Advertising; Anne Watson, Chick inn/Website; Jan Williams, Live Auction; and Rose Wray, Advertising.

Please begin thinking about which committee you would like to chair next year. The more people that help, the easier the jobs are. Don't wait to be asked. VOLUNTEER...it is fun.

## CALENDAR

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 ..... Center Open for Clients 8:30 AM

Oct. 14 Sunday Center Open for Clients 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Oct. 15..... Board Meeting Center 9:00 AM

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

Oct. 25 ..... Fall Luncheon Windsor Park 11:30 AM



Students from St. Adalbert's children's choir entertained at the dinner.

## From the President . . . . . Kathy Seidl

I would like to thank Beth Barrett and Mary Liddell, co-chairs for the "Let Love Shine" Dinner/Auction, and the countless volunteers. Everyone did a wonderful job and always with a smile! Thank you to all of the volunteers who so generously donated their time and talents for the evening. Our Christ Child volunteers are fabulous. All that had to be done was send out an "ask for help" and they were there. Christ Child has the best volunteers.

For those members and friends of Christ Child that were unable to attend the event, there is always next year. Hope to see you then.

We cannot count on members only to continue to contribute all of our funds for Christ Child needs. We need to expand our fund-raising. We must tap into the community. The only way to do that is through events that will draw in local businesses, possible new members and potential donors. I am repeatedly told that the Center is the "heart" of Christ Child. Well, without the lifeblood of funds, that heart isn't going to continue to pump. Your Board members are trying very hard to be responsible with money. Our mission is to clothe children - not just for today; it is for tomorrow and the future.

"Steward- a person morally responsible for the careful use of money, time, talents, or other resources, especially with respect to principles or needs of a community or group." This is what your Board members are doing.

## Come to the Birthday Party!

The Fall luncheon meeting, to be held at Windsor Park Conference Center on Thursday, October 25, will be transformed into a birthday celebration complete with cake, balloons and even a little non-alcoholic champagne!

In 1887 Mary Virginia Merrick started a society to help the needy children of the Washington D.C. area. She called it The Christ Child Society. Today, 125 years later, The Christ Child Society is still going strong. Of the 41 chapters in the United States, South Bend chapter is the second largest.

Come join us and celebrate this milestone for The Christ Child Society. Come celebrate with us this remarkable woman and her dream of helping the most innocent victims of poverty in the name of the Christ Child. In her words "In the spirit of the Christ Child, nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

## Bruce Langton's Painting Depicts Boy's Red Wagon with Christ Child Logo



The Christ Child Society of South Bend recently commissioned Mr. Bruce Langton, a nationally known artist, to paint this picture for Christ Child/South Bend. There is only one original painting. It is in South Bend.

Only 100 prints will be made. Christ Child matted numbered limited edition prints, including a letter of authenticity. The cost is \$90 each – cash or check only.

If interested in purchasing a print, call Kathy Seidl (276-0908) or Judy Kuzmich (303-4625) and leave your name and phone number.

## Members' Directories

There was an error when the Membership mailing was sent out last Spring. The following people did not receive their renewal forms in time to enable them to be included in the directory. They are current Christ Child Members. We are extremely sorry for this omission.

We will have an insert page for your directory with these members' names. You may either pick up the insert at the Center in the office or it can be mailed to you. Just let the office know (288-6028) or christchildsb@hotmail.com

Members who were omitted are Mary Behrens, Marilynn Bender, Catherine Bishop, Kay Catanzarite, Angie Faccenda, Susan Feeley, Jean Granfield, Anne Griffith, James Hardig and Bonnie Hay

Also Judith King, Kathleen Marien, Sheila Marshall, Janet Matthys, Jennifer Munoz, Patricia Murray, Mary Nelson, Karol Pasierbowicz, Ann Sexton, Mary Ann Sobieralski and Mildred Walasinski.

## In Need of Used Clothing

We are in need of used clothing. Would you please check your closets for children's clothes and your grandchildren's clothes. Ask your neighbors, families and friends to do the same. Either bring clothing to the Center or call the office (574-288-6028) to leave a message and someone will return your call to set up a pick up time.

## Clothe-A-Child II

Martins campaign to sell the Christ Child Dolls finished September 24. Mutual Bank and NDFCU will run their campaigns in October. If you are in either of these establishments, please remember to purchase a doll and encourage others to do the same.

Marian High School and Saint Joseph High School will continue their support by having their students participating in "dress down days."

Deadline for next newsletter  
October 16

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 Jane Horning (272-4160)

### In Memoriam

Charles Auger (Joe/Janice Goossens, Margaret Hosinski, Gerald Hosman, Phil/Mary Allen, Joe/Lisa Himle, James/Carol Holt, Marjorie/John Bycraft)  
 Kenneth Eme (Sandra/Bernard Gorski, Margaret Hosinski, Mrs. Sue Mater, Jerry/Shelby Mittendorf)  
 Richard M Gnoth (W. L. VandenBossche Family)  
 Mary Haugseth (Sonny/Dee Tepe)  
 Jerry Hogan (Kari/Greg Wuszke)  
 Bud Kennelly (Nedra J Kennelly)  
 Dr. James Kilway (Mary Ann/Tom Mason)  
 Bryan Kolski (Bill/Marian Bickel)  
 Robert A Loeffler, Jr (Dave/Nadine Collier, Marjorie/John Bycraft)  
 John Mahoney (The Christ Child Society, Greg/Jean Mee, Rita North)  
 Kenneth MacLean (Barbara Fedder)  
 Richard J McDonald (The Christ Child Society)  
 Patricia R Mellin (Marijo Martinec)  
 Josephine Sergio Muhlherr (Bill/Marian Bickel, Ed/Rose Wray)  
 Beverly Reynolds (Jeanine/Dave Wideman, Mike/Jill Kaniewski, Brandon/Jennee Pearish)  
 Marilyn Strebinger (Marijo Martinec)  
 Victoria Szymanski (Bill/

### In Memoriam

Husbands  
 John Mahoney  
 Richard J McDonald  
 Richard Van Nevel

Marian Bickel)  
 Richard Van Nevel (M/M Jacob D Mady, Irene McNulty, Margaret/Wally Moore, Trudy Strantz, Richard A Vaerewyck, The Christ Child Society, Esther Cyr, Margaret Hosinski, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
 George Vanhoutdrevre (Bob/Ruth Huyvaert)  
 Irene Wiskotoni (Sheila Emge)  
 Anna Yohe (Jim/Nancy Yohe)

### Special Occasion

Peggy Bauer -Happy Birthday (Karen/Darrell Barnett)  
 Alice Cleppe - Get Well (Bette/Pat O'Malley)  
 Nimbilash Cushing and Jim Langford (Ben/Mary Cashman)  
 Bishop John M D'arcy - 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Jerry/Judy Kearns)  
 Mary Deitle - 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Jacqueline M Huber)  
 Judy/Dave Eckrich - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Mary Dolores Dahm)  
 Elizabeth Goeller - 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Robert Jackson (Elizabeth E Goeller)  
 Joyce McNarney (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 Henrietta Nowak - 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday (Esther Cyr)

## Board Meeting

The Let Love Shine Auction and Benefit was a huge success. Numbers are still being counted; it looks like Christ Child took in between \$88,000.00 and \$90,000.00 which exceeds last year's benefit.

Clothe A Child II campaign is going strong. Mutual Bank and Notre Dame Credit Union campaigns will begin in October.

October 14 will be the last Sunday the Center will open for the year. Girl Scouts will be volunteering. Someone from Layettes is needed on Sunday.

Christmas cards of the Madonna and Child, and 12 oz. blue traveling mugs with the Christ Child logo will be available at this year's Fall luncheon.

We are looking for a new company for the printing of the newsletter at companies that have either donated to us or given us good deals in the past.

Rose Acklin gave the audit report. A concern about some overspending on budget items has led to a committee being formed to help resolve the issue. Dick Riel will chair this committee.

## Christmas Cards

Christmas cards will be available for sale at the Fall Luncheon on October 25 and later at the office. They depict the Madonna stained glass that we have in the Christ Child office and were sold several years ago. A box of 15 cards will cost \$15.

October 17  
 Jones (272-3911)



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Diltz  
 1 Doris Ann Doyle  
 1 Betty Lou Vascil  
 2 Pat Gault  
 2 Mary Muller  
 5 Sharon Harlozinski  
 8 Virginia O'Hara  
 8 Carol Zehner  
 10 Dolores Andrzejewski  
 10 Susanne Shirrell  
 10 Patricia Scharf  
 12 Mary Jane Chase  
 12 Betty Ann Gibbons  
 13 Judy Garatoni  
 14 Lola Pataluch  
 15 Mary del Pilar  
 16 Florence Duesterberg  
 17 Jane Pinnick  
 18 Karen Graft  
 20 Anne Watson  
 20 Virginia Zellers  
 22 Shirley Wittenbrink  
 25 Suzanne Halloran  
 25 Margaret Moore  
 25 Katie Shanley  
 26 William Ann  
 28 Lois Berry

It is always nice to be remembered on our birthday. If you prefer NOT to have your birthday listed, please e-mail Kathy Seidl (marian0103@comcast) or call 291-6604. Otherwise, if we do not hear from you, we will assume we have your approval. The year will NOT be listed.

Apologies to Theresa Jermano whose birthday on September 21 was missed last month

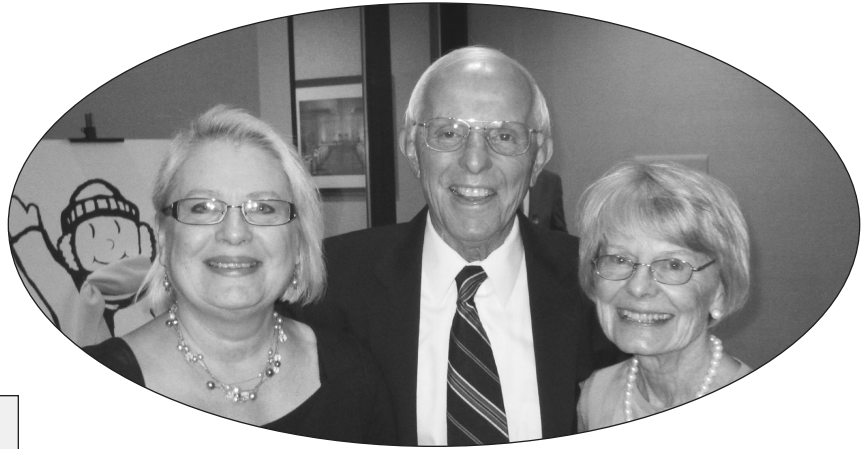
## Travel Coffee Mugs

Blue 12 oz. travel coffee mugs with the Christ Child logo on the front will be available for purchase for \$10 at the Fall Luncheon on October 25 and later at the office.

## Book Club

THE PRESIDENTS CLUB  
 by Duffy and Gibbs

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**September 13, 2012**



## An Orchestrated Dance . . . . . Norma Cherry

I was driving the back roads the other day. As I looked out over the fields you could see the beginning of fall. Winter will be here before we know it and some of our volunteers will be heading South. I was thinking of a conversation I had with Kathleen Flynn Fox who said,

"I love working at the Center and I love my gals in the Coat Room. When we are busy, it is like an orchestrated dance to get the coats in and out of the coat room to our clients. We all work so well together. It's like a relay team. And I love our clients. When the kids see their new coats, their eyes light up and they laugh and dance. Sometimes they won't even take off their coats once we know that it is a good fit. What more could a gal from Plymouth, Indiana, ever ask

## Memories from Maggielee Delahanty *Member since 1956*

That was a great article in the September Christ Child newsletter about growing up in the good old days! Question mark? Anyway, it brought back so many memories.

I'm in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades (I was 6 or 7) and my Mother insisted I have a Catholic School education. That meant St Joseph Academy, two different street cars from Portage Avenue to Taylor Street. Fortunately "Big Bill Hosinski" was on hand to make sure I made the transfer. One day (on my own) I made a mistake and found I was at the end of the line and no familiar street in sight. The nice conductor took me back to town and saw that I got onto the right street car. I think a token in those days was seven cents but the Philadelphia would give us a generous bag of chocolate covered raisins in exchange for one token. Then we would walk home the distance of 3 to 4 miles (way out Portage Avenue), not too bad unless you're four feet

for? I am blessed. I am cochairing the second largest fundraiser for the year for our Christ Child Society Naples. The event that I am working on is our luncheon scheduled for February 15. There are usually about 200 women in attendance. We have the date, we have the country club, we have secured Nordstrom's doing a fashion show and setting up a boutique at the country club in one of the meeting rooms and we have secured two new sponsors "!

And I thought the girls just laid around in the sun. It seems Kathleen, Bette O'Malley, Dottie Wallace, Jan Williams, Jane Emanoil and Joan Hardig have two lives, both dedicated to the Christ Child Society here and in the sunshine state.

and there are 36 inches of snow on the ground.

Some days I would wait at school to be picked up for a dancing lesson. If Mother was late, I was forced to wait sitting on a red plush sofa in Sister Philomena's music room while she gave lessons on the piano. She would never tolerate even the most urgent request to be excused.

My father was raised on a farm in Texas and his garden was the pride of his life. Besides green onions and radishes, he grew every kind of green vegetable you could imagine - kale, collards, spinach, endive - you name it. He never forced me to eat them so I grew up on a diet of oatmeal and eggs and, of course, the ever present doses of cod liver oil.

They did something right. I'm 92 and still going strong.

It was a good life and I would not change a minute of it!

## The Spotlight is on . . .

**Polly DeCicco – a member since 1969**

**Joan Biltz - a member since 2009**

**Jane Kanouse - a member since 2010**

These dedicated ladies help to check out our clients every week after the clients have received all of their clothes. Clients are also given a book for each child in the family. The members answer the phone, assist with directions, answer questions and do just about anything that needs to be done - and always with a smile! Thank you so very much.



Polly, Joan and Jane as they distribute books to the children as they leave the Center.

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## ***COME TO THE BIRTHDAY PARTY!***

This year's Fall Luncheon will be a birthday celebration commemorating the founding of the Christ Child Society by Mary Virginia Merrick 125 years ago.

Thursday, October 25  
Windsor Park Conference Center  
11:30 am

Send reservation with check made payable to Christ Christ Society for \$25.00 per person to:

Mary Beth McGrath  
54439 Christie Court, Osceola, IN 46561  
phone: 674-0181

Please include name, address and number of reservations with your check.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 18**