



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

August 2013

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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.

New Date for 'Let Love Shine' 2013

Mark your calendars for the NEW "Let Love Shine" Dinner-Auction date of Wednesday, October 9. The date needed to be changed due to conflicts beyond our control – same place, same time - the Grand Ballroom at Morris Inn, Notre Dame at 5:30 PM.

We have a wonderful evening planned in a gorgeous new ballroom, with the meal catered by Sorin's, delightful entertainment, a new "Heart of a Child Award" recipient, special guests, high quality silent auction items, and an **opportunity** for all of us to help this wonderful organization continue to fulfill our mission of helping to clothe children in need.

The committee is hard at work but absolutely cannot make this a success without your help! Please consider helping in any or ALL of these ways:

- Underwriting – particularly if you are unable to attend
- Donation of silent auction items
- Volunteer to help make calls for silent auction items
- Volunteer to help set up
- Attend the event – bring your friends!

Together, we'll "Let Love Shine" for the children of this community out of love for the Christ Child! Please call Linda Brammer at 287-5048 with any questions or to volunteer. An Underwriting Opportunity form has been included in this newsletter for any members who would like to participate in this way.

Executive Board

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Judy Burmeister

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Anne Watson

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Sue Walsh

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Marie Burt

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Local Chapter to be Represented at National Convention in September

The National Christ Child Society Conference 2013 will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Bethesda, MD on September 20-21, 2013, and will be well represented by our South Bend Chapter. Members attending from our Chapter will be Deb Low (who is very gifted in grant writing for our Chapter) and Linda Brammer, chairman for the Let Love Shine Dinner/Auction. Both Deb and Linda serve as members of the National Board. Both will share their talents in the theme of this year's NCCS Conference titled "**Facing Challenges Together.**" President Judy Kuzmich, President-Elect Peg Riggs and Parliamentarian Joan Hardig will also be attending the Conference.

Mini seminars will be given on Friday and those attending will have the choice of attending two of the following: Insurance issues; Program Development & Evaluation; Grant Writing Advice for Chapters; Public Relations; and Membership Development: Expansion and Engagement. Saturday will offer panel discussions on "The Challenge of Effective Fundraising" and The Challenge of Promoting Leadership within Chapters." There will be Mass, dinner and time for members to meet socially and share ideas of their own chapters.

Registration deadline is Friday, August 2, 2013; all members are invited and encouraged to attend. Cost is \$600.00 single occupancy for a two night stay with four meals and all registration fees or \$450.00 double occupancy with the same benefits offered. Please contact any member who will be attending as it would be a wonderful showing for our Chapter if we could have many of our members attending.

CALENDAR

- Aug 7 Center Open for Restocking 9:00 AM
- Aug 7 ... Gift Gathering Party for Dinner/Auction 9:00 AM
- Aug 7 New Member Orientation Center 9:30 AM
- Aug 14 Clothing Center Opening Day 8:30 AM
- Aug 19 Board Meeting Center 9:00 AM
- Aug 21, 28 Center Open for Clients 8:30 AM
- Aug 21 . In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Aug 25 Center Open Sunday 1-3 PM

From the President Judy Kuzmich

Be Cheerful! Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important

As we start our new Christ Child season, it is important to remember to share with our clients not only the clothes we give, but a smile to let them know we really do care. August will most likely be our busiest month as we open our doors to the families that rely on Christ Child to keep their children warm this winter.

We welcome our new Board members joining us this year. Kristy Botich, Andrea Incropera, Jane Kanouse and Linda Rakow have started their term by enthusiastically taking on leadership responsibilities. Deb Spillman has also joined the Board to serve as used clothing chairperson, replacing Dick Riel. We also thank those leaving the board, Mary Kay Bean, Mary Beth McGrath and Rose Wray, for their dedication, time and talent in serving the past three years. We also thank Marge Hosinski for serving as parliamentarian and keeping us all on our toes and our past presidents, Norma Villanucci and Marcia Auger. Thank you so much for your kind spirit and hard work.

A list of new members is listed separately in this newsletter. Please give them a hearty welcome and include them in our workroom activities and social events. It is helpful if each of us wear our name tags when we are at the Center. Most name tags are located on the refrigerator door in the office. If you do not have one, please sign up in the office and a name tag will be made for you.

In late June we realized that Right to Life Organization is having a dinner on October 10th, the same night we had scheduled our Let Love Shine dinner Auction. Since so many members and friends would attend both affairs, it was decided to move our dinner to Wednesday, October 9th, 2013. We are excited and can't wait to see the new Grand Ballroom at Morris Inn where this event will take place. Linda Brammer and her committee are working hard to make this event a gala affair. Since the dinner will be held on a **Wednesday**, we will need to recruit volunteers who will not be working at the Center that day. If you can help set up the morning of October 9, please contact Linda Brammer at 574-287-5048 or macbrame@hotmail.com. Please consider inviting members and friends to join you not only in setting up but to attend this fun filled evening as it is our major fundraiser for the year. If you are a "single," make it a girls' night out and spend the evening with your Christ Child friends.

I am looking forward to serving as your president and getting to know as many of you as I can. Christ Child friendships are truly treasured.

Busy Day! and Gift Gathering Party

August 7 will be a very busy day at the Center! With all the hustle and bustle of finishing touches on the shelves of clothing and shoes, vacuuming the floors, straightening the chairs, hanging signs, meetings galore.....we will also be hosting a Gift Gathering Party for Let Love Shine dinner/auction.

This is a great opportunity to drop off a donation for the silent auction while volunteers will be on hand to record, label, and transport the items to storage. Of course, there will also be refreshments! Please stop by the room nearest the volunteer entrance to drop off a donation and share a moment with your friends. Of course, if you can't come on August 7 to the gathering, we will be most happy to accept donations, or pick up items at your request! For more information, please call Donna Kyle (269-445-0058).

Please Welcome New Members

South Bend Christ Child Society hosted an open house coffee on May 15th at the Center to welcome new members. It was very successful as many women came to see what exactly Christ Child members do and what Christ Child Society is all about. We are pleased to welcome our new members and hope they will participate in our many activities, whether it is at the Center on Wednesdays, helping with the Let Love Shine Dinner/Auction on October 9th, tutoring students at St. Adalbert School or in the many other ways our members shine. Please extend a special welcome to Betty Barrick. Marlene Howland, Bonnie Grimslid, Carolyn D'Andrea, Katy Perry, Leslie Garvey, Patti Zych, Linda Wray, Elizabeth Bannon and Shirley Wuslich

July Board Meeting

Christ Child finished the year in sound financial shape. Clothing purchases are on budget and fundraising and grants both had good years.

Most committee heads are in place, but volunteers are still needed to chair the Spring Fling event, Spring Mass and Luncheon as well as Community Volunteer Liaison.

"Let Love Shine" event is on track with follow up calls for Underwriting and solicitation for Auction items. Donations of individual items or baskets are welcomed.

Christ Child Society Bequests

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."

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

Deadline for next newsletter
August 19

Ann Korb (277-6443)
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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

Ann Abernethy (Kathy Beeler)
 Joyce Amsler (Rita North)
 Jerome Badur (Joan/Orlen Biltz)
 Joan Berndt (Jim/Anne Monserez)
 Jean Marie Berry (Ann/Tom Klimek)
 Robert Beyer (Janice Goossens)
 Joseph A Cira, Jr. (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Richard Conklin (Dick/Jean Dennen)
 James P. Considine (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Michael DeCicco (Kathy Beeler)
 Dorie Doyle (Jim/Anne Monserez)
 Joe Doyle (Beth/Dan Barrett, James/Carol Holt)
 Eldona Futterknecht (The Christ Child Society)
 Peggy Govert (Marlene/Otto Martinec)
 Michael Hoffman (Frank/Cathie Taelman)
 Joyce, Judy's Sister (Carol Bauer)
 Pat Kilian (Kay Ellgass)
 Ruth Kowals (Karen Kowals, Tony, Barb)
 Joan Kujawski (Mary Tice)
 Larry, Marlene Nowak's Brother in Law (Carol Bauer)
 Mary Patricia Leyes (Beth/Dan Barrett, Mary Ellen Brennan, Marjorie/John Bycraft, The Christ Child Society, Julie W Considine, Joe/Pat Corcoran, Sandy/Nick DeCicco, Larry/Jan Gates, M/M Van E Gates, Rebecca/Edward Hurtik, Lyla Lockhart, Mary Ann McTigue, Nancy/Jack Pycik, Kathy/

In Memoriam

Members
 Mary Patricia Leyes
 Eldona Futterknecht
 Virginia Voll
 Husband
 Thomas Lower

John Seidl, Mary Jane/
 Bill Stanley, Sonny/Dee Tepe, Jacqueline Badics, Michael Dillon, Mary Ann McCay, James/Laurel Ward, Kathy Beeler, Alice Crowley, Gratia Eades, Jean/Dave Ricchlute)
 Bernardine M Long (Marlene/Otto Martinec)
 Thomas Lower (The Christ Child Society, Melanie Primmer Chapleau, Bill Killilea, Kathryn Screes, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Lou Megyese (Toni Pikuza)
 Timothy Michels (Janice Michels Morrical)
 Eleanor Norris (James/Carol Holt)
 Pat/Rose Perri (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 William Petruska (Mary Tice)
 Gerald Jacob Pierce (Kelly/Jeff Harrison Family)
 Umberto Portolese (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 Michael Salela (Janice Goossens)
 Betty Scharpf (Jean Schwartz, Madaline/Robert Harding, River's Bend Questers)
 Val P Trinkley (JoAnn K Axelberg, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp, Winnie Vandenberg)
 Margaret Van Paris (Bernie/Sandy Gorski)
 Virginia Voll (The Christ Child Society, Madeline

Gallager, M/M Van Gates, Martha Hosinski, Jeanne King, M/M Ray B Larson, Tee/Cal Miller, Margaret/Wally Moore, Rey C Nied, Carmen Piasecki, Tom Singer, The Potteigers:

Mary Lois, Mark, Maryanne, Lisa and David, Kathy Beeler, Bill/Marian Bickel, David Coquillard, Alice Crowley, Barbara Dillon, Gratia Eades, Daniel/Rene Ferguson, Fiddler's Hearth and the Meehan Family, Dr. Paul Glass, Tom/Nancy Hanlon, Julie Varga Harris, Mary/Joe Hickey, Mary S Hintz, Ann Korb, Kenneth/Joan Kraus, Norma L Meehan, Debbie/Ed Mellinger, Bernard/Mary Ann Randall, Ed/Maureen Trubac, M/M Phil Wondowski, M.G. Wetzel)

Special Occasion

Josephine Rae Allen - Birth

(Janice Michels Morrical)
 Rick Artis - Get Well (Barbara Dillon)
 Les Bodnar - Happy Birthday (Gratia Eades)
 Darlene Cyr - In Gratitude (Kathryn Screes)
 Janet Crull - Speedy Recovery (Julie Considine)
 Joseph DeSimone - Successful Surgery, Complete Recovery (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 Rev. John M DeRiso, csc (Gratia Eades)
 Fr. Kenneth Grabner, csc (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Joan/Ed Hardig (Mary Beth McGrath)
 Don Jun, - Happy 90th Birthday (M/M Bill Hochstetter)
 Marc/Kristin Mersich (Kathleen Welsh)
 Rev. Ron Tripi, csc - 51st Anniversary (Esther Cyr)
 Mary Lou Wolfe - Get Well (Sheila Emge, Jane Horning)

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.

Please refer questions to Kathy Seidl (574-291-6604.).



August

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|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|
| 2 | Leone Michel | 12 | Norma Hoffman |
| 3 | Karen Frick | 14 | Kelly Ghyselink |
| 5 | Elsie Nemeth | 15 | Jodie Cocquyt |
| 6 | Nancy Healy | 16 | Georgianna Cholaj |
| 6 | Elaine Thompson | 18 | Linda Becker |
| 6 | Sharon Biek | 18 | Patricia Buhr |
| 7 | Elizabeth Goeller | 19 | Marcia Blum |
| 7 | Rosemary Crowe | 19 | Jean Fuehrmeyer |
| 8 | Maggielee Delahanty | 21 | Barbara Baumer |
| 8 | Dora Belle Foley | 22 | Mary Lou Grunawalt |
| 10 | Mary Lou Mullen | 23 | Carol Wasoski |
| 11 | Gloria Leipzig | 24 | Eileen Woods |
| 11 | Patricia Paschke | 24 | Margaret Johnson |
| | | 25 | Elizabeth Varga |
| | | 26 | Kathleen Knopick |
| | | 28 | Sally Schrader |
| | | 28 | Kathleen Beeler |
| | | 28 | Monica Yoder |
| | | 29 | Darlene Sweeney |
| | | 29 | Jacqueline Stephens |

Save the Date

Christ Child Fall Luncheon/Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2013
Windsor Park

2013-2014 Book Club Schedule

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| September 18, Jones – 272-3911 | Call The Midwife by Jennifer Worth |
| October 16, 2013 Kearns - 273-9850 | The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara |
| November 20, 2013 Healy – 272-5640 | Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman |
| MERRY CHRISTMAS | |
| January 15, 2014 Derda – 232-2561 | TBD |
| February 19, 2014 Hosinski – 255-9728 | Eighty Days by: Matthew Goodman |
| March 19, 2014 Holt – 259-0461 | Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini |
| April 16, 2014 Chase – 233-7977 | Life Lessons by Bob Dolan |
| May 21, 2014 McTigue – 259-9390 | The Postmistress by Sarah Blake |
| June 18, 2014 Koscielski – 232-4794 | Thunderdog by Michael Hingson |

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