



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

August 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

- President: Norma Villanucci
- President Elect: Kathy Seidl
- Vice President (Fundraising): Pat Corcoran
- Vice President (Membership): Carol Holt
- Vice President (Clothing): Norma Cherry
- Recording Secretary: Kelly Ghyselinc
- Corresponding Secretary: Rose Wray
- Treasurer: Pat Hillebrand

CALENDAR

- Aug 1 Center Open for Restock/ Inventory 9-11 AM
Gift Gathering Party for dinner/auction Center 9 AM
New Member Orientation 9:30 AM
- Aug 8 Restock/Inventory Center 9:00 - 11:00AM
Referral Ambassador Training Center 9:00 - 11:00 AM
- Aug 15 Center Reopens for Clients 8:30 AM**
- Aug 20 Board Meeting Center 9:30 AM
- Aug 22 In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick's Chapel 12:15 PM
- Aug 22, 29 Center Open for Clients 8:30 AM
- Aug 26 Sunday Center Open for Clients 1:00 - 3:00 PM

'Let Love Shine' Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars for the "Let Love Shine" Dinner/Auction to be held on September 13 at the Gillespie Center/Hilton Garden Inn. Look for your invitation near the end of July. If you do not receive it by August 1, please call the Christ Child office (288-6028) and leave a message with your name and address or email the full name and address to Mary Liddell mhdliiddell@gmail.com. Many people are working very diligently on the Fall Dinner/Auction. We know members will be supportive of the event with their attendance. It is a fun evening.

Judy Kuzmich and Kathy Seidl are co-chairing the Silent Solicitations for the auction and need your help with solicitation of items, transporting items from Judy Kuzmich's home to the Hilton Garden Inn the morning of the event, setting up the items and tearing down the tables after the auction is completed. We will begin the set up process at 8:30AM at Judy's home and, with your help, will finish by noon. Please contact Judy (272-5739/ jkuzmich@sbcglobal.net) or Kathy (276-0908/ marian0103@comcast.net) if you can help.

Help is also needed with the Check In and Check Out areas and Gift Distribution. If you are able to help with any of these please contact Mary Liddell mhdliiddell@gmail.com or call the Christ Child office (288-6028).

If you would like to add anyone to the invitation list, please email their full name and address to Mary Liddell or call the Christ Child office.

Gift Gathering Party at the Center

Join us at the Center on Wednesday, August 1st 9:00 AM for the Gift Gathering Party for the "Let Love Shine" Dinner/Auction. Members to bring in an auction item(s) for a donation. Ask your friends if they have any items at home that are not being used that they would like to donate. We are accepting new and/or very gently used items or antiques. Tax donation letters will be given to everyone that donates an item(s).

There will be refreshments and, of course, a lot of conversation with friends you have not seen over the summer.

We will also be restocking of clothes that day so stay and help and sort.

Book Swap Program

If you have adult books that you no longer need, please take them to Better World Books and tell them that you want to swap them for books for the Christ Child Society. They will take the adult books and keep a running tally which will allow Christ Child to exchange them for children's books. Your books must be in resalable/reusable condition and you must tell them that you want to swap for CCS. Even one or two books help!

Take books to Better World Books, 55740 Currant Road, Mishawaka 46545 (574-968-9701)



President Elect Judy Kuzmich, Past President Norma Villanucci and President Kathy Seidl

From the President Kathy Seidl

Thank you for giving me the honor of being your president. Norma Villanucci did a wonderful job as president this last year and I have learned so much from her. We were joined at the hip to enable Christ Child to have an easy transition from year to year. I plan to have Judy Kuzmich, president elect, accompany me on every road traveled this year too.

August 15th begins a new year at the Center with our clients. Last year we clothed almost 4,500 children and I foresee clothing even more children this year. It takes so many wonderful volunteer members to help with the distribution of the clothes. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load for everyone. We cannot do this without your help. Our members are always so pleasant and kind to our clients. Thank you!

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Thank you to Marjorie Bycraft, Norma Cherry and her granddaughter Addy, Sharon James, Connie Mauch, Jan Paul and her daughter Lori and her children Jared and Emily, Cathie Taelman and Cathy Waszak for driving to Marjorie and John Bycraft's warehouse in Buchanan, MI to bring boxes and boxes of sweat-shirts and t-shirts back to the Center to use for our clients. It was a very hot day and they worked very, very hard. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Christ Child. When asked if anyone took any pictures of our hard working ladies, I was told "Take pictures! You are kidding right? I had so much dirt and sweat I would have ruined the camera.

Please welcome our new members to Christ Child. We have 34 new members this year: Mary Andrzejewski, Phyllis Bastian, Linda Beches, Mary Behrens, Kristy Botich*, Patty Buhr, Karey Cireosta, Mary Danner, Mary DelPilar, Gerry Dickey, Clare Dunbar, Sharon Harlowzinski*, Claire Hayes, Patricia Kruszynski, Joanne Kurapka, James LaBella, Barbara Lutomski, Marti Moriconi*, Connie Mauch, Shirley McLaughlin, Tami McNally, Mary Ann Mosstaert, Mary Lou Mullin*, Jennifer Munoz, Rolande Parent*, Karol Pasierbowicz, Sally Schrader, Megan Seidl*, Barb Skubiszewski*, Frances (Skubby) Skubiszewski*, Jackie Stephens, Darlene Sweeney*, Mary Ann VanAvermaete and Carol Wasocki. (An* by the name designates already been working at the Center.)

We also welcome our new Board Members this year: Judy Burmeister, Marie Burt, Diane Coiro, Jean Furhrmeyer, Marge Hosinski and (Mr. Trendsetter) Dick Riel. Marcia Auger is our past president representative. Thank you to the retired Board members that have served: Linda Brammer, Norma Cherry, Pat Corcoran, Kelly Ghyselink, Carol Holt and Diane Quinn.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DEDICATED MEMBERS FOR YOUR TIME AND TALENTS.

"Nothing is ever too much to do for a child."-Mary Virginia Merrick

By-Laws at Center

The current By-Laws (2009) will be available at the Center after September 1 for anyone that would like a copy for their personal directory. If you would prefer to have a copy mailed, please contact Judy Kuzmich (272-5739) or jkuzmich@ssbcglobal.net

Accomplishments

Norma Villanucci has worked very hard this past year and accomplished a lot. Among them: St Patrick's Church received approval to begin work on the roof construction at the Center; work is almost completed on the new storage room for New Clothing; and Security has been updated

Members' Birthdays

It is always nice to be remembered on our birthday. In future newsletter articles, we will be listing our members' birthdays but NOT the year. If you prefer NOT to have your birthday listed please email Kathy Seidl (mar-ian0103@comcast.net or 291-6604). Otherwise, if we do not hear from you we will assume we have your approval.

Old2Gold Sale

Twenty three Christ Child ladies volunteered for the Notre Dame Old-2Gold Sale this year. However, only 12 were selected to participate by ND resulting in a total of 49 hours. From those 49 hours of hard work Christ Child received a check in the amount of \$1,096.00 for our services. Thank you to all of the volunteers and to the ladies who worked the day of the sale. Hope to see you again next year.

'A Book For A Child'

This program began a year ago by Mary Beth McGrath asking a simple question at a Board meeting-- if we could collect some books to give to each one of our children who receive clothing through the Center. Today this program is thriving!

Thanks to so many of you who have donated new or gently-used children's books or participated in the "BetterWorld Books' Book Swap," we were able to give a book to almost every child. Better World Books has also donated books and continues to work with Mary Beth; they have been wonderful to Christ Child.

Through the efforts of Deb Low we received a generous grant from the Asante Corporation. Many of you have donated your time on the Saturdays when we have worked at BWB selecting books. We are grateful to everyone who is helping with this program. The smiling eyes and faces of our children at the Center and the appreciation of their parents/guardians are a constant reward for the help from so many of you.

Deadline for next newsletter
August 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 Jane Horning (272-4160)

In Memoriam

Thomas Aranowski (Loretta Chillag)
 William Arvesen (Barbara Dillon)
 Charles Auger (Bette/Pat O'Malley)
 Theresa Bachaleda (Christ Child Society, Katie Screes)
 Jonathan Bajdek (James/Kimberly Keultjes)
 Caroline Bolin (Tom/Maureen Cahir)
 John Bryan (Beverly Bruneel, Edward/Joan Hardig, Rita North, Albin/Barbara Szewczyk)
 David P. Burch (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Dee Dee Busch (Barbara Dillon)
 Gene Bousse (Jim/Anne Monserez)
 Lil Chapleau (Ann Korb)
 James P Considine (Peggy Bauer, Rob/Maureen Hosinski, Christ Child Society, George/Teddi Murray, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Catherine Thurin, Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Mariella Crist (Rob/Maureen Hosinski)
 John Doran (Mary Jo/Bill Miller)
 Helen Dosmann (Helen Diltz)
 Jan Garvey (Mary Tice)
 Rita Notestine Good (Rob/Maureen Hosinski, Christ Child Society, Sheila Emge, Ann Korb)
 John Hannani's Aunt (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Ralph Hartnagel (Bob/Toni Kowalski)
 Art Hopper (Jane Horning, Janis Hopper)
 Tim Howard (Rita North)
 Bernie Kramer (George/

Teddi Murray)
 Robert A Loeffler, Jr (Mary Ellen Brennan, Christ Child Society, Florence Duesterberg, Edward/Joan Hardig, Julie Harris, Margaret Hosinski, M/M William Johnson, Ann/Dave Jones, Bill Killilea, Katie Screes, Lt. Col./Mrs. Charles Ernest Tychsen, Drew Danik, Richard S Dennen, Robert/Roseann Eddy, Sheila Emge, Sandy/Bernie Gorski, Anne/Charlie Gruenig, Bob/Toni Kowalski, Kaye/George Mahalick, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Robert/Karen Porst, Alberta Ross, Lee/Sparky Tavis, Jerry/Betty Vascil)
 Dr. Camiel C. Mahank (Pat/Fred Hillebrand)
 Ray McFadden (Barbara Dillon)
 Patricia Ann McLaughlin (Carol Holt)
 Patricia R Mellin (Rob/Maureen Hosinski, Marlene/Otto Martinec)
 Mom, Dad, Jack, Carolyn, Jim & Tim (Mary Ann Wasniewski)
 Marie Nowosielski (Amy/Dale Patterson)
 Tim O'Shaughnessy (Barbara Dillon)
 John Pask (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Bernie and Kathryn Peczkowski (Jim/Anne Monserez)
 Kathryn Peczkowski (Rosemary Herzog)
 Raymond Rafferty (Patricia/Frank McLaughlin)
 Jonathon Reilly (John/Wendy Bognar)
 Daniel Reinoehl (Mary

In Memoriam

Members:

Theresa Bachaleda
 Rita Notestine Good
 Margaret Wegner

Husbands:

James P Considine
 Robert A Loeffler, Jr
 Edwin VanRyn

Martin)

Donna Wiuff (Bill Killilea)
 Ruth Sorensen (Barbara Dillon, Mrs. J.P. Leyes, Nancy/Jack Pycik)
 Blaise Suranyi (John/Wendy Bognar)
 Arthur Taelman (Jim/Anne Monserez)
 Edwin VanRyn (Christ Child Society)
 Jerry Waechter (Catherine Thurin)
 Marquerite Walsh (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Margaret Wegner (Christ Child Society)
 Donna Wiuff (Bill Killilea)
 Erich Wurzbürger (Peggy Bauer)
 Fran Young, Sibling, John Larkin (Mary Ann Wasniewski)

Special Occasion

Dr. Les Bodnar - Happy 96th Birthday (Gay Eades)
 Bowers Family - Health & Healing (Carol Loeffler)
 David Collier (Bernie/Sandy Gorski)
 Betty Courtney - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Jane/Dave Dietrich - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Marie/Paul Brady)
 Ken/Barb Fedder - 50th Wedding Anniversary

(Pat/Joe Corcoran)
 Joan Finley - Health (Roy/Kay Ellgass)
 Fr. Ken Grabner - Happy Birthday (Joseph/Marie Burt)
 Sharon/Jim Haggerty - Complete Recovery (Bob/Toni Kowalski)
 Trudy Heller - 70th Birthday (Pat Corcoran)
 Art Hopper, Special Intention (Jane Horning)
 Louis/Genevieve Kalil - 60th Wedding Anniversary (Elizabeth E Goeller)
 Bill Killilea - Get Well (Carol/Jim Holt)
 Mary/Ed Kubiak - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Frank/Diane James)
 Thomas Lower - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Dr./Mrs Robert Makielski - 65th Wedding Anniversary (Pat/Fred Hillebrand)
 Carolyn Manella - 95th Birthday (Bob/Toni Kowalski)
 Johanna/John Pairitz - 60th Wedding Anniversary (William E/Mary Jo Miller, Nancy/Jack Pycik)
 Kathie Ann Reinhardt - Get Well (Barbara Dillon)
 Savannah Paletta - HS Graduation (John/Clare Dunbar)
 Roberta Tice - Improved Health (Mary Tice)
 Rosemary Toepp - Complete Recovery (Dr./Mrs John B Toepp)
 Rev. Ron Tripi, csc - 50th Anniversary (Carol Bauer)
 Rev. Ron Tripi,csc - Happy Birthday (Esther Cyr)
 Jeanne Ward - Recovery (Jim Benson)

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A Lady of Many Talents

by Norma Cherry

While working on the fall fundraiser, I have had the pleasure of meeting Mary Ann Mostaert, a new member of Christ Child but not of our community.

For 30 years Albert's Bar was this great place to eat on Western Avenue. All of us from Sears and about half of downtown South Bend would go there for lunch. They had the absolute best Hungarian goulash. "I have never given out my secret recipe," commented Mary Ann. "Just a while back I made goulash for 100 people."

The entertainment was pretty good too. Mary Ann and Albert were always hollering back and forth at each other. "That was our gimmick. It kept bringing customers back to see what we were up to."

When she is not cooking, she plays bingo with the Golden Cluster group, attends Mass at St. Pat's, says the rosary at Milton Home, belongs to the Alter Rosary at Corpus Christi and was president of one of the Holy Cross organizations. She even belonged to the Chicago figure skating association in her day.

Did I mention she also quilts? Her next project is helping us and I cannot wait. I love her stories.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY BOOK CALENDER

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| September 21 Healy (272-5640) | THE INVISIBLE BRIDGE By Julie Orringer |
| October 19 Kearns (273-9850) | THE WEIRD SISTERS By Eleanor Brown |
| November 16 Hosinski (255-9728) | HOUSE RULES By Jodi Picoult |
| December 21 Holt (259-0461) | OUTLIERS By Malcolm Gladwell |
| January 18 Derda (232-2561) | THE PARIS WIFE By Paula McLain |
| February 15 Koscielski (232-4794) | CORELLI'S MANDOLIN By Louis De Bernieres |
| March 21 Screes (272-1770) | SCOTT BROWN - U.S. SENATOR AGAINST ALL ODDS By Scott Brown |
| April 18 Riel (289-0768) | ROOM By Emma Donoghue |
| May 16 Chase (233-7977) | MY NAME IS MARY SUTTER By Robin Oliveira |
| June 20 McTigue (259-9390) | ONCE UPON A RIVER By Bonnie Jo Campbell |