



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

June 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.

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Kathy Seidl

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Judy Kuzmich

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Peg Riggs

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Mary Kay Bean

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Rose Wray

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

'Let Love Shine' at New Morris Inn

This year's Christ Child fall auction, "Let Love Shine," will be held at the newly renovated Morris Inn on October 10. The committee is busy preparing for this wonderful event and any assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

The advertising committee would like to reach out to the membership for assistance in securing names of businesses, organizations, etc. that would be interested in placing an ad in the program. You can email the information or call Norma Villanucci, chair, (243-0621) at villanucci.1@nd.edu or Rose Wray, co-chair (273-0387) at rosewray7@yahoo.com.

Judy Thomas Honored by St. Adalbert 's

On April 20 over 150 families, alumni and supporters of St. Adalbert School gathered for their 2nd Annual Mass and Potluck Dinner. Longtime Christ Child Society member Judy Thomas was among three individuals recognized that evening for their special roles and contributions in the school.

For over 10 years Judy has been a blessing to kindergarten teacher Kristi Jones as a SUCCESS tutor and special friend for these little learners. Kristi says that Judy's quiet and peaceful ways have a calming effect on her students who are still working hard to adapt to a new language and culture. The students love spending time with Judy and respond to her patient, caring and nurturing ways. The St. Adalbert community is grateful to have such a dedicated, humble lady.

Plan Ahead for National Gathering

Do you enjoy visiting the beautiful area surrounding our National Capital, and would you enjoy knowing more about your South Bend Chapter's role in the bigger picture of all that goes on within the efforts of forty Christ Child Chapters nationally? Then, please think about joining several of us at this fall's National Conference in Bethesda, Maryland. Conference dates are Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st.

The theme of interest will be "Facing Challenges Together"- a discussion with other chapters about issues facing all of us in moving our organizations forward during unknown financial times, and with memberships of advancing age. In addition to mini-seminars, panel discussions and key-note speakers, past conference attendees marvel at the amount of great information that they obtain from networking with members from other chapters.

Among the topics included in the seminars are: How to Promote Leadership within Chapters; Tips for Developing Media Contacts; Not-for-Profit Insurance & its Importance for a Healthy Organization; and Programming Ideas and Implementations

More Information, including a complete agenda and hotel accommodations will be mailed to you from NCCS during the summer.

President-elect (currently) Judy Kuzmich and her President-elect (next year) Peg Riggs will be in attendance, along with Linda Brammer and Deb Low of our South Bend Chapter and the National Christ Child Board. Sharing rooms and low airfares if booked this early, make the possibility of attending Conference more cost effective. A fun-filled train-ride from South Bend to Union Station in Washington D.C. is a very nominal way to travel. Looking for a great girl-friend getaway with the added benefit of supporting a cause that you are passionate about? Join us at the National Conference!

CALENDAR

- June 12, 26 Restock/
Inventory Center 9:00 AM
- June 26 In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- July 10, 24 Restock/
Inventory Center 9:00 AM
- Aug 7 Center Open
for Restocking 9:00 AM
- Aug 7 Gift Gathering Party
for Dinner/Auction 9:00 AM
- Aug 7 Referral Ambassador
Training Center 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM
- Aug 7 New Member
Orientation Center 9:30 AM
- Aug 14 Clothing Center
Opening Day 8:30 AM

From the President Kathy Seidl

Thanks to Bishop Kevin Rhoades and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the generous donation from the Annual Bishop's Appeal to the Christ Child Society. This generosity is greatly appreciated.

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center will be printing our newsletter, beginning with this June issue, at no cost to Christ Child. This is a very generous donation from them and is greatly appreciated.

As we prepare for the next school year, multitudes of new and used clothing is arriving each week. Our volunteers are ready and have worked very hard to get everything sorted and stored.

The Derby Day Luncheon was a huge success. We had 217 attendees (most outfitted in their finest hats), a delicious lunch and a wonderful style show presented by Stephenson's of Elkhart. Everyone had a wonderful time and can't wait for next year. Thank you Pat Corcoran and Barb Fedder for your hard work co-chairing this event.

Sadly, we have said "hope to see you later" to Rose Acklin who moved to Indianapolis, Vickie and Dick Riel who have moved to Mackinac Island and to Mary Kay Bean who will be moving to Indianapolis. Each of these members has been an integral part of operating at the Center. Thank you for all you have done.

ALL dues—local membership dues and the \$12 National dues were to be received by May 15th in order to be included in the Directory.

Saying Thank You..... It's hard to believe this year is winding down for me as President. It has been a very wonderful and rewarding year especially in getting to know more of our Christ Child members.

We have accomplished much this past year:

1) We have kept within our clothing budget for the first time in many years. This is a huge accomplishment and is due to our buyers doing a tremendous job as always in purchasing clothing and having the clients choose between obtaining jeans and a t-shirt or a school uniform.

2) Our fundraisers have been fun and were profitable. Our board is truly a "working" board. Please be sure to thank these members for their time and commitment to Christ Child: Marcia Auger, Mary Kay Bean, Judy Burmeister, Marie Burt, Diane Coiro, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Pat Hillebrand, Margaret Hosinski, Sandy Krizmanich, Judy Kuzmich, Mary Beth McGrath, Dick Riel, Peg Riggs, Norma Villanucci, Sue Walsh, Anne Watson and Rose Wray. Deb Spillman will be stepping in to replace Dick Riels term on the board.

Judy Kuzmich, President Elect, is in her "transition planning mode." There is always more to accomplish and Judy and Peg Riggs, the next President Elect are ready to go.

I want to personally thank Judy Kuzmich for her support, guidance and especially her friendship this year. We have had fun and challenges. Thank you Judy. I am blessed to have you as my dear friend.

Thank you

To Ann Riley for orchestrating the Old2Gold volunteers.

To Pat Corcoran and Barb Fedder for Co-Chairing the Derby Day Luncheon.

To Father Len Chrobot and Angie Brechtel at Saint Patrick's Church for all of their help to Christ Child.

To John Simon who helps keep the Center clean, organized and always helps each of us in any way he can.

To John Gregg for building the shelves in the storage room to accommodate the 5,000 plus new books.

To the Christ Child ladies who knit and crochet the homemade sweaters, blankets, etc. at home. Our members never take a break.

To Katie Gregg and Sue Walsh that prepared the new membership renewal forms.

To Peg Riggs for creating the new referral form that the schools and agencies will use this year.

To Ann Korb, Gisella Probst, Mary Lou Smith and Frank Moriconi for arranging the layout, editing and mailing the newsletter each month. They have been providing this service to us for over 20 years.

To the 8th grade students at St. Pius X School for the beautiful handmade rosaries. The St. Adalbert's First Grade Communion class received the rosaries at their retreat and were very excited about the wonderful gift.

To each member and friend of Christ Child who has supported our mission.



New Look at Center

If you haven't been to the Center since May 8, you may not know that a car accidently went into the side of our building. As Judy Kuzmich went to park her car where the storage room is, the brakes failed and she crashed into the wall with one-third of the car ending up inside of the storage room.

The most important thing is that Judy is 100% OK. Her Guardian Angel was working overtime that morning and even called in some Guardian friends to keep Judy safe. The wall and windows will be repaired soon. It is a real sight to see!

CAC Donations

M/M Stephen Anella

M/M Larry Grauvogel

M/M Edward Hardig

Ms. Clare Keefe

M/MPatrick O'Malley

Father Mike Matthews and

St. Stanislaus Parish

Ms. Mary A. Mostaert

M/M John Reed

In Honor of

Grace Bollinger (Mrs. Linda Rakow)

Joan Hardig (D/M Chris Hazel)

In Memory of

Pauline Quinlan (M/MEdward Hardig)

Helen O'Malley (M/M Patrick O'Malley)

Patrick O'Malley (M/M Patrick O'Malley)

Catjerome Sullivan (M/M Patrick

O'Malley)

Dorothy Miller (MM Jim Cooke)

Motor Corps Volunteers

Thank you for all your help this past year. If any member of Christ Child knows of a school that is not being serviced by our motor corps, please contact Judy Burmeister - boilerburn@sbcglobal.net or 259-4737. We are always looking for new places to help us clothe a child!

Book Club

Come This Way - There is an Exit

by Nimbi Cushing

July 17

Katy Screens (272-1770)

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

Mary Averett (Elva Gable)
 Maxine Avery (Rose/Ed Wray)
 Bill Bailey (Ann Korb)
 Elfrieda (Martens) Berther (M/M James Cierzniak)
 Jane Hochstetler Bidlack (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Marjorie C Carr (The Christ Child Society)
 Susie P. Catto (Cathy/Tom Lower)
 Laura (Anderson) Cramer (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Laura Cramer and Family (Sue/Jim Cierzniak, Jeanine/David Wideman)
 Michael DeCicco (Dr. Leslie Bodnar, Peg/Don Claeys, William/Sharon Leahy, Dr./Mrs. Joseph A Romeo, John/Sue Shirrell, Dana/Teresa Simon, Dave/Shirley Koloszar, Leticia/Joseph Probst, Peggy Cofrancesco, Eva Dolly, Dean/Kathie Foster, Margaret Hosinski, Art/Mary Lou Houle, Teresa/Sam Jermano, Ken/Ann Lauer, Thomas Laughlin, Pat Novitzki, Mary Beth McGrath, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Lauren Romeo, Michael Romeo, Katie Screes, Lois Somogyi, Prof/Mrs Albin A Szewczyk, Lee/Sparky Tavis, Dottie Wallace, Mary/Jo Woodka, Betty L Yonto, Renee M. Hayes, John/Marilyn Jurgonski, Friends of Michael DeCicco)
 Donald Dedrick (Tom/Mary Ann Mason)
 Dolores Finnigan (Peter/Angela Condos, John/Mary Daskalakis, Raytheon)
 Robert Gale (Carol Bauer, Helen Diltz, Patti/Lowell

In Memoriam

Member
 Marjorie C Carr
 Sons
 Patrick James Madigan
 Marc R Petersen

Paschke)
 Joan Geary (Dr. Andy L Nemeth Family, Albert/Sharon Vanderheyden)
 Yolanda Frances Horvath, Anniversary of her death (Joan F Hurley)
 George Kipphut (Jeanne Ward)
 Dorothy Krohn (Jeanne Ward)
 Nancy Lucey (Albin/Barbara Szewczyk)
 Lyle Massing (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 David B Michalski (Loretta Chillag)
 William Fauver Moon (Steven/Jean Watts)
 Tom Muldoon (Helen Diltz)
 Dorothy Murphy (Marie Burt)
 Dan Musser (Vicki/Dick Riel)
 Patrick James Madigan (The Christ Child Society)
 Marc R Petersen (The Christ Child Society)
 Mike Portolese (Marquis/Rosemary Anderson, Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 Pat Richman (Mary Ann/Tom Mason)
 Betty Scharpf (Louise Anella, JoAnn Axelberg, Carol Bauer, Marcia/Tom Blum, Walter/Kristy Botich, Marie Brady, The Oxford Central School Sunshine Club, John/Mary Lou Derwent, Gary/Judy Engle, M/M S.F. Gantner, Jean/Paul Higgins, Margaret Hosinski, Art/Mary Lou

Houle, Rebecca Hurtik, Werner/Helga Jean, Bill/Margaret Johnson, Ann/Dave Jones, Rita Keeley, Robert/Joyce Knapp, Cleo Kowalski, Tom/Cathy Lower, M/M Brian Maraballo, Zabka Sports Team, Marlene Martinec, Mee Family, Leone/Tony Michel, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Diane Quinn, Matthew R Scharpf, Frank/Sue Scharpf, Bob/Patti Schermerhorn, Kathryn Screes, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp, Sue Uhran, Winnie VanenBossche, James/Jean Wenke, Peg/Dean Riggs, Susan/Alfred Henry, Anita/John Holten, Dr. Andy L Nemeth Family, Sandy Redden, John/Eileen Dilley, Patricia Lovin Dybis, AM General LLC Kerry B Johnson, Michiana Welcome Club)
 Jack Scully, Jr. (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Mrs. Betty Wechter (M/M Kenneth Fedder)

Special Occasion

John Bycraft, Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Rev. Steve La Croix csc, Anniversary of Ordination (Esther Cyr)
 Vicki/Dick Riel, Thank You (Edward/Joan Hardig)
 Vicki/Dick Riel (Mary Beth McGrath)
 Vicki/Dick Riel, Honoring (Kim Leep)
 Sue Shidler, For Strength and Courage (Deb/Mike Low)
 Rev. Neil Wack csc, Anniversary of Ordination (Esther Cyr)



June

2 Roberta Heeter
 7 Margaret Gerstbauer
 7 Marjorie Bycraft
 7 Catherine Fitzpatrick
 13 Rosamond Byrd
 14 Margaret Marley
 15 Agnes Houk
 16 Marlene O'Brien
 16 Kathryn Schalliol
 17 Catherine Koscielski
 17 Susan Niemann
 18 Sparky Tavis
 18 Mary Ann Wasniewski
 19 Winifred VandenBossche
 19 Geraldine Dickey
 19 Kathleen Simeri
 19 Rose Lyphout
 20 Mary Jo Miller
 22 Kathy Seidl
 24 Mary Ann Butts
 28 Catherine Vroman
 29 Kathryn Schoenle
 30 Alice Backs

July

1 Patricia Kruszynski
 5 Marianne Doran
 5 Mary Schilling
 9 Mary Ann Randall
 9 Margaret Hosinski
 15 Catherine Baer
 17 Susan Armstrong
 17 Jacquelyn Boynton
 18 Louise Lauer
 19 Anna Jean Cushwa
 19 Shirley McLaughlin
 20 Rose Mary Wray
 21 Helen McNeill
 21 Cindy Krupp
 22 Katy Cressy
 25 Helen Diltz
 25 Irene Panzica
 26 Ann Korb
 26 Karen Karason
 28 Nancy Donnelly
 30 Catherine Gregg
 30 Martha Dunn
 31 Jean Kass-Edmonds

Belated Happy Birthday to
 Louise Anella - April 12

May Activities



Derby Day Fun



New Member Coffee

June Board Meeting

2013-2014 co-chairpersons are still needed for the following committees: New Member Coffee, Annual Spring Mass & Luncheon Mtg, Layette of Hope and Community Volunteer Liaison. If you are interested, see Judy Kuzmich.

Sheila Emge is new chairperson of the Audit Committee. St. Joe Medical Center will be printing our newsletter, starting in June, free of charge.

The Board reviewed revisions to the Christ Child Bylaws. These will come up for a vote at the next annual meeting.

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