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: Kathy Seidl
President Elect: Judy Kuzmich
Vice President (Fundraising): Peg Riggs
Vice President (Membership): Anne Watson
Vice President (Clothing): Sue Walsh
Recording Secretary: Mary Kay Bean
Corresponding Secretary: Rose Wray
Treasurer: Pat Hillebrand

New Member Coffee Includes Center Tour
Mark your calendars for May 15th at 9:30 AM for our new member coffee. Please consider asking friends or relatives who you think may be interested in learning more about the Christ Child Society. There will be a tour of the center, presentations about the many ways a new member could get involved with Christ Child followed by coffee and pastries. Current members are asked to come to be available in their respective rooms for the tour.

Contact Kristy Boczich at (291-7523) or wbotich@sbcglobal.net with names so an invitation can be sent. All new members who have joined in the last six months are also invited to come.

Officers, Board Named for 2013-14
The 2013-2014 Executive Board consists of:
President .................................................. Judy Kuzmich
President Elect ........................................ Peg Riggs
Corresponding Secretary ......................... Marie Burt
Recording Secretary ................................. Jean Fuehrmeyer
Treasurer ............................................... Pat Hillebrand
Vice President Fund Raising .................... Judy Burmeister
Vice President Clothing ............................ Sue Walsh
Vice President Membership ........................ Anne Watson
Past President ........................................ Kathy Seidl
Parliamentarian ................................. Joan Hardig
Past President Representative ............... Sue Uhran

CALENDAR
May 1 ..................... Derby Day
Luncheon/ Style Show
Windsor Park - Noon
May 8,22 .................. Restock/
Inventory Center 9:00 AM
May 15 ... New Member Coffee
Center 9:30 AM
May 15 ............... Membership
Renewal Due
May 20 ........ Board Meeting
Center 9:30 AM
May 29 ....... In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick’s 12:15 PM

2013 Mary Virginia Merrick award recipient Marjorie Bycraft is surrounded by friends at the March 27 spring luncheon at Morris Park Country Club. L to r are Katie Screes, Julie Considine, Mary Ann Retseck, Marjorie, B.G. Butler, Mary Lou Mullen, Mary Jaicomo and Jan Crull. The luncheon followed Mass celebrated by Father Peter Rocco at the Basilica at Notre Dame. Kay Houser organized the offertory gifts for the layette department.
From the President . . . . . . . Kathy Seidl

Where is our spring weather? I know that I am more than ready for spring to arrive. Surprise to the snow birds who think they are returning to nice weather.

A special thanks to all of the ladies who work for Christ Child at home. They make beautiful baby sweaters and blankets, hats, scarves and provide a loving touch to Christ Child by making these hand knitted/crocheted items for our clients. Our members never take a break.

Thank you to Sandy Krizmanich for arranging the special Mass at the Basilica prior to our spring luncheon and to Kay Housey for organizing the donations received for the layette department. Thank you to Norma Villanucci for arranging the spectacular spring luncheon at Morris Park Country Club. Everyone did a wonderful job.

Thank you to Vickie and Dick Riel for their love and service to Christ Child. Vickie started the Guardian Angels 16 years ago in honor of her father. She is a past president for South Bend and past president for National Christ Child. Dick has been a chairperson of the Used Clothing department and both have served on the Board, on many committees and tirelessly helped every week in assisting our clients. Thank you for your laughs, your energy and dedication to Christ Child. Enjoy your new adventures living on Mackinaw Island. Your smiles and generosity will be missed by all.

As of April 15th, donations to the Clothe-A Child campaign have totaled $73,638.10. The campaign continues until June 30.

Remember ~~~ Derby Day is Wednesday, May 1st at Windsor Park
~~~ New Member Coffee is Wednesday, May 15. Invite anyone interested to attend.
~~~ Mail in your membership application and check by May 15th for you to be included in the directory.

News from National

A new project which the National Board has begun is that of hosting teleconferences with the local chapters. This was born of a deep desire of the National Board to provide service to the chapters. The idea is to provide a format in which chapter members can share ideas, ask questions and learn from others better ways to be more effective in the service of children. Each chapter is contacted and asked to have a chairman or Board member call in to the toll free conference call where a group discussion takes place connecting members from all across the country.

The first teleconference was held in March and discussed questions such as: What is your chapter’s most challenging membership issue? What is your biggest program challenge? What is your biggest fundraising challenge? The conversation generated a number of creative fund raising ideas. Late in April and in early May NCCS will host an educational opportunity for chapter treasurers. “Treasurers Tools” will focus on the role, skills and functions of the treasurer and will be coordinated by Joan Watkins, NCCS treasurer, and Kay Rowe, NCCS vice president. In addition, the National Board is beginning to “take a look” at programs, particularly the “hands on programs.”

Since Layettes is our signature program, which each chapter has, we will start with this program with a teleconference in mid May. We are proud that our very own member Deb Low, development chair, has created “PR in a Box” to assist chapters in building relationships with their local media. Deb will be hosting a teleconference to present this resource to the chapters. In the near future, her package will be available on the website www.nationalchristchild-soc.org.

Lastly, the design of the conference in September will be guided by the concerns and ideas highlighted in these conversations. Stay tuned next month for more of what your NCCS is doing for the local Chapters. Together we are stronger!

Deadline for next newsletter May 20
Ann Korb (277-6443) ack339@aol.com
In Memoriam

Cyrilla J Andert (Jerry/Betty Vasili)
Alicia M Axelberg (JoAnn Axelberg)
Marilyn Becker (Christ Child Society, Sonny/Dee Tepe)
Janet Berkey (Mary Tice)
Marilyn Biltz (Orel/Joan Biltz)
Rita Bonventre (Kathy)
Marilyn Becker (Christ Child Society)
Alica M Axelberg (JoAnn Axelberg)
Cyrilla J Andert (Jerry/Betty Vasili)
In Memoriam

Members
Betty Scharpf
Ola (Dixie) Crozier
Marilyn Becker
Husband
Michael DeCicco

William S Downs (M/M Kenneth Fedder)

Dolores Finnigan (Phil, Doris, Cynthia, Steve, Christy Carlisle, Arnold Cater, William Dubishar, Gregory/Julie James, Patricia Kaczynski, Eugene/Marlene Kaczynski, Edward/Barbara Lischewski, Allan/Susan Sandberg, William/Margaret Schulte, Demetrios/Afroditi Botis, John/Terry Botis, Mary Collette, SVM)
Roy Howard Freeman (Katie Screes)

Vic Gerbasich (Margaret/Wally Moore)
Jackie Hans (Vicki/Dick Riel)
John Hickey (Barbara Dillon)
Joseph Kambol (Judy/Hugh Kuzmich)
Elisabeth Kobausk (Helen Diltz)
Marilyn J Kruiger (Margaret Hosinski)
Rees LaBar (Marcia/Tom Blum)
Dr. P. John MacGregor (John/Wendy Bognar)
Miller McCarthy (Marcia/Tom Blum)
Mr. Mutruga (Marcia/Tom Blum)
Mary Jane O’Connor (Bill/Maureen Jones)

Richard (Dick) Riley (David R Biek)
Maurice Rinella (Marcia/Tom Blum)
Patrick Rooney (Greg/Jean Mee)
Betty Scharpf (Joe/Marie Burt, Christ Child Society, Andrea Incropera, Sheila Luguenbuehl, Robert Molineaux on behalf of Venables Bell& Partners)
Genevieve Thieren (Elizabeth E Goeller) 
Ivan Wainscott (Mary Tice)
Karen Wrobleski (Joan Biltz)
Special Occasion
Christine Alexander - Good Health (Elizabeth Goeller)
Joan Bauer - Happy Birthday (Laurence/Julann Bauer)
Shona Burkart - Get Well (Lunch Bunch, Ruth, Peggy, Jane)
John Bycraft - Happy Birthday (Jeanette B Miller)
Mary Kloska - Happy Birthday (Helen Diltz)
Bill Killilea - Honoring (Kathy Killiea)
Rev. Paul Kollman csc - 50th Birthday (Linda Rakow)
Elena Domer - Get Well (Carol Holt)
Susan Lister - a Prayer for Restoration of Good Health (Deb/Mike Low)

Board Notes

- Deb Spillman will replace Dick Riel for his remaining 2 year board term. Also Deb will head the Used Clothing Department.
- Old2Gold sign up is starting. Please see Ann Riley for details.
- Linda Brammer is still in need of two volunteers for the Let Love Shine Benefit. One volunteer is needed to organize the check in procedure and put the packets together. Another volunteer is needed to be the Program Director. This person would have the schedule of events for the evening and make sure that everyone is in the right place and make sure announcements are made at the right time. She would work closely with the event chair to trouble shoot any issues that evening. Contact Linda Brammer if interested in either one of these jobs.
- Notre Dame Graduation Gift Wrapping will be Friday, 5/17, from 8am-8:30pm and Sunday, 5/19 from 8:00am-3:00pm. Contact Kay Houser for more information.

Book Club

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
May 15
Mary Jane Chase
233-7977

Angels-in-Waiting

Those enrolled in the Guardian Angel Society are remembered monthly and at our annual Mass. Current members and spouses may pre-enroll in the Guardian Angels program. These “angels in waiting” will be officially enrolled upon their deaths.

Newest Angel in Waiting: Dick Riel
Happy Mother’s, Father’s Day!

Mother’s Day is May 12 and Father’s Day, June 16. We suggest you consider honoring that special person 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:
Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624

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