



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

May 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Botich at (291-7523) or [wbotich@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 Fuehmeyer
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, scarfs 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 Houser 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 15<sup>th</sup>, donations to the Clothe-A- Child campaign have totaled \$73,638.10. The campaign continues until June 30.

Remember ~ Derby Day is Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Windsor Park

~ New Member Coffee is Wednesday, May 15. Invite anyone interested to attend.

~ Mail in your membership application and check by May 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!

## Briefs

☛ The "A Book For A Child" program is **ALWAYS** in need of new or gently used children books. We also accept adult books. Better World Books will accept these and "swap" them for children's books for us to distribute

Please bring the books to the Center or call the Center (288-6028) to arrange for them to be picked up.

☛ Contact Treasurer Pat Hillebrand (254-0626) if you want a copy of the treasurer's report.



### May

- 1 Mary Liddell
- 2 Anne Black
- 2 Joanne Kurapka
- 4 Nancy Brothers
- 4 Mary Jane Trant
- 4 Patricia Richard
- 11 Katherine Fulnecky
- 14 GratiaEades
- 14 Mary Andrzejewski
- 17 Kay Houser
- 18 Joan Jaworski
- 18 Catherine Smith
- 20 Jo Ann Romeo-Barcome
- 21 Alice Cleppe
- 21 Jean Vavul
- 21 Michelle Mikula
- 21 Mary Anne Retseck
- 22 Polly DeCicco
- 23 Patricia Nahas
- 25 Carol Greider
- 25 Claire Hayes
- 25 Mary Kay Bean
- 27 Mary Ellen Brennan
- 29 Julie Considine
- 29 Joanne Van Avermaete
- 30 Maureen Korros

Belated Happy Birthday to Mary Brown on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Mary was 90 years young! Congratulations.

Deadline for next newsletter  
May 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

Cyrilla J Andert (Jerry/Betty Vascil)  
 Alica M Axelberg (JoAnn Axelberg)  
 Marilyn Becker (Christ Child Society, Sonny/Dee Tepe)  
 Janet Berkey (Mary Tice)  
 Marilyn Biltz (Orlen/Joan Biltz)  
 Rita Bonventre (Kathy Roberts)  
 Irena Chomik (James/Nancy Yohe)  
 Frank Coyne (Mary Tice)  
 Ola (Dixie) Crozier (Christ Child Society)  
 Michael DeCicco (Beth Barrett, Carol Bauer, Les/ Jane Benner, Joan M Biltz, Marcia/Tom Blum, Mark/Katy Bradford, Joe/ Marie Burt, Christ Child Society, Frank/Pat Criniti, Esther Cyr, Gratia Eades, Sheila Emge, Karen/Jim Frick, Betty Ann/Jim Gibbons, Edward/Joan Hardig, Carol/Jim Holt, Jane Horning, Margaret Hosinski, Teresa/Sam Jermano, M/M William Johnson, Bill/Jan Killilea, Cindy/ Rick Krupp, John H Lloyd III, Deb/Mike Low, Stuart/ Carol McComas, George/ Teddi Murray, M/M R. A. Nussbaum, Linda Rakow, Vicki/Dick Riel, Peg/Dean Riggs, Kathy/John Seidl, Mary Jane/Bill Stanley, Cathie/Frank Taelman, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp, Cheryl Vandorhagen, Stuart Blumberg, Wainwright Family, Jim Sr, Jim Jr, Julie, Lisa, Sherry, Kathleen Welsh)

### 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/Barbra Lischewski, Allan/Susan Sandberg, William/Margaret Schulte, Demetrius/Afroditi Botsis, John/Terry Botsis, 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)  
 Elsie Kobasuk (Helen Diltz)  
 Marilyn J Krueger (Margaret Hosinski)  
 Rees LaBar (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Dr. P. J. MacGregor (John/ Wendy Bogнар)  
 Miller McCarthy (Marcia/ Tom Blum)  
 Mr. Murtaugh (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 Lugenbuehl, Robert Molineaux on behalf of Venables Bell & Partners)  
 Genevieve Thieren (Elizabeth E Goeller)  
 Ivan Wainscott (Mary Tice)  
 Karen Wroblewski (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 Killilea)  
 Rev. Paul Kollman csc - 50<sup>th</sup> 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 troubleshoot 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In Memory of  
\_\_\_\_ In Honor of

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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