



August 2014

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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.

## Dinner, Auction Fundraiser on October 16

Hopefully you have circled October 16 on your calendars for our fourth annual Let Love Shine, Dinner & Auction! Once again the event will be held in the beautiful Grand Ballroom at Morris Inn on Notre Dame campus, with complimentary valet parking.

The evening will begin at 5:30 and wrap up promptly by 9:00, but the hours will be packed with fun, festivity AND fundraising! We are honored to know that Bishop Kevin Rhoades will be joining us, as well as the newly elected President of the National Christ Child Society Anne Kelley. We have a new recipient of the "Heart of a Child Award" which will be announced in the weeks to come. We have a local celebrity MC, a very special guest speaker, and a new jewelry item designed specifically for CCS which will be featured in a raffle. There are more details to share, but we want to save a few surprises for later!

The committee is hard at work but absolutely cannot make this a success without your help! Currently, the search is on for high quality silent auction items, and exciting experiences, trips, or vacation rentals.

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!

Please don't miss this opportunity to help this wonderful organization raise the funds needed to continue to fulfill our mission of helping children in need. Together, we'll let our love shine! Please call Linda Brammer (287-5048) or Denise Collins at (233-2575) with any questions or to volunteer.

### Executive Board

President:

Peg Riggs

President Elect:

Vice President (Fundraising):

Judy Burmeister

Vice President (Membership):

Anne Choinacky

Vice President (Clothing):

Sue Walsh

Recording Secretary:

Jean Fuehrmeyer

Corresponding Secretary:

Marie Burt

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

### CALENDAR

Aug 6..... Restock/Inventory  
Center 9:00 - 11:00 AM

AUG 6 ..... Gift Gathering Party  
for Let Love Shine  
Bethany Room Center 9:00-11:00 AM

Aug 6 ..... New Member  
Orientation/Training  
Center 9:30 AM

AUG 13 ..... Opening Day for Clients  
Clothing Center 8:30 AM

Aug 18 ..... Board Meeting  
Center 9:00 AM

Aug 20,27 ... Center Open for Clients  
8:30 AM

Aug 20 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

Aug 24 Sunday Clothing Center Open  
1:00-3:00 PM

## Let Love Shine Gift Gathering Party

August 6 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 2014 Dinner/Auction on August 6 from 9:00 - 11:00.

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 Bethany room near the volunteer entrance to drop off a donation and share a moment with friends.

If you can't come on August 6 to the gathering, we will be most happy to accept donations or pick up items at your request! For more information, please call Kathy Seidl (291-6604).

### Data Updates

- Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/ChristChildSB
- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

## From the President . . . . Peg Riggs

**“It is amazing what you can accomplish  
if you do not care who gets the credit.”**

After reading this quote from Harry S Truman, I immediately thought of my Christ Child family. So many members, women, men and children selflessly volunteer their time, money, muscles and talents. We are all a part of such a wonderful organization; so rich in tradition and dedication to service. I am proud and honored to start my presidential year following in the footsteps of such great leaders - many who continue to work at the Center! I am thankful to have your support and kind words of encouragement.

I cannot say thank you enough to Judy Kuzmich, last year's president. She has not only been patient with me but she has taught me how to handle the interworking of Christ Child. I can only hope to have half the grace that she does. Thanks for your continued support Judy!

Welcome to our six new board members: Holly Hosinski, Marti Moriconi, Mary Lou Mullen, Donna Kyle, Jane Reed and Joanne Van Avermaete. These ladies have hit the ground running immediately, stepping up to chair Clothe A Child II, the Spring Mass and Luncheon, the Fall Luncheon, the Day of Recollection, helping with Let Love Shine and working in the Center. What a great way to lead by example!

The Board has said “good bye” and “thank you” to Sandy Krizmanich (board member and chair of Clothe a Child II), Sue Uhran (past president rep), and Kathy Seidl (immediate past president). These three ladies have had an awesome impact on Christ Child over the years. Their direct service to the board will be missed -- however their continued support of our mission will be evident in all they do in and around the Center.

Looking ahead, Wednesdays at the Center will be a flurry of activity starting August 6. A Gift Gathering Party for Let Love Shine Dinner Auction will be in the Bethany Room and the Center will be open for inventory, restocking, and new volunteer training. August 13 is the first day of the 2014-2015 clothing season. Doors will open for clients at 8:30 AM. August 24 is the first of four Sundays the Center will be open for clients from 1-3 PM.

Mark your calendars for our annual Let Love Shine Dinner Auction on Thursday, October 16, at the Morris Inn on the campus of Notre Dame. This is our biggest fundraiser and we need the support of every member. Consider filling a table with friends for a “girl's night out” or with your “co-worker” from Christ Child. There will be an awesome guest speaker who shouldn't be missed as well as the presentation of the Heart of A Child Award.

I look forward to working with all of you this year. And, thanks, Mom (aka Joan Hardig), I wouldn't be here without you.



### Attention all Bag Ladies!

The recycled bags with our Christ Child “mitten boy” logo have arrived! For \$3.00 a bag you can not only support the South Bend Christ Child Society, but you can also get our name out in the public. Contact Jane Kanouse (277-1262) or [janekan39@gmail.com](mailto:janekan39@gmail.com) to purchase yours today.



#### August

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

#### Book Club

*The Hundred Foot Journey*  
by Richard C. Morias  
September 17  
Carol Holt (259-0461)

Deadline for next newsletter  
August 18

Ann Korb (277-6443) [ack339@aol.com](mailto: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 Joan Hardig (277-7787)

### In Memoriam

Jervis K. Anderson – E. Elva Gable  
 Florence Bajdek – Loretta Chillag,  
 Fred/Jane Kanouse, James/  
 Kimberly Keultjes  
 Lilian Blazakis – Diane/Gerry Quinn  
 Daniel Brooks – Marcia/Tom Blum  
 Victor Cirra – Mr/Mrs Albin Szewczyk  
 Don Claeys – Merrill/Janet Crull,  
 Marie/Paul Brady, Tee/Cal Miller,  
 Gay Eades, Margaret Hosinski,  
 JoAnn Reitz, Janette Burkhart  
 Miller, Jane Horning, Bette/Pat  
 O'Malley, Kathryn Screes, Ed/Joan  
 Hardig, Rosie Shafer, Betsy Cooke,  
 Bill/Jeanne Klem, Dr/Mrs Stan  
 Severyn, Harriet Sherwin, Dennis  
 Stark, Barbara Weldon, Jan/John  
 Jenkins, Isabel Charles, Rob/Cathy  
 Elliott, Elizabeth Gilmore, Barbara  
 Dillon, Mr/Mrs Werner Jean,  
 John/Jennifer Chapman, Dorothy  
 Frisk, Barbara Lobdell, Mary Beth  
 McGrath, Daniel/Joan Lawson,  
 Noella Russo, Doug/Cheryl  
 Stickney, Arline Andres, Margaret/  
 Paul Kenney, Sonny/Dee Tepe,  
 Donald Phillip, Diane Boehnlein,  
 George/Christine Happ.  
 Lucy Couch – Anne/Jim Choinacky  
 Phillip Crone – Orlen/Joan Biltz  
 Ray Donovan – Jane Horning  
 Timothy Dawson – Kay/Frank  
 Catanzarite  
 Mary Fahey – Jim/Anne Monserez  
 Jask Falvo – Don/Carol Nash  
 Mr/Mrs Fred Fershin – Janice/Joe  
 Goossens  
 Doris Jean Geraghty – Jan Williams  
 Laura Giamo – Bill Killilea  
 Arthur Gilbert, Jr. – Roger/Rolande  
 Parent  
 Gerald G. Gotsch – Marlene/Otto  
 Martinec, Kenneth/Barbara Fedder,  
 Ed/Joan Hardig  
 Paul Hillebrand – Judy/Hugh Kuzmich  
 Paul Hrutkay – Dottie/Ron Wallace  
 Sharon Kapsa – Joe/Marie Burt  
 Pauline Klinker – Jerry/Carol Jacquay

### In Memoriam

#### Members

Frances Kuzmitz  
 Elaine Miller  
 Helen Wirt  
 Husband  
 Henry Pankiw

Marguerite Koch – Joe/Marie Burt  
 Francis Kuzmitz – Mary Jane/Bill  
 Stanley, Cal/Tee Miller, Ann Korb,  
 Marie E. Weiss, Marie/Paul Brady.  
 Evelyn E Lehner – Kathryn Screes  
 Robert Lespron – Edward A./Patricia  
 A. Zych  
 Henry Lombard – Marcia/Tom Blum  
 Jeff Lucksted – Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp  
 Faye Magneson – Ed/Joan Hardig  
 Juanita Mammon – Winifred  
 VendenBossche  
 Olive Mankowski – Janice Morrical  
 Ruth Martin – Mary Tice  
 Josephine Matthews – Kenneth/  
 Barbara Fedder  
 Al Menting – Joe/Marie Burt  
 Elaine Miller – Jane Horning, Jim/  
 Sherry McLaughlin, Pauline/Dan  
 Nowicki, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Mr/Mrs  
 Philip Levenson.  
 Tom Murray – Marie/Paul Brady,  
 Margaret Hosinski, Ed/Joan Hardig,  
 Rosemary Shafer, Mary Ellen  
 Brennan, Bill/Marian Bickel.  
 Bill Noll – Janice Goossens  
 Frank O'Hara – Kathryn Screes, Joan/  
 Don Lundberg, Dean/Peg Riggs,  
 Pat/Joe Corcoran, Jane Horning,  
 Sue Uhran, Carole Phillips, Melissa  
 Lundberg, Mr/Mrs Kenneth Fedder,  
 Edward Dooley, Janette B. Miller,  
 Doug/Princetta MacLaren, Steve/  
 Jackie Batill, Jodie Cocquyt  
 Colleen Kristl Pauwels – Joan  
 Jaworski  
 Elizabeth Phillion – Bob/Toni Kowalski  
 Hildegard R. Pinkowski – Rosemary  
 Shafer, Martha M. Hosinski

Herschel Riley – Lisa Bassett, Diane/  
 Gerry Quinn, Judy Kuzmich, Mary  
 Beth McGrath, KCC Women's Golf  
 Assn., Donna Kyle/Roz Byrd.  
 Ray Schmidt – Ed/Joan Hardig  
 Brother Tom Shaughnessy – Joe/Marie  
 Burt  
 Frances Shearer – Mary Ann Matthews  
 Derda  
 Rosemarie Sheehan – Dr/Mrs John  
 Toepp  
 Daniel N. Slabaugh – Diane Boehnlein  
 Mike Stan – Kassie/Jim Knopick  
 Pauline Thompson – Mary Tice  
 David Walter – Bill/Marian Bickel, Bob/  
 Sue Rhoutsong, Dave/Jeanine  
 Wideman, Ron/Dottie Wallace,  
 Irene McNulty, Jim/Pat Short  
 Dorothy Wood – Mr/Mrs Jim Holt

### Special Occasions

Evelyn George (Tom/Maureen Cahir)  
 Ceil Warapius - Happy Birthday (Rita  
 North)  
 Sharon Nemeth - Improved Health  
 (Jim/Nancy Yohe)  
 Anne Black - Happy Birthday (Mary  
 Ann/Erv Derda)  
 Maggie Cassady - Get Well (Jim/  
 Nancy Yohe)  
 Frieda Clark - 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Joe/Marie  
 Burt)  
 Florence Duesterberg - 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 (Catherine Koscielski)  
 Stephen Fralish - Eye surgery( Mary  
 Ann Wasniewski)  
 Aggie/Jim Houk - Happy Birthday  
 (Judy/Jerry Kearns, Dr/Mrs Alton  
 Backs)  
 Kevin Killilea - Happy Birthday (Bill  
 Killilea)  
 John/Rosemary Reiter - 60<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary (Jim/Anne Monserez)  
 Msgr. William Schooler- 40<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary (Tee/Cal Miller)  
 Mary Lou Wolfe - Happy Birthday (Ed/  
 Joan Hardig)  
 Margaret Mary Zenner - Speedy  
 Recovery (Tee/Cal Miller)

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*Too many shoes were a little too much for Debbie Spillman, Terry Slamkowski and Kristy Botich?*

## The Saga of Christ Child Shoes

Debbie Spillman's daughter works at Payless ShoStore and in June told her mother that the store was sending a bunch of shoes back to corporate. The shoes were on clearance, BOGO with an additional 10% off. The hitch: they had to be purchased in just a few days. Debbie set out to buy as many tennis shoes as she could find in all the stores in South Bend, Niles, Goshen and Elkhart. She purchased 2044 pairs of shoes for Christ Child with the average price of \$6.74. What a bargain!

## Book List, Calendar 2014-2015

September 17 *The Hundred Foot Journey*  
 Carol Holt - 259-0461 by Richard C. Morias

October 15 *The Invention of Wings*  
 Pat Healy - 272-5640 by Sue Monk Kidd

November 19 *The Storyteller*  
 Katie Screes- 272-1770 by Jodi Picoult

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 21 *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*  
 Terri Slamkowski - 256-2650 by Anthony Marra

February 18 *Something Other Than God*  
 Marge Hosinski - 255-9728 by Jenifer Fulwiler

March 18 *Run*  
 Mary Jane Chase - 233-7977 by Ann Patchett

April 15 *Big Stone Gap*  
 Mary Lou Mullen - 234-2626 by Adriana Trigiani

May 20 *The Orphan Train*  
 Judy Kearns - 273-9850 by Christina Baker Klein

June 17 *Longbourn*  
 Maureen Jones - 273-3911 by Jo Baker