



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

June 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.

## Executive Board

- President:  
Judy Kuzmich
- President Elect:  
Peg Riggs
- 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

- June 11, 25 ..... Restock/  
Inventory  
Center 9:00 AM
- June 3..... Board Meeting  
Incoming/Outgoing  
Board Luncheon  
Knollwood Country Club  
10:00 AM
- June 25..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM



St. Adalbert School welcomed the SUCCESS volunteers at an Appreciation Tea.

## St. Adalbert Hosts SUCCESS Volunteers

St. Adalbert principal Mr. Andrew Currier, the teachers and staff hosted volunteer tutors from the Christ Child SUCCESS program at an Appreciation Tea on May 14. Volunteers were treated to homemade goodies, a short performance by the school choir, and a host of compliments from the staff. Mr. Currier expressed his thanks and admiration in referring to the many talents and rich "skill set" the tutors bring to their work with the students. Teachers thanked the tutors for their flexibility, caring attitude and commitment to the students saying that the weekly tutoring sessions not only help students improve reading and math skills, but also increase confidence and motivation by showing that there are "people out there who really do care about you."

Given the smiles on the faces of the volunteers, it's easy to see why this matchup is such a success. One first year tutor put it this way: "When I came home from my first tutoring session my husband asked me, 'So, how was St. Adalbert?' I told him, 'I feel I'm home.'"

Anyone interested in learning more about St. Adalbert Catholic School or the SUCCESS tutoring program, can contact Jean Fuehrmeyer ([jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com)) or 855-3028.

## National Convention to be held in Scottsdale

Would you like to meet members of Christ Child from other cities and learn about the exciting things they do for the children of their cities? Consider attending the National Christ Child Society 42<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention being held on September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 20 in Scottsdale, Arizona. This year's convention will take place in FireSky Resort & Spa and all are invited to attend. The theme of this year's convention is Together in Mission: Share, Support, Serve.

The cost of all activities and meals is \$400 but activities are broken up by date and activity if you do not want to attend all events. The room rate at the FireSky Resort & Spa is \$169 per night and you must register by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to get this rate. Visit the website [www.nationalchristchild.org](http://www.nationalchristchild.org) for a link to the FireSky Resort and Spa Convention information. You can also contact Judy Kuzmich who will forward the information to you by email or mail you a copy of the information. Her address is [jkuzmich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkuzmich@sbcglobal.net) or phone 272-5739.

## From the President . . . . Judy Kuzmich

For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others;  
for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness  
and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are not alone. - Audrey Hepburn

This will be my last president's letter to you. This year has gone so quickly and I have learned so much. I sincerely want to thank all of you who have helped to make this journey so enjoyable. I do not have room on this page to name each of you individually but please know that I value your friendship and I am so grateful for all you do to help our mission of serving children. Our Christ Child members always seem to answer the call when asked to help with a project or with work to make our Center an outstanding place for kids to come for help. We can all be proud of what our Center offers to our community.

Our Kentucky Derby luncheon and style show was a great success. It was fun to see our members and friends with their fancy hats and dresses enjoying time together and seeing the new fashions presented by Stephenson's and worn by our dynamite models. Kudos to Tricia Shafer- Bradley and Kelly Harrison and their committee for doing such a great job. Many members told me that they love the theme of Derby Day and we should continue having it in the coming years.

Our new member coffee was held May 14<sup>th</sup> and we had 21 prospective members attend and hear about our mission. They were all given tours of the Center and they were overwhelmed with admiration for our organization and how efficiently our Center hums. Thanks to Kristi Botich, Norma Villanucci and Rose Way for hosting this event. We welcome all guests that attended this event to become new Christ Child members.

New board members will be starting in July. We welcome Holly Hosinski, Donna Kyle, Marti Moriconi, Mary Lou Mullen, Jane Reed, and Joanne Van Avermaete. They are all hard workers and have many talents to share. We welcome all of you and know you will accomplish great things. Board members who will be leaving are Sandy Krizmanich, and Anne Choinacky and as advisors Sue Uhran and Joan Hardig. Thank you for all your hard work in showing our love and generosity to the children who visit the Center.

The Center is undergoing new technology as new computers and printers are being installed to help us do our work more efficiently. Our present system has been held together by a band aid and has caused quite a few snags in operations over the past few years so this is very welcomed. Peg Riggs, our president-elect, has worked tirelessly to make sure we are up-to-date and running smoothly. We will give a sign of relief when this is completed and ready for our August 14<sup>th</sup> opening.

All members are invited to the National Christ Child Convention in Phoenix, AZ in September. Please see the separate article in this newsletter for details. It would be great for our South Bend Chapter to have many members attend. Each Chapter has two voting delegates but all of those that attend are invited to all the seminars, workshops and social events. What a great way to meet members of other chapters and see the projects and fund raisers they use to promote the love of Christ Child.

I wish you an enjoyable summer; thank you again for your hard work and friendship.

### Are you a 'bag lady'?

Do you take recycled bags to the grocery store? Do you use them to organize the trunk of your car? Do you fill up a bag so you don't have to take multiple trips up and down the stairs? Have the ladies in the shoe room and in used clothing stopped asking you to save plastic bags from your shopping trips? Do you love Christ Child?

We have the perfect product for you. Coming soon: recycled bags with our Christ Child "mitten child" logo on it. Now you can not only help the environment, but you can also tell the world all about the Christ Child Society.

Look for the bags: available for purchase, right around the time we open for clients in August

## Christ Child Society Bequests

A gift in your will (a bequest) is the most traditional way to provide significant help to carry out the mission of The Christ Child Society of South Bend, Indiana. It will provide layettes and clothing each year for thousands of needy children in our community.

Your gift in your will can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage or a part of your residuary estate. A gift can be made to the Endowment Fund or to the General Fund. For example:

### Specific Bequest

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars."

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars."

### Percentage Bequest

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate."

"I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate."

### Residuary Bequest

"I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund." (or)

"I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, IN, General Fund."

## Book Club

*Thunderdog*

by Michael Hingson

June 18,

Catherine Koscielski (232-4794)

Deadline for next newsletter  
July 21

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 friends 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

Tish Baker's mother  
(Kathy Roberts)  
Gerald Brady  
(James/Nancy  
Yohe)  
Bernard Chase  
(Kathryn Screes)  
Kevin Collins (Tom/  
Maureen Cahir)  
Jean Fairbanks (Bar-  
bara Dillon)  
Suzanne Freitag  
(Joan Jaworski,  
Ed/Joan Hardig)  
James Frick (Mary  
Ann/Tom Mason,  
Marjorie/John  
Bycraft)  
Nancy Healy (Alice  
Backs)  
Mrs. Hemphill (Ken-  
neth/Barbara  
Fedder)  
Ann Jordanich (Es-  
ther Cyr)  
Leo/Christine Kon-  
stant (Ed/Joan  
Hardig)  
Arlene Parent Lear-  
nard (Rolande/  
Roger Parent)  
Don Lohr (Greg/Jean  
Mee, Marie/Paul  
Brady)  
Jacob D. Mady  
(Larry Aulbach)  
Ted Piechocki (Mike/  
Judy King)  
Bob Riczie (Marlene/  
Otto Martinec)  
Herschel Riley  
(Frank/Andrea  
Incropera, Sue/  
John Uhran, Ed/  
Joan Hardig, Kay  
Ellgass, Greg/  
Jean Mee, James/  
Carol Holt, Marie/

Paul Brady, Pat/  
Fred Hillebrand,  
Margaret Hosin-  
ski, Carol Bauer,  
Diane Boehnlein,  
Ruth Schmitz,  
A. Philip/Mary  
DePauw, Marjo-  
rie/John Bycraft,  
Sonny/Dee Tepe,  
WWP Homeown-  
ers Assoc., Diane  
McGaw, Kristy  
Botich, Nancy/  
Howard Hanson,  
Jan/Jim Williams,  
Dianne Kalthoff/  
Ken Ingalls, Jane  
Horning, Deb/Mike  
Low, Pennie/Da-  
vid Judy, Layette  
Dept., Lou/Barb  
Herremans, Ron/  
Doreen Powell,  
Sharon James,  
Kathy/John Seidl,  
Maryann Kotyuk,  
Judy Blue, Tom/  
Joan Varga, Kath-  
leen Welsh)  
Edward Thiele (Mary  
Ann/Tom Mason)  
Richard VanAve-  
maete (Frank/  
Cathie Taelman,  
Kay/Frank Cat-  
anzarite, Sharon  
James, Sam/Linda  
Jones, Marti/  
Frank Moriconi,  
Judy Kuzmich,  
Kathy/John Seidl,  
Pat Schultheis,  
William/JoAnn  
Barcome, Diane  
Boehnlein, Thom-  
as/Judith Burmeis-  
ter, W. Marquis/  
Rosemary Ander-

### **In Memoriam Members**

Mary Fahey Ann Schlinder Frances Shearer

### **Husbands**

Donald Claeys James Frick Donald Lohr  
Thomas Murray Frank O'Hara  
Herschel Riley Roger Schmitz  
Richard VanAvermaete Peter Veldman

### **Son**

Timothy Lake

son, Beth Mc-  
Gowan, Lawrence/  
Peggy McGowan,  
Kathleen Welsh,  
Michael/Paula  
Caurro, James/  
Margaret Bickett,  
Odette Fobe,  
Mark/Vickie Lam-  
brechts, Annette  
Linson, Arthur  
Newhouse, Terri/  
Michael O'Bryan,  
Larry/Nancy  
Orszulak, Alice  
Shafer, Marguerite  
Stein, Paul/Phyllis  
Trippel, Christo-  
pher/Marcia Wells,  
Mr/Mrs Darrell  
Zellers, Gregory  
Digel)

Special Occasion  
Anne Black - 80<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday (Alice  
Backs)

Anne Brelowski (Mary  
Tice)

Katherine Coline –  
Good recovery  
(Joe/Marie Burt)

Dottie Derda - Com-  
plete recovery  
(Dr. John/Marilyn  
Toepp)

Pat/Fred Hillebrand  
- 0<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

(Kent/Katy Perry,  
Sheila Emge,  
Mr/Mrs Darrell  
Zellers)  
John/Jackie Hoffman  
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
(Mary/Jack Balint)  
Anna Hradel (Mary  
Tice)

Sharon Kupsa (Joe/  
Marie Burt)  
Margaret Mary -  
Birthday (Cal/Tee  
Miller)  
Phyllis Miller - 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday (Joe/Ma-  
rie Burt)  
Ann Riley - Apprecia-  
tion of her work  
(Tom/Joan Varga)  
Martha Sabbe - 99<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday (Eliza-  
beth Goeller)  
Joe Shafer - 95<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday (Helen  
Diltz)  
Margaret Walten (Jim/  
Pat Short)  
Nancy Wieger - Get  
Well (Cal/Tee  
Miller)

### **In Memoriam Cards**

If, on occasion, you want to send a Mass card, consider sending a gold Christ Child Remembrance card. This is a quiet way of raising funds to fulfill our mission of clothing needy children. It is a convenient way to send donations in any amount to the Christ Child Society as an In Memoriam for a deceased friend or relative, or in recognition of a Special Occasion to celebrate birthdays or anniversaries or speedy recoveries, or any other occasion you may think of. All persons will be remembered in a perpetual monthly Mass at St. Patrick's Church.

Each member should have an In Memoriam card along with an information slip with a printed return envelope. Just mail the gold card to the recipient and the information slip with your donation to me. When I receive it, I will post it and send a new card back to you. This "fund raiser" brings in \$20,000+ each year.

- Joan Hardig  
In Memoriam Chairman



| June |                        | July |                     |
|------|------------------------|------|---------------------|
| 2    | Roberta Heeter         | 1    | Patricia Kruszynski |
| 7    | Margaret Gerstbauer    | 1    | Bernice Frame       |
| 7    | Marjorie Bycraft       | 5    | Marianne Doran      |
| 7    | Catherine Fitzpatrick  | 5    | Mary Schilling      |
| 11   | Alicia McLaughlin      | 5    | Sue Seall           |
| 13   | Rosamond Byrd          | 7    | Shirley Wuslich     |
| 14   | Margaret Marley        | 9    | Mary Ann Randall    |
| 15   | Agnes Houk             | 9    | Margaret Hosinski   |
| 16   | Marlene O'Brien        | 13   | Joann Reitz         |
| 16   | Kathryn Schalliol      | 15   | Catherine Baer      |
| 16   | Elizabeth Ann Bannon   | 17   | Susan Armstrong     |
| 17   | Catherine Koscielski   | 17   | Jacquelyn Boynton   |
| 17   | Susan Niemann          | 19   | Anna Jean Cushwa    |
| 18   | Sparky Tavis           | 19   | Shirley McLaughlin  |
| 18   | Mary Ann Wasniewski    | 20   | Rose Mary Wray      |
| 19   | Winifred VandenBossche | 21   | Helen McNeill       |
| 19   | Geraldine Dickey       | 21   | Cindy Krupp         |
| 19   | Kathleen Simeri        | 22   | Katy Cressy         |
| 19   | Rose Lyphout           | 25   | Helen Diltz         |
| 20   | Mary Jo Miller         | 25   | Irene Panzica       |
| 22   | Kathy Seidl            | 26   | Ann Korb            |
| 24   | Mary Ann Butts         | 26   | Karen Karason       |
| 28   | Catherine Vroman       | 28   | Nancy Donnelly      |
| 29   | Kathryn Schoenle       | 30   | Mary Buersmeyer     |
| 30   | Alice Backs            | 30   | Catherine Gregg     |
| 30   | Ann Molenda            | 30   | Martha Dunn         |
|      |                        | 31   | Jean Kass-Edmonds   |

## Clothe-A-Child Donors

Correction: Jim and Jan Williams in Honor of Mary Ann Williams

### Mother's Day/Father's Day

Kathy Roberts in Honor of Mary Ann Jones

Mary Lou Wolfe in Memory of Pauline Quinlan

Alice Crowley in Memory of Puddy Crowley

Betsy Cooke in Memoray of Clinton Miller

## Client Referral Process

On April 30, May 7, and May 8, representatives from 15 service agencies as well as local schools within St. Joseph County came to the Center for a quick review of the referral process. These referrals are the lifeblood for our clients to come to the Center.

Each client who comes for clothing for their children arrives with a referral, ID, and their children's birth certificates and social security cards. Referral forms are obtained from the list of the approved agencies, posted at the Center and on our web page ([www.christchilds.org](http://www.christchilds.org)).

These social workers, nurses, secretaries, principals, employees and volunteers from these agencies are invited to attend one referral meeting once a year to review what Christ Child needs on the referrals. The agencies and schools are already working with our clients, so it is a win/win for both of us. Agencies and schools see the needs of their clients and refer them accordingly. Each year we work together we are building a great relationship with other out-reach programs. It is quite impressive to see how everyone is working together to better the area underprivileged.

## Wanted

Data Entry Person: Needed to assist with entering information for "Let Love Shine" Dinner Auction into the Donor Perfect program. Computer knowledge a must; training provided for the Donor Perfect file. Compensation: knowing you are a part of Christ Child's biggest fundraiser. Contact Peg Riggs at [pegriggs1@yahoo.com](mailto:pegriggs1@yahoo.com) or Kathy Seidl at [marian0103@comcast.net](mailto:marian0103@comcast.net), 276-0908.

## Christ Child Society Guardian Angels

A special membership category was established in 1998. A onetime \$1000 enrollment fee for deceased members or spouses, benefiting the Christ Child Society. Endowment Fund, will insure the Society's ability to continue the future good works.



The Guardian Angels are honored with their names appearing on a plaque in the Christ Child Society office. The family of the deceased will receive an enrollment certificate. Each angel will be remembered monthly and each year at our annual Mass. A special page in our directory will list our angels annually.

Current members and spouses may pre-enroll in the program. These "angels in waiting" will be kept on a special list and officially enrolled upon their deaths.

Please refer any questions to Kathy Seidl (291-6604).



# Hats



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## *Hats*



## More Hats



## Derby Day

May 1, 2014  
Knollwood Country Club

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The Christ Child Society of South Bend  
requests you to

*Save the Date*  
for the fourth annual

*Let Love Shine*  
*Dinner and Auction*

Thursday, October 16, 2014

Featuring electronic bidding and extended silent auction hours.  
For more information, go to [www.letloveshine.info](http://www.letloveshine.info).