



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

June 2017

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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.

## Let Love Shine Update

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who have donated their time, talents and treasure to making this year's event possible. It is the willingness of members to step up and donate to the auction, gift card balloons and wine pull, and to make phone calls to solicit donations that will help us reach our fundraising goals and meet the needs of children in our community.

Please remember that RSVPs for the event need to be in by Wednesday, June 7. We look forward to celebrating the opening of The History Museum exhibit with all of you. Wonderful food, heavy hors d'oeuvres, provided by Le Peep and an ice cream bar by Kilwin's will help provide a fun evening, so please consider bringing friends and family to share in the experience.

## Executive Board

President:

Peg Riggs

President Elect:

Debbie Spillman

Vice President (Fundraising):

Holly Hosinski

Vice President (Membership):

Anne Choinacky

Vice President (Clothing):

Linda Wray

Recording Secretary:

Joanne Van Avermaete

Corresponding Secretary:

Jane Reed

Treasurer:

Jane Reed

## Celebrating 70 Years of Clothing Children

### August 6, 1947-August 6, 2017

Bring your families and friends and join us for

## *The Christ Child Society of South Bend's 70th Anniversary Brunch and Open House*

### Sunday, August 6, 2017

Christ Child Clothing Center - 308 S. Scott St., South Bend

Light Brunch Buffet available 12:00-2:00

Program at 12:45

Displays and tours of the Center available throughout the event

Please send reservations and your check for \$5.00 per person

payable to The Christ Child Society PO Box 1286 South Bend, IN 46624

### Deadline: Friday, July 29, please

For more information or to reserve your place, contact Jean Fuehrmeter  
574-855-3038 or jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com

## CALENDAR

June 7,14,21,28. Restock/Inventory  
Center 9 AM

June 15 ..... Let Love Shine  
The History Museum  
6-8:30 PM

June 25..... In Memoriam Mass  
Little Flower 8:30 AM

July 17 Board Meeting  
Dickinson Room SJCP  
10:15 AM

July 25 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
Little Flower 8:30 AM

August 2 New Member Orientation  
Center 9 AM

Aug. 6 ..... Anniv, Brunch,Open House  
Christ Child Center  
12-2 PM

August 9... Center Open for Clients

### -Data Updates

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- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

## From the Co-President . . . Peg Riggs

*"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while you could miss it." Ferris Bueller (from Ferris Bueller's Day Off)*

After three years of writing to all of my Christ Child friends, I am sad to say this will be my last letter from this co-president.

These years have been both quick and slow.

\* How quickly my president-elect term plus the presidency terms have meant that my Drew is through high school and is off to IU in August.

\* How quickly Ben finished intermediate schooling, completed two years of St. Joe and now wants to start a new chapter of schooling at Indiana Academy.

\* How quickly my puppy Major turned into a 75 pound yellow lab demanding daily walks and treats.

\* And, how quickly my husband Dean is so ready to have my undivided attention back after four years of Christ Child priorities coming before him.

The slow times over the past three years seemed to go on and on.

\* When our Pat Hillebrand died, I thought Christ Child would never get a treasurer (Thank you Diane Lutomski for stepping up last year - you are a life saver!), and I was doing double duty of president and treasurer.

\* How slowly the planning for the fundraisers went, anticipating the event for months and months.

\* How I haven't had a dining room free of Christ Child files, folders, computer, printer, notes, agendas, ideas and suggestions since 2011.

\* And, how slowly time moves when members and volunteers are getting the Center ready for clients. We prepare for seven months for those 23 times we are open to serve clients.

I have so many people to thank for helping me over the years of my presidency -

\* First and foremost, my Mom, Joan Hardig. I wouldn't be here without your love and support; through the laughter and the tears, you are my rock and my friend and I love you!

\* Thanks to my boys, Dean, Drew and Ben for seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and helping me get there.

\* Thanks to Debbie Spillman for stepping up to co-president with me - you are truly a gift to Christ Child and I am so lucky that your generous heart and spirit have crossed paths with me!

\* Thanks to Sue Walsh for offering to follow up as co-president once my term is over. It's a fun ride, so enjoy every moment of it.

\* Thanks to the Christ Child Board, past and present; you are all part of this wonderful organization and with your help we continue to thrive!

\* And Ann Korb (now don't cut this out!): The newsletter is a learning curve for all new presidents and you have ALWAYS been supportive and understanding and very patient with my questions and suggestions; thank you for everything you do!

I am so lucky to be a part of this organization. I'm happy for the roles I have played on the Board for the last six years. I hope I have honored the members who have come before me and that I have helped with the future of the Society, But most of all, I hope I have done right by the current membership. You will continue to see me at the Center, in the client room, working behind the scenes and blending into the background. I may miss the spotlight, but I am ready for the next chapter of my Christ Child life. Peace!

### Book Club

*Circling the Sun*  
by Paula McLain

June 21

Louise Anella 1234-0576)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*Trick or Treat:*

*Better World Books 3rd annual  
"Book or Boo"*

*Saturday, October 14, 2017*

*12:00-3:00*

*Everyone is invited!*

## Service Volunteers Needed

The Christ Child Society needs Student-Volunteers this summer. Please spread the word that there are multiple dates for students to earn Community Service hours.

Inventory help is needed every Wednesday morning in June from 9-noon. Students are also needed to assist with Let Love Shine on Thursday, June 15, from approximately 5pm-7:30pm. Finally, we need help to set up and serve at our Brunch on Sunday, August 6.

Student-Volunteers must sign up in advance by contacting Debbie Spillman email debispl@aol.com, text or phone (574) 292-2002.

## 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."

## 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

Julia Ameduri (Kathy/John Seidl)  
 Chris Carr (Joan Biltz)  
 Herman Caswell (Ginger O'Hara)  
 Nina/Ed Coleman (Barbara Dillon)  
 Donald Deshano (Jeanne/Jim Ward)  
 Peggy Dietrich (Marie/Paul Brady)  
 Edward Dooley (Ginger O'Hara)  
 Ann Dupre' (Tom/Maureen Cahir)  
 Richard/Pat Durkin (Mary Ann Mason)  
 Eleanor J. Emerick (Kathryn Screes)  
 Delphine Florkowski (Joan Jaworski)  
 Helen Heintzelman (Karen/Joe Heintzelman, Mary Jo/Michael Siney, Jacquelyn Curran, Lois Leliaert, Industrial Metal-Fab, Inc., Micki/Dave Remley, Jane Horning)  
 Barbara Horvath (Gin-

ger O'Hara)  
 Carol James (Peg/Dean Riggs, Ed/Joan Hardig)  
 David Leland (Bob/Toni Kowalski)  
 Marilyn J. McKenzie (Mary Anne Retseck/Julie Considine)  
 Dr. Robert Makielski (Robert/Linda Diltz, Helen Diltz)  
 Lorraine Maxwell (Peg Riggs)  
 Donald F. Pierson, Sr. (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
 Barb Szewczyk (Mary Lou Grunawalt)  
 Thomas Vanderbosch (Kathryn Screes)  
 Lou Ellen Yuncker (William H. Klem, Jr.)  
**Special Occasion**  
 Dan Crossen - 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Mary Lou/Pete Mullen)  
 Sylvia/Leonard Kanczuzewski - 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Mary/Edward Kubiak)  
 Rev. Michael Palmer CSC (Mary/Edward Kubiak)  
 Carolyn Woo (Carol Bauer)

## Everyone Was A Winner!



*The clothing of Christ Child's earlier years was remembered by members Peg Riggs, Mary Lou Mullen, Pat Corcoran (note spectators), Kristy Botich (!), Karen Clifford and Holly Hosinski.*

Everyone was indeed a winner at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby Day Luncheon and Style show, from the individual trophies to the delicious meal to our fabulous "filly" models strutting down our track, to our hat winners and our win-place-and-show raffle winners: all contributed in making the Derby Day Luncheon a special one to start off our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

Our first part of our style show was a tribute to the past and was started out by Holly Hosinski (representing the Board) in her 1940's era dress, by Karen Clifford (coat room) representing the 1950's, by Kristy Botich (shoes) in her 1960's Jackie O knockoff, by Pat Corcoran (used clothing), AKA "Flightie," wearing an authentic 1966 United Airlines flight attendants uniform, by Mary Lou Mullen (new clothing) representing the 1970's, and this year's co-president Peg Riggs, representing the 1980's. The 1990's and 2000's were represented by Minnie and Marni Mannequin, followed by present fashions from Chico's. A special thanks to the models for the time they took out of their busy schedules to stop at both the Casaday Costume Collection and Chico's to make this part of our luncheon a success.

Special thanks to Peg Riggs for the raffle license, to Kelley Harrison and Tricia Schafer Bradley for help with selling raffle tickets and our raffle winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Win: Jane Horning \$600; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bette O'Malley \$300; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Show: Cathy Matthew \$200.

Hat contest winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Beth McGrath; 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Clifford; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Huston who received what else for their prize, but a red rose bush.

Thanks to Co-Presidents Peg Riggs and Debbie Spillman for all they do, to Megan Fitz for registering everyone and putting tables together, and to our last minute MC Ann Watson.

"Thanks to *all* who made this a success!" says chairman Marcia Auger.



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## Prospective Members Hear Christ Child History

This year's New Member Coffee on May 10 was a fun and successful event. It brought twenty-two prospective members to the Center - 12 with Christ Child sponsors and ten who responded to the invitation in their parish bulletins. Invitees were greeted with beverages, fruit and pastries served by Susy Porter and Toni Youts, co-chairs of the New Member Coffee. Co-President Peg Riggs welcomed the guests and introductions were made all around the room.

In keeping with tradition, Marge Hosinski presented the history of the Christ Child Society. Information about the National Christ Child Society was provided by Beth Barrett. Other speakers included Anne Choinacky on the Spring and Fall Luncheons, the Day of Reflection and informal groups like Book Club and Euchre; Judy Kuzmich on St. Adalbert tutoring; Mary Beth McGrath on A Book for a Child; Co-President Deb Spillman on the New Member Project/Coffee Cart; Mary Barrett on Let Love Shine; and Joan Hardig on In Memoriam.

Tours of the Clothing Center and answers to questions were given to the potential members by current members. All invitees went home with folders containing an information sheet titled "Celebrating 70 Years

of Clothing Children," membership materials, and the Christ Child prayer

It is never too late to invite a friend, relative or neighbor to join the Christ Child Society. Just send their names and addresses to Kristy Botich, New Member Coordinator, (574-291-7523 or wbotich@sbcglobal.net) and a packet of information and a membership form will go out in the mail.

