



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

November 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.

Calendar

November

1,8,15,29.....Center Open 8:30 AM
13.....Board Meeting
St. Patrick's 10 AM
22.....Center Closed
Thanksgiving Day
25.....In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:00 AM

DECEMBER

6,13,20.....Center Open 8:30 AM
6.....Volunteer Potluck Luncheon
Center
26.....In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM
27.....Family Volunteer Day
Center 9-11 AM
No December Board Meeting

January

Center Closed
15.....Deadline: Feb-Mar-Apr
quarterly newsletter
16.....January Board Meeting TBA
25.....In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM

**Clothing Center
will be closed
in January and February.**

If you need to schedule a drop off at the Center in January or February, please contact Megan Fitz, administrative assistant, at mfitz105@gmail.com or text/call 292-5700.

Chair Sought for 2018 LLS Fundraiser

A committee, formed to determine different possibilities for a Let Love Shine 2018 event, decided to consider smaller fundraisers/FUNraisers/ for this fiscal year and to investigate options for the major Let Love Shine event for 2018.

Two options possible for the smaller events were a raffle which many years ago was profitable and A Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas card fundraiser. A Christmas card fundraiser was tabled for this year because the Clothe-a-Child Annual Appeal campaign begins November 1.

One of the possibilities discussed for the 2018 major event is a dinner with a well-known speaker; other options are also being considered. If anyone knows of someone that they have a "relationship/friendship" with who might be considered as a guest speaker or if you have anyone you would like us to consider, please let Kathy Seidl know.

We Need Your Ideas and We Need a Chairperson!

We need a person or persons to chair/organize Let Love Shine 2018. It is not an overwhelming job and we have many members willing to help and work on various committees. Please consider this position. Contact Kathy Seidl with any questions: 574-276-0908 or marian0103@comcast.net.



Fall Luncheon/Meeting



Data Updates

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

From the Co-President . . . Debbie Spillman

Volunteering for the Christ Child Society has one major factor that is the same as our everyday life. Every once in a while, we stop for a moment. That is when we suddenly realize how much we have accomplished. Since our opening day for clients on August 9, we have distributed clothing on 12 Wednesdays and 4 Sundays. I have attended a variety of meetings, In-Memoriam masses, the annual Fall Meeting and Luncheon and the National Christ Child Society Conference. Sitting down to write this article is my moment of reality. We only have seven Wednesdays left to distribute clothing in 2017!

If you've ever seen me at our Clothing Center on a distribution day, you know that I continuously hustle up and down the halls to take care of different issues. No matter how busy my day might seem, I am constantly in awe of our volunteers. I love to watch them interact with the children and their parents. It is obvious that our volunteers believe in our mission and they love the work they are performing.

In recent weeks, we have begun our day with a "Story from the Center." This is a moment when someone can share a simple story from their work at the Christ Child Society. It only takes a few seconds to make my eyes mist when I hear how much our clients need and appreciate the clothing we gather for them. Sometimes the story is not about the clients, but about a surprise benefactor, such as an unknown woman who stopped in to drop off a box of beautiful, hand-knitted items. Such a simple, selfless act. Such simple stories. No matter how busy we are, let us always remember that our work is extremely important to thousands of local children.

From the Co-President Sue Walsh

Have you ever thought of holding an office on the Board of Directors of the Christ Child Society? Why not consider President-Elect? You might think, "What would it be like?" "What would be the duties?" "Do I qualify?" "How would I apply?" "Whom would I contact?" These are all valid questions.

The President-Elect is a very important position. According to the definition, ". . . The President-Elect may be given limited duties. At the end of the term, the President-Elect is promoted to the position of President, and a new President-Elect is elected" or chosen.

The definition of President-Elect does not sound difficult, does it? During her term, the President-Elect observes what is going on at the Center, takes note on how decisions are made, observes the interaction between members, observes the interaction between the Co-Presidents and gets more involved in their special interests.

Anyone is qualified to be a President-Elect. Are you an active person? Are you involved in other things? Do you have any special talents? Everyone is good at something. What are your strengths? Are you willing to try different things? Sometimes fear stands in our way. Don't let it! Come forward and ask questions, inquire more about the position and consider this position for yourself or for a friend.

For more information, please contact Susan Walsh, Co-President, at the Center, (513) 218-6052, or email ladysusan@fuse.net.

Executive Board

Co Presidents:
Debbie Spillman
Susan Walsh
President Elect:
Vice President (Fundraising):
Kathy Seidl
Vice President (Membership):
Mary Wisniewski
Vice President (Clothing):
Linda Wray
Recording Secretary:
Katy Perry
Corresponding Secretary:
Terry Slamkowski
Treasurer:
Diane Lutomski

Board Positions Available!

Looking to make a difference?
Looking to make some new friends?
Looking to share ideas? Looking to work to help children in need in our community? Looking to have some fun? Well, look no further!

The Board of Directors is beginning the process of accepting nominations for 2018-2019 appointments. Each year approximately five members of the board retire and five new members begin three-year terms. We are looking for women who are willing to bring their skills and talents to the organization. Since ours is a working board, she will be expected to take on a leadership role. The organizational chart, pages 29-33 in the directory, indicates the available roles, please take a look.

Serving on the Board is a great opportunity to help continue the success of our chapter, to get to know other dedicated women, to learn more about Christ Child and to take care of the chapter's business.

Please consider serving on the board yourself or give us a suggestion of someone else you would recommend. The nominating committee will contact the nominees and explain the responsibilities involved. Please send your names to Peg Riggs, pegriggs7@gmail.com before February 10.

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**Good Form:**

Co-President Debbie Spillman threw out the first pitch at the Christ Child South Bend Cubs game.

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas volunteer potluck luncheon that will take place at the Center on Wednesday, December 5, at 11:30 in the gym. Come join your fellow Christ Child members in welcoming in the holiday season with food and friendship.

Bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided. We look forward to seeing all members. No RSVP is needed – just come and join us in celebrating.

The Spring Luncheon and Mass

will be held March 21.

Mass will be at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Chapel and a luncheon will follow at Andre Place, both at Holy Cross Village.

Any questions:
contact Sherri Jones (574) 299-1716 or shashee409@aol.com or Ann Finn (574) 277-8880.

Mark your calendars now!
Gather your friends
and come as a group.

Deadline for February newsletter
January 15
Ann Korb (277-6443) ack339@aol.

70th Anniversary Brunch and Open House



At the Anniversary Brunch, members and guests spent "Do you remember ..." time viewing photos and memorabilia of Christ Child's seventy years

On August 6th - the actual anniversary of our chapter's founding - over 150 guests gathered at the Clothing Center to recognize our membership past and present, reminisce and celebrate the mission of Christ Child. The gym was transformed into a "garden cafe"; photo displays and memorabilia honoring our history, outreach services, and impact on the local community ringed the space.

We were proud to host several members of Puddy Crowley's family who shared their own memories of their mother and the early years of our South Bend chapter. After a showing of the video interview with charter member Barbara Dillon, the family presented a framed copy of our "Della Robia" with a dedication to their mother to be displayed in the Center office.

A wonderful brunch was provided by LePeep. Room displays and tours of the Center impressed family members and community partners with the breadth of our services. Conversation flowed, good memories were shared, appreciation for our mission deepened. It was an afternoon to long remember.

Used Clothing Needs Sweaters, PJ's, Shirts

Used Clothing is thankful for very generous donations from the following: Twice is Nice Resale, Queen of Peace (rummage sale), Stanley Clark Tiger Sale, St. Pius spring donations and clothing from numerous members and others.

Unfortunately, even with all this, the Collection Bins and many of the individual-sized containers are once again empty. Most sizes from 18 months to size 20 can use sweaters, pajamas, and pants. Especially needed are short and long sleeved shirts for boys' sizes 6 through 12 and girls' sizes 14 to 20, and coats and jackets any size, boys and girls.



One of our littlest clients with Layette ladies

BOOK CLUB

November 15

Orphan #8

by Kim vanAlkemade
Pat Falvey (703-3658)

January 17, 2018

Commonwealth

by Ann Patchett
Marge Hosinski (256-9728)

February 21

Britt Marie Was Here

by Fredrik Backman
Pat Healy (272-5640)

New Members Host Opening Day Treat



Left to right: chairman Melody Weiss Peggy Aronson, Patricia Falvey, Hetty Cohen, Nancy Meyer, Claudine Miller and Brenda Knowles. Not pictured are Kathy Allsop, Linda Cress, Barb Kovach and Teena Lutomski.

To celebrate opening day at the Center on August 9, the Christ Child Society's newest members hosted a light breakfast for all members and volunteers in a café-like space in the Bethany Room. New members had an opportunity to meet fellow members and become familiar with the Clothing Center, while creating a place for members and volunteers to enjoy something to eat and drink, visit with each other, and take a break on an extremely busy opening day of serving clients and their children.

Welcome and many thanks to all our newest members for the delicious food and beverages and to all members and volunteers for giving of yourselves to serve others!

Christ Child Society of South Bend Annual Report 7/1/16 to 6/30/17

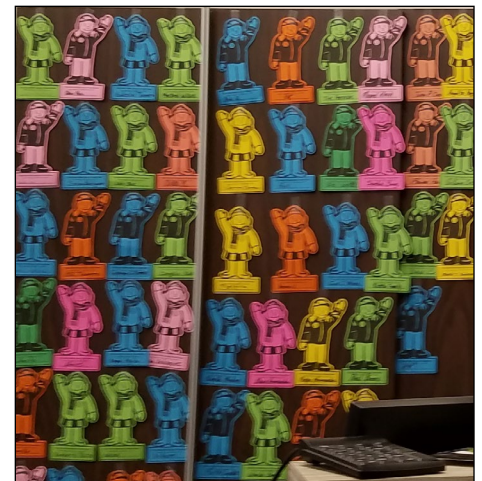
Beginning Cash Balance at 7/1/16		\$1,479,065
Receipts:		
Membership and Dues	\$37,563	
Fundraising Income	\$214,135	
Donations, Grants, & Other Income	\$171,473	
Endowment Income	\$13,188	
Total Receipts		\$436,359
Disbursements:		
Contributory	\$169,272	
Fundraising Expense	\$30,100	
General and Administrative	\$62,077	
Occupancy	\$48,511	
Endowment Expense- Scholarships	\$2,500	
Total Disbursements:		\$312,460
Net Cash Receipts/Disbursement related to Operations		\$123,899
Indiana Trust Operating Fund Net Change		\$46,416
Indiana Trust Endowment Fund Net Change		\$95,067
Net Cash change for 2016-2017 year		\$265,382
Cash Balance at 6/30/17:		\$1,744,447
Cash Balance Detail at 6/30/17:		
Unrestricted Funds:		
1st Source Bank Operating	\$603,877	
Indiana Trust Operating Fund	\$376,608	
Total Unrestricted Funds:		\$980,485
Restricted Funds:		
Indiana Trust Endowment Fund		\$763,962
Total Cash at 6/30/17		\$1,744,447

Wanted: 70 New Christ Child Members for 70 Years

The New Member Coffee on May 9, 2018, may sound like it's a long way off, but now is the time to be looking for new members.

Wouldn't it be great to take in 70 new members as we celebrate our 70th year? If the idea appeals to you, please be looking. Friends, neighbors, colleagues, relatives, donors: we all come in contact with prospective members on a daily basis.

Inquire if they have three hours a week from August to December to aid children in need of warm clothing. Who wouldn't be interested in furthering the welfare of children? Let's challenge ourselves and welcome 70 new members in May! Please give their names to Kristy Botich (574-291-7523 or wbotich@sbcglobal.net) and she will do the rest.



Clothe-A-Child II Ends Successful 2017, Readies for Next Year

After volunteers spent many hours cutting out mitten kids, counting them and packaging them for distribution, the 2017 Clothe-A-Child II fund-raising campaign is over for this year. Over 33,000 dolls were distributed for sale among our partners. Thanks to those partners, Mutual Bank, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union and Martin's Supermarkets, almost \$18,000 was raised in September. Now it's time to collect all the checks and leftover mitten kids from our partners, re-count and re-package them for next year.

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:

Ricky Alvarez (Toni Pikuza)
 Dr. Alton Backs (June B. Reese,
 Bette Vargo, Lois Leliaert, Pat Mur-
 ray, M/M John Reiter, Mary Ann
 Derda, Diane/Gerry Quinn, Renee
 Hochstetter, Loretta Chillag, Tricia
 Shafer/The Shafer Family, Catherine
 Bickel)
 George F. Bali (Marlene/Otto Martinec)
 William Bickel (Sara L. Ayers, Nicholas
 Boninfante, Jr., Jackie/Phil Kraus,
 Janet Staton, D.A./ M.A. Pairitz,
 Michael/Carolyn Chartier, Catherine
 Bickel/Sarah Batt)
 Rebecca Brown (JoAnn Axelberg)
 Dick Brusk (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Jeanne Buckwalter (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Thomas Cassady (James/Nancy
 Yohe, Barbara Dillon)
 Jodie Cocquyet (Kenneth/Barbara
 Fedder)
 Ansel Conn (Mary Lou Houle)
 Joan D'Ambra (Donna/Don Kyle)
 Mercedes Davy (Sally Smous, Kay
 Ellgass, Carol Bauer, Margaret Ro-
 driguez, Edward/Mary Kubiak, Katie
 Screes, Esther Cyr, Kristy Botich,
 Sam/Linda Jones)
 Jeanne Desmond (Rob/Linda Diltz,
 Jean Fuehrmeyer, Mike/Maggie
 Smith, Ron/Cindy Hestad, Jim
 Frings, Margaret Lusardi, Margaret
 Johnson, Morgan Rice, Matthew Ko-
 scielski, Debbie Spillman, Beth/Dan
 Barrett, Esther Cyr, Sheila Emge,
 Tim/Kitty Fulnecky, Sonny/Dee
 Tepe, George/Teddi Murray, Kent/
 Julie Sterling, Marilyn Toepp, Marie
 Brady, Marjorie/John Bycraft, John/
 Sue Uhran, Pat Murray, Bruce/Mar-
 cia Auger, Ed/Joan Hardig, Kathy/
 John Seidl, Bette/Pat O'Malley,
 Margaret Hosinski, Michelle/Thomas
 Mikula, Diane/Gerry Quinn, Jim/
 Carol Holt, Cleo Thanos, Judy/Hugh
 Kuzmich, Sharon A. James, Suzy/
 John Halloran, Kathryn Screes,
 Vedder Price, p.c., Lindi Strobel,
 Charles/Jan Stenftenagel, Mike/
 Kathy Desmond, Kathryn/Greg

Banks, Ann Korb, Jan Williams)
 Nancy Donnelly (Ann Jones)
 Dick Dornbos (Tee Miller, Marilyn
 Toepp)
 Yadia Duenas (Dottie/Ron Wallace)
 Mary Ferris (Joan Jaworski)
 Rosemary Foley (Darlene Heck, Carol
 Bauer, Peggy Bauer)
 Jason Forget (Tom/Maureen Cahir)
 Henry Froning, Jr. (Esther Cyr)
 Alvin J. Gendron (Esther Cyr)
 Jim Gibbons (Dottie Wallace)
 Roy Govert (Marlene Martinec)
 Larue Harkcourt (JoAnn Axelberg)
 Jeffrey Hawk (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Robert Heminger (JoAnne Tezich)
 Nancy Henthorn (Bill/Jan Killilea)
 Alice Wilson Hood Holtz (B.J. Hood
 O'Brien)
 Wanda Houdeck (Rolande Parent)
 Fred Kanouse (Dennis/Barbara Nor-
 kus, M/M J. Ciesiolka, Nick/Kathleen
 Cenova, M/M W. Niemann, Ed/Joan
 Hardig, Beth Barrett, Mike/Carol
 Barcza, River Commons HOA, Joe/
 Sharon Chookie, James/Marlane
 Holtshouse, Deb/Mike Low, Walt/
 Kristy Botich, Jean Fuehrmeyer,
 Bette/Pat O'Malley, John/Janet
 Paul, Larry/Karen Kajzer, Ted/Judy
 Cichos, John/Kathy Seidl, Gerry
 Dickey, Tom/Judy Burmeister, Mar-
 garet Hosinski, Joan Biltz, Ronald
 Stopczynski, Gordon May, Norma/
 Ralph Villanucci, Judy/Hugh Kuz-
 mich, Ivan/Margi Jahns, Linda Clev-
 enger, Jerry/Ann Shidaker, Joan
 Schweiger, Jim Karczewski, Carol
 Roberts, Mary Hurst, Judy Ciesiol-
 ka, Bill/Donna Niemann, Nick/Kathy
 Cenova, Mary Anne/Gene Smith)
 Robert L. Kozmer (Kent/Katy Perry)
 Terry Kregge (Janice Goossens)
 Beverly Kruggel (Bette/Pat O'Malley,
 George/Teddi Murray)
 Earl A. Kubale (Marilyn Toepp)
 Diane Lindzy (M/M Robert Huyvaert)
 Mary Lyons (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Alice Marciniak (Esther Cyr)
 Mary Elizabeth Marten (Dan/Beth Bar-
 rett)

Betty Mersich (Jeff/Gina Toepp)
 Dennis Miller (Ann/Dave Jones, Peg
 Claeys)
 Margaret Munich (Janice Goossens)
 Joanne Murtagh (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Linda Nalepinski (Peggy Bauer)
 Zachary Eli Neiman (Dan Ryan)
 Susan Norborg (Kay Houser, Bernie/
 Sandy Gorski, Kaye Mahalick,
 Norma Wilson, Betty/Jerry Vascil)
 Stephen Ortland (Florence Duester-
 berg)
 Bob Ostheimer (Sue/John Shirrell,
 Bette/Pat O'Malley)
 Greg Parr (Ron/Dottie Wallace)
 Patti Parr (Ron/Dottie Wallace)
 Sylvia Popovich (Fred/Katherine
 Kagal)
 Karen Riggs (Tricia Shafer, Bette/
 Pat O'Malley, Paul/Sue Freudinger,
 Sharon/Joe Fodroczy, Lori Sever-
 eid, Dana/Brad Fuelling, M/M Joe
 Fodroczy, Jr., M/M John Bycraft,
 Bruce, Marcia, Michelle Auger, Joe/
 Pat Corcoran, Kristy Botich, Sheila
 Emge, Rolande Parent, Kathy/
 John Seidl, Debbie Spillman, Jean
 Fuehrmeyer, Ed/Joan Hardig, Fre-
 dric Hillebrand, Tom, Diane & Katie
 Lutomski, Margaret Johnson)
 Maritza Robles (Bette/Pat O'Malley)
 Chuck Roemer (Bette/Pat O'Malley,
 Ginger O'Hara, Florence Duester-
 berg, Ed/Joan Hardig, Kathryn
 Screes, Ann Korb, Sonny/Dee Tepe)
 Thomas D. Russell (Norma/Ralph Vil-
 lanucci, Teresa/Sam Jermano)
 Thomas Saggau (Barbara Dillon)
 Sal Sanchez (Janice Goossens)
 John Semrad (B. G. Butler)
 John Sellers (JoAnn Axelberg)
 Rosie Shafer (Susan/David Walsh,
 M/M John Killeen, Kathy Roberts,
 Esther Cyr, Mary Beth McGrath,
 Jim/Carol Holt, Richard/Judy Rajter,
 Pete/Judy Jank, Claude/Angie
 Hyden Family, Karen L. Rolinesh,
 Kay Weber, Ellen Matthews, Mau-
 ree/Ed Trubac, Jerry/Frances
 Jones, Peter/Jeanne Hosinski, Jane/
 Carl Littrell, Julie Tanaka, Joseph

V. Shafer, Mike/Judy Anderson, Laverne Auger, Lois Leliaert, Jackie Stephens, Bruce/Marcia Auger, Pat Chodzinski, Barbara Skubiszewski, Theresa Cerveli, Dottie/Ron Wallace, Jan Williams, Carol Duszynski, Perry Leslie, Currant Electric, Inc., Renee Hochstetter, Marti/Frank Moriconi, Sheila Emge, Deb/Mike Low, Martha M. Hosinski, Rachel Oliveri, Tee Miller, Marjorie Bycraft, Rolande Parent, Peg Claeys, Diane/Gerry Quinn, Denise Hyden & Family, Mrs. Joan Fahey, Greg/Jean Mee, Jane Horning, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Dr./Mrs. Alton Backs, Kristy Botich, Kathryn Screes, Kenneth/Barbara Fedder, Margaret Hosinski, Betsy/Jim Cooke, Marie/Paul Brady, Debbie Spillman, Ed/Julie Hardig, Jr., Leslie Garvey, Kathy/John Seidl, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Beth Barrett, Deborah Harrison/George Lopez, Joe/Pat Corcoran, Werner/Helga Jean, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Jim/Carol Holt, Ann Korb, Sonny/Dee Tepe, Wednesday Bridge Club, Vanessa Hoffman, Karen Nagy, Sara/Abraham Marcus, Peg/Dean Riggs, Ed/Joan Hardig, Diane/James Bernath)

Nancy Siarkowski (Margaret Hosinski)
Harold Solomon (Marilyn Toepp)
Tom Stanis (Carol/Don Nash)
The Starr Babies (Katy/John Gregg)
Catherine Thurin (Mary Jane Chase, Esther Cyr, Marilyn Toepp, John W. Bulger, M.D., Donald /Andrea Sack, Jane Horning, Kathryn/Paul Schoenle, Mary Lou/John Derwent, Katie Screes, Barbara/Kevin Casper, Catherine Lower, Dick/Eileen Funk, The Pheiffers, Julie's Book Club Pals: Melissa, Jo, Patti and Holly, Angie, Scott, Amanda and Kristin Evers, Carol, Donna and-Toni Purichia, Vicki Musser, Virginia Fellman, M/M C. Edward Meehan, Mike/Donna Ream)
Mary Ann O'Connell (Ann Korb)
Dr. John Toepp (Ann Korb, Katie Krepel, Janet Hiple, Harold/Joyce Solomon, Douglas/Christine Earnhart, Jeanne M. Broussard, Patricia Sell, Doojie/Jack Trant, Marjorie/John Bycraft, Fran Austin, James Mackin, Bethany Lucksted, Diane/Gerry Quinn, George/Teddi Murray,

IN MEMORIAM

Members

Jodie A. Cocquyt
Mercedes Davy
Jeanne Desmond
Anne Monserez
Catherine Ann Thomas
Catherine Thurin

Husbands

Dr. Alton Backs
Jim Gibbons
Dr. Dennis Miller

Kathy/John Seidl, Don/Barb Zimlich, Rosemary Shafer, Marlene McGinn)
Peter Torres (Sandy/Bernie Gorski)
Richard Tyrakowski (Diane Quinn)
Lorrie VanHaue (Janice Goossens)
Rose Veith (Sue/John Shirrell, Jason/Krissten, Josie, Allie, Juliet Shirrell)
Catherine H. Vroman (Warren/Sandra Ransom)
Allison Wallace (Dottie Wallace)
Judy Drach Watkins (Marti/Frank Moriconi)
Alma Wiley (Kay Houser)
Rosemary Wolf (Ann Korb)
Mike Wright (Mary Lou Houle)

SPECIAL OCCASION:

Christ Child Society - 70th Anniversary (Sandy Redden, Debbie Spillman)
Maureen Conboy (Antiquarian Society)
Martha/Bob Dunn - 50th Anniversary (Ruth Schmitz, Jerry/Marge Marley)
Woody/Barb Emmons - 50th Anniversary (Janice Goossens)
Elizabeth Goeller - 95th Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)
Ed Healy - Healthy recuperation (Mary Lou/Pete Mullen)
Carol/Jim Holt - Happy Anniversary (Bette/Pat O'Malley)
Briana Lasko - Get Well (Jim/Nancy Yohe)
Kathleen Lawton (Cynthia Merrill Tamney)
Pat MacDonald - Get Well soon (Bette/Pat O'Malley)
Bob Miller -70th Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)
Mary Lou Mullen - Happy Birthday (Pat Short)
Barb Phair - Happy Birthday (Pat Short)
M/M Scott Schurz - 50th Anniversary (M/M Brian J. Lake)

Christ Child Society Guardian Angels

This special membership category was established in 1998.

A one time \$1000 enrollment fee for deceased members, spouses, family and friends benefiting the Christ Child Society

Endowment Fund, will insure the Society's ability to continue the future good works.

The Guardian Angels are 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 enroll in the program as living angels and will be officially enrolled as Guardian Angels upon their deaths.

Please refer questions to
Norma Villanucci (574-243-0621)

Newest Guardian Angels are Cornelius T. and Jeanne I. Desmond and Anne Monserez.



Co-Presidents Return with Ideas from NCCS Meeting

In September, Co-Presidents Debbie Spillman and Susan Walsh attended the National Christ Child Society (NCCS) Conference in Bethesda, MD. The goal of the conference was to educate all chapters about many facets of the work of the Christ Child Society.

A presentation about Layettees informed us about different items that can be put in a layette package. A chapter in Michigan has been putting their infant clothing in a diaper bag and the feedback has been extremely positive! It was sad to learn that most of the under-resourced mothers we serve never own a diaper bag to tote their baby's supplies.

An important aspect of our chap-

ter duties is to raise awareness of the work we do. Therefore, there was an educational session about using social media to tell our story. The use of media such as Facebook has the ability to help a chapter to gain new members as well as benefactors. It was amazing to learn that 63% of all Facebook users are between the ages of 50-64!

In the past year, the NCCS has put a focus on reading. They have donated "Read to Me" cards to every chapter. These cards promote reading and are put in every layette bag we assemble. We also heard an eye-opening talk from Lillian Baumann, PhD, a retired professor from the Fordham University School of Edu-

cation who helped us to understand the challenges of the disadvantaged students: "Reading comprehension is where students fail." The experiences of children will help them to understand and recall the words they read; if they cannot relate to the words, they cannot comprehend. Dr. Baumann donated a copy of her book for every chapter to be shared with our members who volunteer to work with local students through our SUCCESS program at St. Adalbert's School.

These are just a few of the highlights of our busy days at the Conference. We returned to South Bend with a renewed sense of direction and a feeling of excitement for the potential of utilizing some of these new ideas!

Derby Day: Luncheon, Style Show

The annual Derby Day luncheon and style show is in the early planning mode. It will be held on May 3rd at the Blue Heron at Blackthorn.

This is a fun event attended by many members and guests who love to dress up in their finest Derby Day hats and apparel. Each year brings something new and this year will not be an exception. More news to follow as plans are in place so don't tuck that fancy hat too far away in your closet.

Calling . . . All Gift Wrappers

It's that time of year again - time to volunteer to gift wrap at the Notre Dame Book Store for the Christ Child Society. The schedule extends from Wednesday, December 13 through Christmas Eve.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Cathy Mathews at 574-277-0550 or cathmath@sbcglobal.net or Marie Burt at 574-2715987 or joe.burt11@gmail.com. Marie will also have the sign up sheets on Wednesdays in November when the Center is open.

Chapter's Past Presidents Share Experiences

The Past Presidents' traditional brunch took place August 24 at the home of Norma Villanucci where they enjoyed a light meal and shared moments of past and present times. This tradition provides an opportunity for past presidents to continue their involvement in Christ Child by sharing their past experiences and insights with each other.



First row Beth Barrett, Mary Liddell; second row Marty Redden, Sue Uhran, Diane Quinn, Judy Kuzmich; third row Marge Hosinski, Sheila Emge, Bette O'Malley, Debbie Spillman, Marcia Auger, Marie Brady, Jane Horning, Norma Villanucci, Joan Hardig .

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Take a Day Off Just for You

Christ Child Day of Prayer and Reflection at Moreau Seminary on Moreau Drive
Reflections by Rev. Dan Ponisciak CSC

Father is currently the Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Church in South Bend
and previously was assigned to St. Ignatius Martyr Church in Austin, Texas.

He was ordained April 11, 2015.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

9:00 - 2:30

Doughnuts, fruit, coffee, tea	9:00-9:30
Morning Reflection	9:45
Mass	11:00
Lunch	12:00
Reflection and Benediction	1:00-2:30

Please send reservations with your check for **\$18.00** payable to The Christ Child Society to
PO Box 1286 South Bend, IN 46624

Price includes all food, drinks and the retreat. **Please include any special dietary needs.**

Names(s) _____ phone _____

Deadline: Monday, February 12, 2018, please.

Please park in the 'East Lot' off Moreau Drive (old Douglas Rd.) and enter through the lower level. Someone will be at the door to greet you and direct you. An elevator is available to take you to the main level.

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