



March/April 2019

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY[®] OF CLEVELAND

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CHAPTER AND VERSE

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"Let not a day pass without having learned something, without having overcome yourself in something, without having performed a kind act, without having accomplished something." -Mary Virginia Merrick



Community Needs Assessment

In an effort to determine whether we are serving children in the Greater Cleveland Area in the best ways possible, we are undertaking a **community needs assessment** by meeting with representatives of social service agencies. Primarily, we expect that this process will provide an opportunity to do the following:

- Better understand the needs of the children we serve.
- Assess our projects vis-à-vis those needs.
- Examine the projects that are most in demand – and determine where we duplicate services that are available elsewhere in the community.
- Determine how we might improve our services to better meet the children's needs.

Please consider whether you would like to serve on the committee that oversees this process. If you have any questions, and/or if you have an interest, please contact **Susan Ferraro Smith**. Thanks so much!

CCS CLE NEWS!

News You Need To Know **NOW!**

- **Provisional Informational Coffee**

Friday, March 1, 2019 at 10AM
CCS office 7901 Detroit Ave Suite 300, Cleveland OH
Contact Jane Donovan or Katherine Bush for more information

- **Installation Mass & Legacy Luncheon**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 10 am
Mass followed by brunch at
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Playhouse Square
Reservations via web or mail must be made by March 11th.

- **RED WAGON - DATE CHANGE!**

Wednesday May 29, 2019 Doors open 930AM
Embassy Suites in Independence OH
Reservations via web or mail must be made by May 13th.
Reservation form is in this issue.

- **SPRING BUSINESS MEETING
AND LUNCHEON**

June 26, 2019, Meeting at 1030A followed by Luncheon
ACACIA RESERVATION of the Metroparks
Cedar Road, Lyndhurst OH
Catered by Dino's Catering.
Reservations via web or mail must be made by June 10th.

- **Ball/Non-Ball (?) 2019**

CHANGES! - Coming.....
(your input and ideas are appreciated)

FUTURE Postings, please submit to **Cathy Caruso



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES March - May 2019

Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30
March 4, April 1, May 6
Contact: **Jean Boldt**

Euclid -St. John of the Cross Sewing Group Fourth Thursday, 9:00-12:00

March 28, April 25, May 23
Contact: **Andrea Dean**

Grandmothers' Program Merrick House

Note: Volunteers must wear socks.

Contact: **Stephanie West**

Shaker Heights-St. Dominic Sewing Group

Third Tuesday, 10:00-2:00
March 19, April 16, May 21
Contact: **Irene Chalko**

Highland Heights Sewing Group

There will be no sewing during the winter months.
We will resume in May. Contact: **Patty Welsh**

Independence Sewing Group

Second Wed. & Thurs., 10:00-2:00
March 13, 14; April 10, 11; May 8, 9
Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00
March 5, 19; April 2, 16, 30; May 7, 21
Contact: **Stephanie West**

"My Stuff" Packing

Third Monday, 10:00-12:00
March 18, April 15, May 20
Contact: **Kathy Moehring**

Parkview HeadStart Reading Program

First and Third Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00
March 5, 19; April 2, 16; May 7, 21
Contact: **Marsha Gleine** or **Sharon Skotko**

St. Francis Library

During the school year Tue: 9:30-2:00 / Wed: 9:30-2:30
Contact: **Anne Mooney**

St. Rocco Library

During the school year Mon: 9:00-12:00
Contact: **Paula Conrad**

Showcase

Shifts available on Tuesday-Saturday:
11:00-2:00 / 11:00-4:00 / 12:00-4:00
Contact: **Marge Ansel**

***Contact information can be found in our Chapter roster.**

Remembrance/Endowment Report

October 16, 2018 – February 11, 2019

Memory

Kathleen Adair
Doreen Archer
Jean Castele
Sherry Cindric
Jim Dingeman
H. Scott Garrett
James Giarelli (8)
James and Teresa Giarelli
Thomas Gordon
Gene Hnanicek
Timothy E. Householder
Elaine Klosky
Geraldine Lazzaro
Ralph Meluch (2)
Arlene Morrison
Violet Ondrey
Betty O'Neil
Margie Pope (2)
Abby Sammon (68)
Sadie Scarcella (5)
Paul Shuster
Lily A. Staunton
Pamela Sweeney (2)
Doris Tainer (8)
Patrick Tulley
Rita Wiersma (2)
Edward Zell (2)

Honor

Diane Anker – Merry Christmas
Kathe and Bill Bartel – Merry Christmas
Jean Canestraro – Merry Christmas
Kathy and Dale La Porte (6) – 50th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Nickodem, Sr.
Robert Smith and Susan Ferraro Smith (2)
Mary Velotta - Merry Christmas

In Our Thoughts

The Family of Jane Favret
Kathleen Meluch – death of husband (Ralph)
Mary Jane Pavlick – death of father-in-law (Gene Hnanicek)
The Family of Margie Pope
The Family of Abigail Sammon
The Family of Doris Tainer
Dolores Wiemels – death of sister (Rita Wiersma)

St. John Cathedral Mass for Christ Child members,
living and deceased, and for their families.
Monday, March 25, Noon
Thursday, April 25, Noon
Friday, May 24, Noon

Please notify the Christ Child office regarding deaths
of CCS members or their immediate family members.

Send Remembrance/Endowment checks to:
Christ Child Society of Cleveland
7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Donations this report period	\$18,235.00
Previous fiscal year to date	<u>\$1,420.00</u>
Total for fiscal year	\$19,655.00

Online Remembrance Giving available on our website at christchildsocietycleveland.org

Jump into Spring at Showcase

Thank you to the 40 ladies that attended the Showcase meeting. Many great ideas and comments were shared.

At Showcase we will hold our **semi-annual Bag Sale** on March 16th, 19th and 20th. Wednesday we will close at 2PM and bag up the remaining winter clothing for Goodwill, then start the thorough cleaning of the store. Thursday and Friday we bring our spring items from the basement, fill the rounders, dress the displays and prepare to re-open Showcase on Saturday March 23rd at 11AM!!

If you can volunteer any of these days, please call Marge Ansel.

JOIN US WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 2019 AT THE

Installation Mass & Legacy Celebration

Our Cleveland Chapter will celebrate the installation of 10 new members and 67 Anniversary Members on March 27, 2019. Park your car at the Crowne Plaza at Playhouse Square, take the shuttle to the Cathedral for 10AM Mass, return via shuttle to the hotel and enjoy a delicious brunch with your Christ Child members and friends! Help us welcome and congratulate these women who do so much for our Organization. Please contact, Carol Janas with any questions about this event.

WE ARE PLEASED TO INSTALL THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONALS AS MEMBERS:

Irene Bellomo	Annette Safran
Christine Dragony	Nancy Simon
Catherine Houk	Deb Stasek
Philis Muth	Andrea Wendt
Maureen Overholser	Nina Zwolinski

WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR MEMBERSHIPS:

55 Years

McAllister, Mrs. Rosemary
Monroe, Mrs. Patricia A.
Sindelar, Mrs. Evelyn J.
Tracy, Mrs. Mary

50 Years

Allen, Mrs. Kay
Chalko, Mrs. Irene
Chimo, Mrs. Elaine J.
Flammang, Mrs. Mary C.
Zeleznik, Mrs. Marjorie

45 Years

Della Donna, Mrs. Lynne
Richardson, Mrs. Mary Ann

40 Years

Barrett, Mrs. Mary Jean
Bernhard, Mrs. Lois
Boldt, Mrs. Jean
Eagan, Ms. Susanne
Madigan, Mrs. LaVerne M.
Pugel, Mrs. Barbara

35 Years

Gallagher, Mrs. Maggie
Leonard, Mrs. Mary Ann
Mackert, Mrs. Mary C.
Wehner, Miss Charlotte A.

30 Years

Gardner, Mrs. Patriciann
Mooney, Mrs. Maggi
Ruper, Mrs. Barbara
Stevens, Ms. Anne
Walsh, Mrs. Mary Louise

25 Years

Campanella, Mrs. Juanita
Friedrich, Mrs. Kathy
Gross, Mrs. Margaret
LaFond, Mrs. Karen
Loyd, Mrs. Suzanne
Mathews, Ms. Mary Lou
Printy, Mrs. Kathleen M.

20 Years

Baucco, Mrs. Marybeth
Bauters, Mrs. Kathleen
Conrad, Mrs. Paula
Gommel, Ms. Elaine
LaSalvia, Mrs. Barbara
Montani, Mrs. Mary Ann
Moran, Mrs. Carole
Parker, Mrs. Terri
Protzik, Mrs. Mary Ann
Vergilii, Mrs. Anita M.

15 Years

Bryan, Mrs. Joan M.
Michalski, Mrs. Judith A.
Rule, Mrs. Marjorie F.
Smith, Mrs. Susan Ferraro
Warner, Mrs. Mary Ann

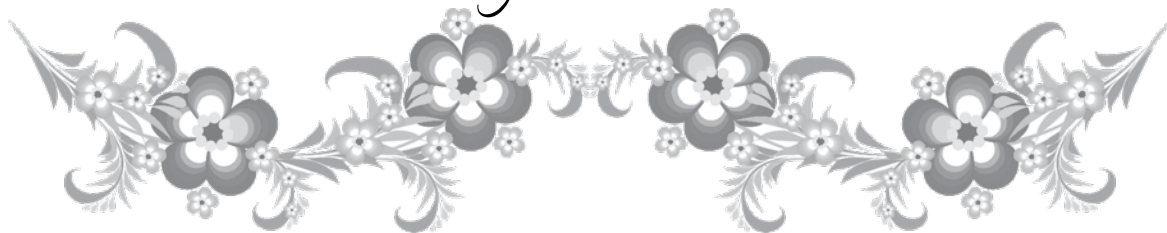
10 Years

Delsanter, Mrs. Carmen
George, Mrs. Ann E.
Gillen, Mrs. Laurey
Kuhary, Mrs. Amy
McCarthy, Mrs. Marie A.

5 Years

Backus, Mrs. Suzanne
Bergen, Mrs. Marlene M.
Conway, Mrs. Joyce
DeStefanis, Mrs. Cindy
Donovan, Mrs. Jane
Gedeon, Mrs. Carol Sutula
Green, Mrs. Patricia S.
Haren, Mrs. Linda A.
Marsh-Wintour, Mrs. Kathy
McNulty, Mrs. Audrey A.
Nally, Mrs. Jo Anne
Visich, Mrs. Sally A.
Volpe, Mrs. Pat
Zawadski, Mrs. Diane

Congratulations!



Installation Mass & Legacy Brunch

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION

Installation Mass

Celebrated at 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
East 9th & Superior Avenue

Legacy Brunch

Immediately following Mass
Crowne Plaza at Playhouse Square
1260 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

Please join us for these wonderful events as we welcome the newest Christ Child members and honor those who are marking membership anniversaries.

PLEASE NOTE: Free valet parking is available at the Crowne Plaza. The hotel will offer shuttle service from the hotel to the cathedral and back. Parking at the cathedral is not included.

No separate invitation will be mailed.

LEGACY BRUNCH RESERVATION FORM

Reservation Deadline: Monday, March 11th

Payment must accompany reservation form

Please Reserve: ___ Tickets @ \$40 each
___ Silver Patron @ \$60 (\$20 tax deductible) ___ Gold Patron @ \$85 (\$45 tax deductible)
I cannot attend but would like to make a donation of \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Phone: _____

Seating Requests (Tables of 8) Indicate Member (M), Guest (G), Other Chapter (O), Provisional (P)

List your name and the names of those you have confirmed will be sharing your table.
Incomplete tables will be filled with other Christ Child members and their guests.

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| 3. _____ | M G O P | 4. _____ | M G O P |
| 5. _____ | M G O P | 6. _____ | M G O P |
| 7. _____ | M G O P | 8. _____ | M G O P |

_____ **I have no seating preference** _____ **I prefer the vegetarian option**

Checks made payable to the Christ Child Society
MasterCard Visa American Express Discover

Cardholder Name: _____

Account Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mail reservation form with payment to:
Christ Child Society, 7901 Detroit Ave., Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Attn: Legacy Luncheon



*Mary Virginia
Merrick Award 2019*

For the past 36 years, our Chapter has recognized one of its own whose spirit, values, and service exemplify those of Mary Virginia Merrick. This year, the prestigious Mary Virginia Merrick Award will be presented at the Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, June 26.

Who do you believe is deserving of this award? Who do you believe has given of herself in the name of the Christ Child Society of Cleveland, either publicly in the "front lines" or quietly and consistently "behind the scenes?" Please consider nominating the member you believe deserves this special recognition. Your nomination is important...your opinion matters...your thoughts count!

NOMINATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING
AND RECEIVED BY MAY 24

Please include your nominee's name and why you believe she deserves the 2019 Mary Virginia Merrick Award. All nominations are confidential and are due by May 24. For a list of past recipients, please refer to page 1-5 in the Christ Child Roster. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact **Katie Camaglia**.

Mail to: Christ Child Society – MVM Award
7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Or email to: **Katie Camaglia**
(Email address is in the Christ Child Society membership directory)

RED WAGON LUNCHEON

Make plans to attend our Red Wagon Luncheon this Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Independence Ohio! Enjoy a spring luncheon with your friends, family and fellow Christ Child members and support our wonderful fundraising event. Our doors will open at 930AM for vendor shopping, raffle ticket sales and our Fashion Show this year will be presented by Mary Ann Huffman, manager of the Chico's stores at Crocker Park and South Park Malls. Mary Ann has been with Chico's for almost ten years and is excited to share the Chico's 35th company anniversary with us. She will share information about free consulting offers from Chico's and will present new fashion ideas that will be modeled by some of our own members. We are pleased to add that Robin Swoboda will again join our models this year.

You may make reservations via our website (our preferred method) or see the form in this edition of the Newsletter for additional information.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to raise funds to continue our many projects that provide service to under-resourced children in our area. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you on May 29, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Independence.

Since this date will quickly be upon us, now is the time to contact our Committee Chairs to offer referrals or donations:

Vendor referrals

Karen Bush

Raffle Basket Donations

Carol Gedeon or Cindy DeStefanis

Country Kitchen Donations

Marsha Gleine or Sharon Skotko

Jewelry Donations

Marlene Ryzdewski

Volunteering at the luncheon

Ann Chorba

Please contact Carol Janas with any questions.



RED WAGON LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

EMBASSY SUITES - ROCKSIDE



5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, Ohio 44131
Complementary Valet Parking • Self-Parking

9:30 A.M. Boutique Begins – 12 Noon Luncheon
Fashions presented by *Chico's* at Crocker and South Park Malls.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 17, 2019

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PLEASE RESERVE:

____ Tickets: \$55 each (\$20 tax deduction) • ____ Silver Patron Tickets: \$75 each (\$40 tax deduction)
____ Gold Patron Tickets: \$100 each (\$65 tax deduction)
Total enclosed: \$ _____ I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation of \$ _____

NO REFUNDS

Payment Options: Check made payable to **Christ Child Society** or
 Master Card **Visa** **Discover** **American Express**

Cardholder Name _____ Account Number _____

Signature _____ Expiration Date _____

SEATING REQUEST (Tables of 10) PLEASE PRINT your name and the names of those you have contacted and have agreed to share your table.
Only paid reservations will be considered for seating. Incomplete tables will be filled with other Christ Child members and their guests.

I have no seating preference. Feel free to seat me anywhere. • I prefer the vegetarian option

Indicate: (M) for Member • (G) for Guest • (O) for Member - Other Chapter

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- 8. _____ M G O
- 9. _____ M G O
- 10. _____ M G O

Send Reservations to: Christ Child Society, Attn: Red Wagon, 7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio 44102



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DATED MATERIAL: Please deliver by February 28th.

Articles for the newsletter

Please contact **Kate Toma** if you have any special needs or volunteer requests for the newsletter.
Articles for the May/June issue will be due by Monday, April 15th.

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