



Christ Child Society Of Pittsburgh

MISSION STATEMENT

The Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh is a non-profit Catholic association of lay volunteers embracing members of all denominations, expressing its members' love of the Christ Child through service to God's children regardless of race, color or creed.

July 2019

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NEWSLETTER

JUDY KERN

Dear CCS members,

Happy Summer! I hope you are all enjoying this relaxing time of year!!

To keep all members informed, I am reporting the highlights of what was discussed at the June meeting.

Please welcome 2 new members, Phyllis Palombo and Maria Kitay. Phyllis was installed along with previous new member, Dolores Butch, at the June meeting. Dolores missed installation last year because she joined in June, after the installation luncheon. Maria will be installed at our next meeting. Please add their contact information (found in this newsletter) to your directory as we will not be reprinting directories until May, 2020 when the new officers are installed.

Our Red Wagon profit this year was \$12,525.08. We did quite well, exceeding what we made last year! Our Red Wagon for 2020 will be held on April 25th. A chairperson is needed for the event as planning needs to begin in September. Please contact me if you are interested. It is not a difficult job as you will be working with very efficient committee chairs!!

Our next general meeting will be held on September 19, 2019. Please note the meeting schedule listed in this newsletter. The Board has decided to have a meeting approximately every other month with no meeting during the summer months because of decreased attendance due to travel and family commitments.

Also included in this month's newsletter are our new Social Guidelines for birthdays and bereavement, which was approved by the Board on June 26, 2019. In addition to our personal condolences, this will help our organization to appropriately honor members and family members when the time arises.

The National Christ Child Society is beginning a liaison program with the city chapters and we have been assigned a chapter liaison if needed. I will be speaking with her this summer and will have more information at the September meeting. If you have any thoughts on how National CCS could be more supportive or available to our chapter, please feel free to share them with me.

The NCCS Conference is being held on September 27-28 in Bethesda, Maryland. The theme is ENERGIZE-INSPIRE-ADVANCE. If you are interested in attending, please contact me ASAP as registration must be completed by August 6th. Please visit www.NationalChristChild.org for updated Conference information.

Finally, our Treasurer, Diane Donovan and I will be reviewing the budget for 2019-2020 in July. We are attempting to have a balanced budget this year so allotments may have to be reduced somewhat. The budget will be voted upon at the September meeting.

Enjoy your vacations, family and friends, and hopefully, the sunshine!! See you in September!

In the name of the Christ Child,

Janet

ALL OF US CARE

... From Joanne Herrmann

AOUC is holding Summer Camp for the kids from Monday thru Friday. AOUC received a grant to hire high school students to serve as counselors for the children and the program has been running successfully. **Tarcia Rebeiz**, the Director of AOUC, has also started a plant growing program for the kids. Joanne Herrmann has donated a ficus tree for the inside entrance to the building for the kids to take care of and nature, and to decorate for special holidays. The center would greatly appreciate any donation of plants! If you are able to help in any way, please contact Tarcia at AOUC. Thank you!

ANGELS' CLOSET

... From Molly Kelley

Angels' Closet will open some time in **MID OCTOBER**. The dates will be announced in a month or so. I will contact the committee when fall arrives. Thank you all ...and enjoy the heat!!

CAMP AIM

... From Molly Kelley



Another fun filled 6 weeks of camp has come to an end. As usual the staff of Camp Aim is truly grateful for our financial support. This year we bought a Chrome Tablet for the activities room. We also financed the prom activities. I know a couple of the Christ Child members made it over to watch some of the activities.

Again a big HIP HIP CAMP AIM !!!.. Thank you again for all your support that truly made 150 children very happy campers!

LAYETTES

... From Charlotte Collins

Marion Flowers delivered 8 Layettes to PA concerned for the unborn child. This leaves us with about 49 Layettes left on our shelves. We will have another packing sometime in October or November. I will send an email to the Layette committee with more information on dates for the next packing.

MY STUFF BAGS

... From Dottie Talarico

I only made one delivery to Genesis this Summer and that included taking them clothing, books and some toys for the children. We have a good inventory of baby and toddler clothing at the center. If any member knows of any agency or family that might be in need, please contact me. Thank You!

MEMBERSHIP

... From Mary McCormick

We are still in the process of finalizing our 2019-2020 membership roster. When we have a final confirmation of names, the roster will be emailed to each member. Those not listing an email address will be sent a hard copy. Since our official Membership Handbook is published every two years, the next publication will be issued after the 2020-21 Membership Drive. Please note the following update and additions to your current 2018 Membership Handbook:

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Christ Child Mourns...



Pat Maida

1938-2019

In June, our member, Pat Maida who had joined Christ Child more than 20 years ago passed away after a lengthy period of declining health. For many years, Pat was a very active member, committed to the Mission of Christ Child as Mary Virginia Merrick said "Nothing is too much to do for a child". Pat served on the Layette Committee and the Red Wagon Committee. We all remember seeing Pat at the table for the Basket Auction selling tickets to our guests. But Christ Child was not the only, nor the first charitable outreach in which Pat was involved. She was a Board Member of the St. Anthony School Programs and worked tirelessly for these children who have mental disabilities. Pat was also a member of Ladies of Charity, Christian Mothers, and at her home parish St. Simon and Jude served for more than 25 years helping with wedding and funeral liturgies. In recognition of these many other areas of outreach, Pat was honored in 1999 with the "Manifesting the Kingdom" Award, instituted and given by Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, then known as Bishop Wuerl.

Although active in and committed to charitable works, Pat's life was centered around her family, her husband Dan of 50+ years, sons Tim (Connie), Joe (Dawn), and Bob (Megan), and her ten grandchildren. One had only to inquire about a grandchild or other family member and see her face light up to realize where her heart was.

Pat's outside activities narrowed as her health declined. We in Christ Child missed her wise presence in meetings. We mourn her passing but trust as she so fervently did, that she is now at peace with God. We continue to pray for her, and her family. Pat heard the call of Jesus and her entire life was answering "Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?"

May you Rest in Peace Pat and May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon you. We ask God that He grant Pat's family grace and peace as they mourn her loss.

Richard J. Kelly

1932 - 2019

In May, our member Mary Jo Kelly lost her husband Dick, after 63 years of marriage. Mary Jo and Dick are the parents of 8 children, 25 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

As a member of St. Rafael Church, Dick served for many years on Parish Council, and other committees. At his funeral Mass, his son Tim noted that his Dad would always be one of the last to leave when closing a carnival, or festival or any Parish function making sure everything was cleaned up and put away.

He was a lawyer in his professional life, and was focused in serving the law with a deep sense of ethics and morality.

According to his large extended family, he loved a good joke and was always ready to welcome friends and family in the home that he and Mary Jo made. One of their granddaughters spoke with great fondness about holidays spent in Dick and Mary Jo's house with cousins galore sleeping on couches, sleeping bags, floors, etc.

We in Christ Child extend our sympathy to the entire Kelly family, and continue to pray for Dick. Having lived his life in the Spirit, he is now in the hands of God. Rest in Peace Dick and May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon You. May God grant grace and peace to each member of the Kelly family.

EUGENE DELSERONE

1932 -2019

In July, our member Doris Delserone lost her husband Gene of 61 years. Gene and Doris have 4 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Gene was educated and trained as a physician and then spent his career here in Pittsburgh, becoming deeply involved in community life. At his funeral he was eulogized by a fellow physician, who mentioned his keen ability to mentor and teach new residents the skills needed for their profession. He was President of the Medical Society and belonged to Rotary Club. Both he and Doris became involved in helping the homeless and hungry at the Red Door in downtown Pittsburgh.

Once retired Gene learned woodworking and there are many grandchildren who are recipients of his artistry. Gene leaves a legacy similar to many of his generation, hard work, commitment to family, steady and principled. His military service was recognized at his funeral and he was buried in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

Rest in Peace, Gene, and May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon You. May God grant peace to Doris and the Delserone family.

Social Guidelines for the Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh

Approved by the Board of Directors on June 26, 2019

These guidelines are set up to ensure that all members and their family members are appropriately honored in certain situations.

BIRTHDAY Member's birthday-card will be sent by *Corresponding Secretary*

BEREAVEMENT

<i>Member</i>	- Flowers or memorial donation of \$100
<i>Member spouse</i>	- Memorial donation of \$50
<i>Member immediate family (son, daughter, mother, father)</i>	- Memorial donation of \$50
<i>Former member</i>	- Memorial donation of \$50

*Flowers will be ordered by *CHARLOTTE COLLINS*

*Memorial Donations will be sent by the *Treasurer*

New Christ Child Members Installed

Two of our three new members were installed at our June 26 General Meeting at our Christ Child Center:

PHYLLIS PALOMBO and DELORES BUTCH.

MARIA KITAY, our third new member was unable to attend, but will be installed at our next General Meeting in September.

Phyllis is a member of St. Pamphilus Parish, **Delores**, a member of St. Paul Cathedral, and **Maria**, a member of St. Joseph Parish. The ladies were also presented with their official Christ Child pins.

We look forward to working with Phyllis, Delores and Maria as we continue our mission to serve local children in need.



Phyllis Palombo, President Janet Mascaro and Delores Butch.

JUST A REMINDER. . .



OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING! Please check us out at

christchildsocietyofpittsburgh.org

DONATIONS TO THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

IN MEMORY OF:

PAT MAIDA

RICHARD KELLY

JIM TALARICO

From:

**Cheryl George
Ellen O'Brien**

**Mary Jane Diamantopulos
Cheryl George
Judy Kern
Ellen O'Brien
Joyce Orr**

Ellen O'Brien

Frances Donahue

RED WAGON DONATION



CC DONATIONS, TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

Please use the following donation form for any tribute gift or general donation to the Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh. We hope to have this form available in the near future on our website at... www.christchildsocietyofpittsburgh.org

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH DONATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Amount of donation: ___\$50.00 ___\$25.00 ___\$10.00 \$_____ other amount

___in honor of ___in memory of ___in thanksgiving for

Name _____

Please send an acknowledgement of my gift to:

Name _____

Address _____

Please enclose this form and your check payable to the "Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh" and mail to:

**Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh
Diane Donovan
538 Springwood Drive
Verona, PA 15147**

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



Dates to Remember

September 19, 2019	11:30 Lunch	12:15 - General Meeting — <i>Suzette Venturini and Charlotte Collins</i> - HOSTESSES
November 21, 2019	11:30 Lunch	12:15 - General Meeting — <i>Diane Donovan and Janet Mascaro</i> - HOSTESSES
December 9, 2019		Christmas Luncheon—Scoglio Restaurant, Greentree
February 20, 2020	11:30 Lunch	12:15 - General Meeting — <i>Joyce Orr and Gerri Orr</i> - HOSTESSES
March 19, 2020	11:30 Lunch	12:15 - General Meeting — HOSTESSES to be determined
April 25, 2020		RED WAGON FARE
May 21, 2020		Installation Meeting (Date may change due to availability of lunch site)

Committees and Board of Directors will meet on an as needed basis.

NOTEWORTHY:

- Our appreciation goes to Suzette Venturini and Janet Mascaro for providing a lovely lunch for the June 26 General Meeting!
- We would like to extend a special *thank you* to **ELLEN O'BRIEN** for preparing the tributes included in this newsletter under "OUR CHRIST CHILD MOURNS".
- The next scheduled publication of the CCS newsletter will be in October. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and submit all information for this newsletter to Judy Kern by Monday, **OCTOBER 7**.