



NATIONAL CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

Fall 2024

President's Message



I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating summer with the blessings of family and friends. Welcome to all as we begin a new Christ Child year.

At the end of June, the Christ Child Society of Pasadena concluded our 90th year as a chapter of the National Christ Child Society. What a successful year it was! We continued our mission of assisting children in need in the San Gabriel Valley by providing over \$90,000 in Parish School Support to individual children for school expenses that go beyond tuition. These include uniforms, books, lunches, and sacramental, graduation, and field trip fees. We provided 175 \$75-dollar gift cards at Christmas and 200 \$50-dollar gift cards at Easter to many of these same families who may not otherwise have been able to afford Christmas gifts or Easter clothing or baskets. Our Layettes program, the signature program of every Christ Child chapter, assembled almost 800 Layettes and delivered 650 to moms in need for their precious newborns. The cost value for each Layette is approximately \$50, not including the value of the hand-knitted and crocheted items in each Layette.

These numbers include tangible financial assistance to thousands of children, but they cannot reflect the joy of community and camaraderie we experience in planning events and working together to raise those funds. The children and

families are aware that the members of the Christ Child Society care about them and are rooting for them, which expands the blessings. Thank you to all for making this such a successful year.

In the coming year, we'll focus on planning for the next 90 years, continuing the vision Mary Virginia Merrick started 137 years ago with her sewing circle. At our Memorial Mass and Annual Meeting in May, we welcomed 12 new active members and 20 Provisionals for 2024-2025. Many new members have already taken on board positions, and we're grateful for their enthusiasm. The best way to experience the Christ Child Society of Pasadena is through participation. We have a variety of board positions open, and we invite you to join us.

A special thank you to Maria Sarry, who has served as our Newsletter Editor since 2019. Maria's creativity, writing skills, and persistence have been the driving force behind the Correspondent and monthly Happenings. Her dedication, often behind the scenes, ensures we all stay informed. Thank you, Maria!

Our success is due to the participation of every Christ Child Society member. Whether you join the board, attend events, donate, or simply maintain your membership, we are deeply grateful.

I look forward to working with you this year and hope to see you at the general board meeting on September 11th or the Fall Mass on October 20th.

With gratitude,
Cheryl Newell
President



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Volunteers are still needed for the following CCS Board positions:

Please join the CCS Board for the 2024-2025 year! We need volunteers for some of the board positions plus volunteers to help with our events. It is a great way to meet members and make new friendships.

- Christ Child Treasures (Co-chairs)
- Hospitality
- Mailing Assistant Chair

Contact Elsa Behney if you are interested.
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New Provisionals

A Very Warm Welcome to the Incoming Provisional Class 2024-2025

Cheryl Allen
Cynthia Amerio
Mary Ambrose
Diana Ayers
Elizabeth Bury

Laura Farrell
Sue Feldmeth
Rita Fortner
Eleonore Hess
Sandy Larson

Ashley LaMothe
Endora LaMothe
Nancy McCullough
Melita Ryan
Erin Talbot

Kerri Ross Terrill
Julie Poxon Penney
Betsy Richards
Nancy Walker



Provisional Co-Chairs Linda Van Dyke and Susan De Pietro hosted a summer social for the new Provisional class on Wednesday, July 17th. Susan graciously opened up her home, and the new Provisionals enjoyed stunning panoramic views of the Rose Bowl and the San Gabriel mountains while having the opportunity to get to know one another. Members of the board gave brief introductions and described their roles in the Christ Child Society. It was a lovely way to welcome the new Provisionals. The formal Provisional Orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 10:15 a.m., at the Pastoral Center of St. Andrew Church.





Save the Date:
September 19-21, 2024

GET READY FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE
EXPERIENCE AT THIS
YEAR'S CHRIST
CHILD SOCIETY
CONVENTION!

Among the distinguished speakers are two of our very own Pasadena chapter members, Heidi Johnson and Mary Lea Carroll - a moment of pride and excitement for our chapter and community.

See page 8 for more details.

What's instore for you

- Engaging panels and inspiring speakers
- Explore the adorable Layette Land
- Dive into the creative world of Bernina Demo Day
- Networking opportunities
- Valuable break-out sessions for personal and professional growth
- Shop at the Christ Child Store

www.christchildomaha.com

From our Spiritual Advisor



Dear Members of the Christ Child Society of Pasadena,

Greetings in Christ! I hope you all had a joyful Easter season and are healthy and staying strong.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Memorial Mass on May 9th and then the luncheon following at Annandale Country Club. Congratulations to all the new and renewed officers! I enjoy the Memorial Mass very much because we pray for those who came before us and honor their memory and their good works.

As I write this, we have just finished celebrating the beautiful Easter Season. This year brought a rather large number of converts to the Faith who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Here at St. Andrew's, we baptized a total of 27 adults that evening and the same was true throughout the Archdiocese and country wide. Perhaps some of this was due to a "backlog" from the Covid pandemic but, at least here, it was not due to that. Rather I'm finding that young people are in search for truth and meaning in their lives and they are finding it in Christ and His Church. All the ones we baptized were young adults who had been raised with no religion whatsoever and found the Church on their own. Impressive!

As we are about to enter summer, many of us take our annual vacation in these months and it would be good to remind ourselves that our spiritual lives must never go on vacation. Sometimes people mention that they have a hard time finding a church for Mass when they are away from home. I would like to recommend to you a wonderful website that can help you with this. It is called: www.masstimes.org. There you can enter a city, an address, or a zip code and it will give you all the Catholic churches in the area along with the times for Masses, Confessions, etc. and the languages offered. It is a great resource when traveling. Please make use of it prior to your trip so you can plan accordingly. [You can also go to the App Store and search for "Catholic Mass Times" there is a wonderful app that helps you find the closest Catholic Church.](#)

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The actual feast this year falls on June 7th but the whole month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. In our increasingly secular and even anti-religious society, this devotion to the Love and Mercy of Christ is particularly urgent.

I hope you all have a relaxing and peaceful summer and I look forward to seeing you at our Fall Mass.

May the love of the Holy Child Jesus always compel us to serve!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Marcos J. Gonzalez
Pastor

SAVE the DATE

Annual



FALL
MASS

We invite you to join our Annual Fall Mass as we come together to give thanks, reflect on the goodness of life, and share in the spirit of community and charity.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

4:30 PM

(Please start arriving at 4:00 PM for our mass.)

at

**the home of
Becky and Jim Sarni**

Evite to follow

Layettes: A Very Productive Year!

“From June of last year to June 1st of this year we have assembled close to 800 layettes, over 650 of which have already been distributed”

In this productive year, we have had wonderful workshops and have received an abundance of handmade items for each layette. Our arms stretch far and wide. We are so blessed to have Christ Child members knitting, crocheting and quilting, Crown City Knitters and Sierra Madre knitters and we have knitters as far as Canada making special items for us.



Several of our local Parish schools assisted us by collecting toiletries, yarn and funds to support our program. Holy Angels organized a toiletry, and yarn drive, St. Rita’s contributed toiletries and St Andrew’s held a fund drive to help buy yarn for our local knitters. A big thank you to the school Principals and to Melinda Anaya from Holy Angels for reaching out to us and offering their assistance.

We also are very excited to add Huntington Hospital back as a layette recipient hospital. We have had a longstanding relationship for years that fell by the wayside during COVID, and we were able to reestablish our relationship!

Lastly, a big thanks to all of you who contributed your time and funds to our program. We could not be this successful without all of your commitment and care.



National Christ Child Society Convention 2024 News

CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS:

A PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR CHAPTER AND COMMUNITY

This year's 47th National Christ Child Society convention will showcase amazing speakers set to inspire and energize the audience. Notably, our very own Heidi Johnson and Mary Lea Carroll from our Pasadena Chapter will be among the presenters. This is a moment of pride and excitement for both our chapter and community.

The following description of Heidi Johnson is reprinted from the convention website, to give you more insight into her remarkable contributions.

<https://www.nationalchristchild.org/event/national-convention-2024>



Back by popular demand, we welcome entrepreneur and Christ Child of Pasadena member, Heidi Johnson, founder of the inspirational podcast, "**Charity Matters.**" Heidi helped launch the Spiritual Care Guild at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles to provide chaplains of all faiths. It is now the template for pediatric chaplaincy in our country. Heidi's passion for helping others started in a most painful way but her tragedy now fuels numerous efforts to do good and lift up others. Through her podcast, she has gotten to know hundreds of nonprofit founders, their journeys and their lessons on motivation, leadership, and succession. A dynamic speaker, Heidi will share her wisdom, expertise, and inspiring stories to help us appreciate the profound impact we can have when we act on a need that we see.

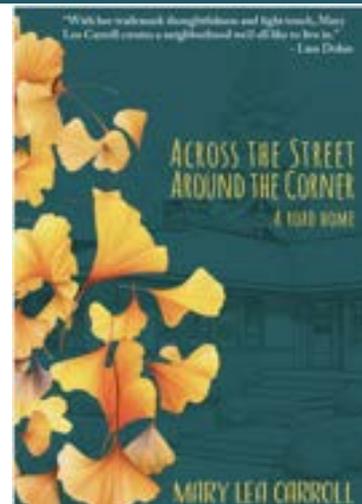
Closing the Omaha Convention will be Mary Lea Carroll, the Saturday evening speaker.

Taking from her new book, *Across the Street Around the Corner—A Road Home*, she will speak to the power of the small act, the tiny efforts of openness to those living closest to us; our neighbors. She will speak to how almost inconsequential gestures can create a cherished place to live, how they are the necessary ingredient to the magic of a good place to live. As the saying goes, healthy neighborhood, healthy society. Her new book has been called "a balm in these divisive times."



Mark your calendars for the September 19th to 21st Convention in Omaha!

Save the date for Mary Lea's book launch at Vroman's Bookstore on **September 9th at 7:00 pm**. If you can't attend the launch, please come to the Happy Hour Book Talk at the Altadena Country Club on **September 17th at 5:30 pm**, located at 2290 Country Club Dr. Altadena.



Christ Child Annual Auction

Fashion, Fun, and Fundraising:

Sippin n' Shoppin 2024



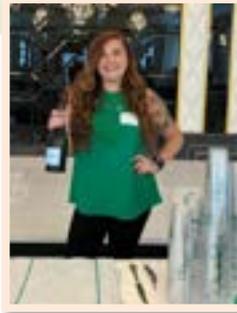
On Saturday, March 16, 2024, our **"Sippin' n' Shoppin'"** fundraising event **was a tremendous success, raising over \$80,000** thanks to all who donated, attended, sipped, and shopped! It was wonderful to be back at The Imperial Palace for the luncheon.

Special thanks to Serafina on Mission Street in San Marino for providing the beautiful fashions for our show. We are deeply grateful to all the models for their graceful participation and to Eileen Benson for coordinating the modeling portion of our fundraiser. We also appreciate our vendors—Shelley's Fashions, The Classy Bag Lady, Pearls, and the Pink Llama Boutique—for their generous donations and lovely items.



Christ Child Annual Auction continued

A heartfelt thank you to Kacey Riley, who flew in from Denver to run Riley's Pub in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Riley and to Angie Miller for coordinating. Floral arrangements were beautifully handmade by Annamaria Palffy, who also modeled.



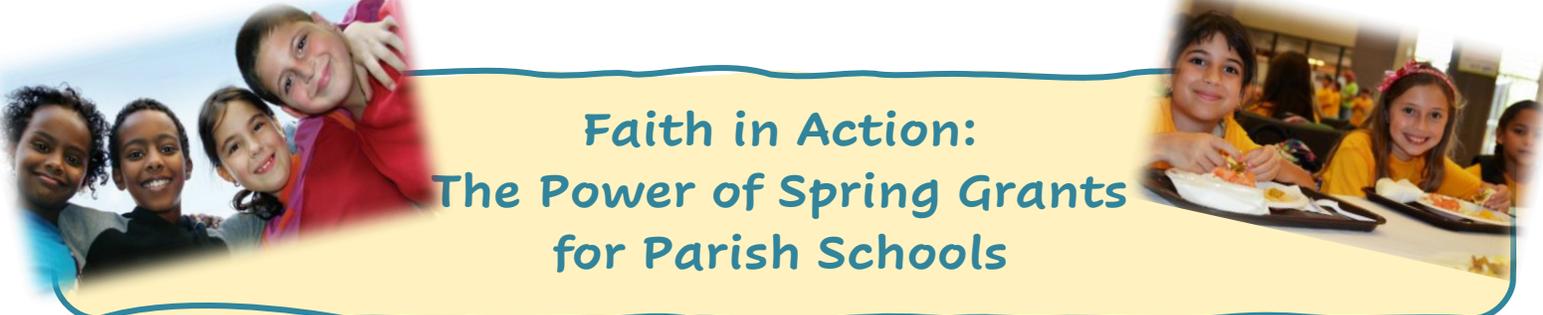
We appreciate all our bartenders, auctioneers Jeff Throop and Luis Navarro, and our dedicated members, including mother-daughter teams: Angela Miller and her daughter, Melissa Miller, who staffed Riley's Pub; Eileen Benson and her daughter, Kacey Benson, and her friend, Rachel Wiggins, who emceed the fashion show; and VP of Fundraising, Julieta Bennett, and her daughter, Sofia, both of whom modeled.



We are blessed to have such wonderful people helping us fulfill our Christ Child mission!



Service Projects: Spring Grants and Easter Shoes Update



Faith in Action: The Power of Spring Grants for Parish Schools

The Spring Grant Cycle proved to once again bring a sense of warmth, renewal and love to the 13 Parish schools and 2 Religious Education programs that we support in our community. Your genuine and giving hearts allowed us to allocate **\$45,000 dollars this spring and a total of over \$90,000 dollars in grant gifting this 2023-2024 year.** Your contributions **go directly to the children who need it the most.** From registration fees to First Communion dresses, your commitment to the Grants program provides many students and families items and opportunities that would not happen without your kindness, concern and care.

Here are a few of the grateful recipients:

A single Mom raising four children on her own, trying to finish her own education.

A second-grade student being raised by a single parent on disability.

Three students, being raised by their great-grandmother, the main financial provider, who recently passed away unexpectedly.

The Grant program is successful because of all of you. **Your generosity IS the Grant program** which allows our Christ Child Chapter to truly live our Christ Child mission to sustain a Catholic education for the children in our community. **Thank you to each of you for making our mission a priority** as we continue to make a difference in the lives of so many students and families in our community.

The principals and directors are equally appreciative:

"These students have grown so much, and we would like to retain these families to continue on their educational journey."

"You touch many lives, and we are grateful for your consideration of our request. We are especially grateful for the sacrifices you make."

"With confidence in God's help and relying on the generosity of benefactors like you, we continue to serve our students and to not turn away those who desire a catholic education but can't effort to fully pay for it."

Annual Easter Shoes Campaign

We sincerely thank you for your extraordinary generosity during the 2024 Easter Shoes Drive. We raised **nearly \$10,000**, providing **200 children with \$50.00 gift cards** for Easter clothing and baskets. Your support is so important and brings joy to our children.



Memorial Mass, Meeting and Luncheon

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP and SERVICE



The Sacrifice of the Holy Mass was celebrated on May 9, 2024 by Fr. Marcos Gonzalez at St. Andrew Parish Church, with liturgical music by the St. Andrew School Choir, directed by Mr. Patrick Flahive and accompanied on the organ by Dr. Hee Jeong Kim. Thank you to all CCS members who served as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and participants in this beautiful liturgy.



Lunch followed at Annandale Golf Club. It was a wonderful opportunity for approximately 100 members, including six past presidents and our current president, Cheryl Newell, to come together and celebrate our commitment to the Christ Child Society. Members enjoyed lovely conversations at beautifully decorated tables, with flower arrangements provided by Angela Miller and Julianne Coppersmith.



Memorial Mass, Meeting and Luncheon continued



During the meeting, we celebrated numerous achievements. Co-Chairs of Service Projects (grant programs-parish school support), Bridget Floyd and Julianne Coppersmith, highlighted the extensive impact of the Christ Child Society in assisting children across the 13 parish schools and 2 religious education programs we support.

We also had the pleasure of recognizing **members celebrating 25 years or more of service to the Christ Child Society of Pasadena:** Brigid Brahos, Annette Brandin, Colleen Roohan, and Jacky Samartin.

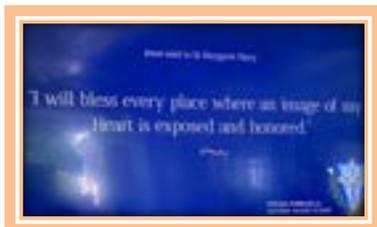
Additionally, Luisa Rengifo and Linda Van Dyke, Provisional Co-Chairs, congratulated 12 new active members and welcomed 18 Provisionals to the class of 2024-25.



The highlight of our luncheon was guest speaker Vivian Imbruglia, who educated us about icons and encouraged using holy art to create domestic churches. We are deeply grateful to Vivian for donating a beautiful Icon of the Sacred Heart, which Cecilia Miles won in the raffle.

This event was a wonderful way to wrap up the year's activities. We extend our gratitude to CCS President Cheryl Newell for her leadership and to our members and benefactors for their generous support. May God reward us with continued success in supporting the children of God.

Gratefully, Angie Miller and Emma Stewart Co-Chairs



Spring Bunco

A NIGHT OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT SPRING BUNCO!



On April 18, 2024 a spirited group of Christ Child Society of Pasadena members gathered for a night of dice-rolling delight! Laughter echoed through the room as everyone enjoyed the lively gathering of fellowship, food, drinks, and game playing! We extend a sincere thank you to Jennifer Gowen, the Spring Bunco Chair, for organizing such an enjoyable event.



Connections: Celebrating Friendship



The final Connections event of the Christ Child Society of Pasadena for the 2023-2024 year took place on May 17, 2024. Members, including several Provisionals, gathered at the home of Clarita Gustafson to savor wine and cheese, thanks to the coordination efforts of Connections Chairs Clarita Gustafson, Martha Leos, and Linda Van Dyke. It was a delightful evening of camaraderie, celebrating the Christ Child Society's dedication to the children we serve. One of the greatest blessings we receive in return is the joy of collaborating and forming new friendships.



Member News

Across the Street Around the Corner. . .***A Road Home****By Mary Lea Carroll*

On Monday, September 9th, at 7:00 PM at Vroman's Bookstore, our chapter member and author, Mary Lea Carroll, will be discussing her new book, which celebrates the love of neighbors and neighborhood. All are welcome to attend.



There's magic in a good neighborhood. It's a quality hard to articulate, hard to pin down. But during the pandemic, I had time to pause and look around at the place I was "locked down" in— no, not a cramped apartment in China or Spain or even New York. No. For 36 years, I've lived in a leafy spacious neighborhood that, in normal times, I just took for granted. The lockdown gave me time to be grateful for all that my neighborhood, my spot, my place, in the world offered. By this I mean grateful for all the good people around me, for the safety and peacefulness that prevails, that my children grew up happy here, that we could afford a house friends and family liked to gather in: Gratitude that over a span of such time, I'd come to have sustaining relationships with neighbors for blocks around. But as society changes and people become more insular and less trusting, I felt an urge to write a record of how this neighborhood became a cherished place to live.

So, as a way to get out of the house, and deal with my own restlessness during the lockdown, I began taking long daily walks. Were others restless and off-kilter like me? My previous two books are travel books and I consoled myself with, well, can't travel the world? Then let's travel the neighborhood and see what's happening right here, instead of some place far away. I noticed people leaving baskets of fresh picked fruit out at their walks with "help yourself." Signs in windows, "our nurses are our heroes." One neighbor set up a book shelf and a table on her parkway and loaded it with canned goods, dish soap, cold cereal— you name it—adding to it daily. The sign read, "free. Not the table. Not the shelf." I noticed cars pulling over to add to the collection, not take away. These little acts of generosity inspired me to want to do more too. How could I be of help in this weird time? I'd heard how people, to fight isolation, were taking the time to go through their old phone books and call up friends they hadn't talked to in ages. I decided to do the same, but with neighbors I hadn't talked to or seen in ages. Fresh air walks and talks with someone you hadn't seen for a long time became a micro form of traveling for me. Each chapter in *Across the Street Around the Corner* is one of these small acts of reaching out to set up walks and talks with a neighbor. I wanted to reconnect with people I'd admired for how they'd contributed—sometimes in small ways, sometimes in big ways to the wellbeing of our place. Thoughts of neighborhood and how we create a good, even loved, place to live grew in my mind. I wanted to hear their recall on what they'd done, over the years, to increase the value of a place—not simply the price of the real estate, but the meaningfulness of community. As ideas grew in my mind, I reached beyond the boundaries of my immediate neighborhood to track down old friends who'd moved away, to get their take on my growing interest in the elements of a good neighborhood. Everyone I was able to spend time with, either on long open-air strolls, a late afternoon glass of wine at six feet apart, or on zoom, were people who, in their own ways, have woven where they live into a cherished place to call home.

It was intentional, making each chapter a slim easy read, like having an actual conversation. Ranging from funny, to poignant, to wise, to nostalgic, all the chapters point to that magic ingredient of a good neighborhood. It, like so many things in life, is simple and elusive at the same time. It is—the people—and what we each do for one another.

Another element of the book, inspired by these walks and talks, are the memories of my own childhood neighborhood, of growing up on Christmas Tree Lane, a mere mile or two from where I live today. These two neighborhoods are close in distance but 60 years apart in time. Interwoven with the conversations with my present neighbors are those of neighbors from long ago, the kids I played with, the mothers and dads on the block, the neighbor lady who changed my life forever. *Across the Street and Around the Corner* melds these conversations, observations, and points of inspiration all together into a slim book that I hope will be a joy and a balm in these divisive times. If anyone were to ask me who is my audience for this book, I'd have to say, anyone who has a neighbor or anyone who is a neighbor. Maybe living in a good neighborhood is as simple as saying "good morning" to one another as we're all hauling out our trashcans. . .

Upcoming Events



Fall Bunco Night

Join us for an exciting evening filled with fellowship, food, drinks, and games!

More details will be announced soon.
Stay tuned!



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY United in Service November 2024

Our annual special service program is in the month of November in honor of Mary Virginia Merrick's birthdate, November 2, 1866. All chapters have the entire month of November to expand an existing program or create a new one in their community.

Keep an eye out for more details.



Reminders

IMPORTANT:

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!!!

- Just a friendly reminder that annual '24-'25 Dues of \$75.00 **WERE DUE** before June 1, for all members (active, sustainer, and non-resident).

If you have not paid your dues, a late fee of \$20 is now due!!

- PLEASE PAY** \$95 via Zelle (treasurer@christchildpasadena.org) and include "Annual Dues 2024-25" in the notes.
- or mail a check payable to 'Christ Child Society of Pasadena' to Sara Law, 1440 Casa Grande Street, Pasadena, CA 91104. Be sure to write "Annual Dues 2024-25" in the memo

Please note that our 2024-25 membership year is similar to the school year. It begins in the summer and ends in June. Your dues help us to run all of our programs.

- For any questions, please contact the VP of Membership, Valerie McAndrews valmcandrews@sbcglobal.net



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UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If there are any address or phone number changes or any corrections that need to be made in the handbook,

please contact

Sara Nowak

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

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September 11
General Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

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September 19-21
National Christ Child Society Convention

September 25
Layette Assembly 5:00 p.m.

September 26
Layette Assembly 9:00 a.m.

October 20
Fall Mass 4:30 p.m.

October 23
Layette Assembly 5:00 p.m.

October 24
Layette Assembly 9:00 a.m.

Fall Bunco Night Date TBD

Month of November United in Service

November 2
Mary Virginia Merrick's Birthday

November 6
Aces and Faces

November 16
Layette Assembly 9:00 a.m.

December 5
Christmas Open House





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