



**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY**  
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Service To Children, For Love of The Christ Child

# The Miracle Mindset

*Featuring Joan Luise Hill*

*member and co-author of "The Miracle Chase" and "The Miracle Collectors"*

*"The winds of grace are blowing all of the time; we just have to put up our sails." - Krishna*

## Wine and Hors d'Ouevres

September 23 | 5-7:30 p.m.

The Hacienda at  
Santa Catalina School



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Hello Anne,

September is an exciting month, as we reconnect and celebrate our friendships through our work in the community.

We are most excited as we are well under way for our September 23<sup>rd</sup> social event featuring our member **Joan Luise Hill**, who will speak to us about the "**Miracle Mindset**" as we sip wine from the Nichelini Family Winery from the Napa Valley and nibble on hors d'oeuvres at Santa Catalina's historic Hacienda Court. The last time we held a social event, in August 2021, it was not only a fabulous program but our largest fundraiser to date. This year we are hoping to match and surpass it. Our goal is to have 100 people in attendance with lots of raffle tickets purchased--and we are on our way! Who wouldn't want to fill their mind and soul with Joan's insights and connect with Christ Child friends over food and wine at such a beautiful location--especially at our reasonable ticket prices?

To learn more and buy **EVENT TICKETS**, click **HERE**--or scan the QR code on the above graphic. Our raffle this year has eight wonderful prizes, ranging from a unique tour of the historic Marsh Building in Monterey to a spa day at Pebble Beach to wines from Nichelini and Talbott--and more. To view the whole list of raffle items, click **HERE**. And remember, you don't need to be present to win!

We are asking ALL members to come and bring your friends. **LET US KNOW** if you

want us to send you a forwardable flyer with a QR code, which you can email to your friends to check out this event. (Or you can simply forward this newsletter). Many hands make light work and, as a member and volunteer, promoting this event is a fun and easy way to support our work and mission.

Regarding our programs, there is lots of great news for CCSM **Bon the literacy front**, as we are getting back in the classroom. Check out our Literacy Chair's report below--and consider taking the steps to be a volunteer in the classroom this year. **As for our bundles**, Yarns & Stitches has been feverously at work all summer, showing the love we share through their beautiful, knitted blankets, hats, booties, etc. On August 9, we were able to come together to celebrate the birth of our own Andrea Peltier's daughter Hazel at a Yarns & Stitches baby shower. On that same day, the **Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild** delivered a treasure trove of much-needed baby quilts and a friend of Christ Child delivered skeins and skeins of yarn for use by our knitters and crocheters from a recently deceased friend. The love we share through Christ and through the mission of our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, is of course for all babies entering this world. Check out that love in action in the pictures below.

Our **book club** and **walking group** are back in business this month after their summer hiatus. Read below about theirs and other activities in the Volunteering and Social Opportunities section below. We are officially "back to school"!

**In the name of the Christ Child,**

Sarah Hills, President







## Preschool Literacy: Back in the Classroom





The first Literacy Group Craftorama of the 2023-2024 school year, held on August 30, was so productive. Our book for the fall is ***Seals on the Bus***, a fun sing-along story. Our group prepared the craft involving the bus and many animals traveling on it. In September and October, we will be reading to preschoolers in both the Pacific Grove State Funded Preschool and in Salinas at several Head Start Preschool classrooms.

Our winter book Craftorama is scheduled for November 16 at St. Angela's Small Hall at 5:30pm for the book ***Snowy Day***--mark your calendars!

We are looking for volunteers for the 2023-24 school year! Our first opportunity to read and help preschoolers in the classroom will be on September 20 (9:30am and 1:00pm) at the Pacific Grove State Preschool located at 1004 David Ave. Each session lasts 45 minutes-1 hour. For those interested in this in-person experience, an up-to-date LiveScan fingerprinting is required. This is easy to do at the Pacific Grove District Office at 435 Hillcrest Avenue (behind PG Middle School). Please call to make an appointment Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm at (831) 646-6553. Bring your driver's license/ID and COVID vaccine card. The cost is \$20 in cash which will be reimbursed by our Christ Child Society. Please let me know when you have completed the LiveScan fingerprinting and I will put you on the list of classroom readers/helpers. If you have any questions, feel free to **EMAIL ME**.

Anne Huston, Literacy Chair

## Volunteering and Social Opportunities

**Yarns & Stitches**  
**September 6 and 20**  
**10:30-noon**

As usual, we meet in St. Angela's Small Hall in Pacific Grove.

Contact Joan with any

questions



## Pack or Deliver Baby Bundles

We pack and deliver bundles at the end of the month.

To help, contact  
Rita



## Assist with Upcoming Events

We need help selling raffle tickets and prepping for the **Miracle Mindset Event** on September 23.

We are also in the process of forming a **Shower of Love 2023 Committee** (co-chaired by Anne Kelley and Marilyn Morgadinho) to support our event on November 4.

Helping with an event--before or during-- is fun and satisfying and doesn't take much time . . .

Let Anne know if you are

## Walking Group

Saturday, September 16  
10:00 a.m.

This month we'll meet at Anne Kelley's and walk to the Carmel River Beach and then across the beach to Carmel Meadows. Make sure to bring your water, and park on the opposite side of the street from Anne's house.



Let Nanci know you're coming

## Book Club on Wednesday September 27

6 p.m. at the Beach House in Pacific Grove



Come to the Beach House to discuss this new novel set in a 1942 British village about a BBC-sponsored wartime cooking competition (see NPR book review). Enjoy dinner,



conversation and a rollicking good story . . .

RSVP to  
Linda

## SAVE THE DATE

# Shower of Love



We hope you'll join us on

**Saturday, November 4th**  
**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Carmel Mission | MacMahon Center  
3080 Rio Road, Carmel

for a baby shower to benefit local under-resourced infants served by the Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay. Get more info:

[www.christchildmontereybay.org/event-details/Shower-of-Love](http://www.christchildmontereybay.org/event-details/Shower-of-Love)



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- Lydia Ho (9/5)
- Kathleen Maguire (9/6)



- Missi Student (9/7)
- Emiley Miller (9/8)
- Marty Burgoon (9/8)
- Rosemary Ellis (9/8)
- Fernando Morgadinho (9/9)
- Crystel Bianchi (9/11)
- LeeAnn Stewart (9/14)
- Rose Diaz (Founder) 9/18
- Kathleen Nichols (9/29)
- Stephanie Beckwith (9/29)

“ *When your helplessness appalls you, think of the Maker of the Universe in swaddling clothes. . .*

Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God



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