



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY[®]

OF MONTEREY BAY

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Greetings!



Are not our hearts burning within us when we think of the needs of children and families today? This Pentecost we surely need the inspiration and

assistance of the Holy Spirit as a nation to restore reliable availability of formula to the babies who need it. A challenge like this reminds us that even as much as we are doing, there is always more we can do (as our founder reminded us with her

motto: "Nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

Opportunities have been presenting themselves everywhere we look. We closed out the school year, as usual, by delivering buckets with books and activities to preschoolers at the PG State Funded Preschool and Little Bear Creek Preschool in Salinas. In Salinas, when Literacy Chair Kathy Gibbs delivered the year end buckets to an expanded group of students at the school, the special education teacher asked, "Can we have some, too?" The answer was, of course, "yes", and Kathy scurried off to make tailored buckets for our newest "clients".

Our baby bundles and car seat programs are also operating soundly. For the baby bundles, the pictures below detail recent deliveries of the new "diaper bag bundles" to Natividad as well as a delivery of a special bundle for a baby born into a family in recover at the Sun Street Center's Pueblo del Mar Family Community Center. Whether it be Sun Street, Natividad, Catholic Charities, Siena House or CHOMP, we are meeting the needs of our partners for our offerings. Of course, over time, it may be that they need more or different things. And we will adapt.

We have a new member who has joined with a concern about the local availability of well-priced quality disposable diapers for not only infants but babies. Linda, our new member, has done some research into local needs and national approaches, and as the first point of contact for Christ Child via our website, I was delighted to connect with her. Meanwhile, with Mary Virginia Merrick praying for us, a good friend from the Christ Child National Board who is a member of the South Bend (Notre Dame) chapter came to visit me this weekend. It turns out she has been the architect of a robust diaper collection program, which turns the diapers over to partners on the same day they are collected. Linda, our new member, Deb, the diaper program architect from South Bend, and I will be hosting a Zoom call before July 1 to brainstorm what is needed locally and what we can do. To consider and brainstorm with us, which we WELCOME, **LET US KNOW** and we will send you an invite to discuss whether there is something more we can do to take the stress down for those moms so needy of formula--and of diapers and everything else . . .

So, our board thanks you again for all you do and wishes you a wonderful summer, with lovely pauses that allow you to appreciate those you love and restore your energy for your other passions. As is traditional, we will take July off for this newsletter, except a brief Birthday Alert, and will resume communications in August as we head toward a busy and productive fall. Meanwhile, please enjoy all the book club and walking social activities, and continue to knit, crochet, pack and deliver bundles on schedules that work for each of you through

the summer season (or not).

As the summer swells, let's allow the fire to continue to burn within us, and look for smoke signals for what we're to do next. I am sure the Holy Spirit will help.

Blessings,

Anne Kelley, President



VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Yarns & Stitches Will Meet Wednesdays
June 15 & 29 and July 13 & 27 at 10:30 a.m.**

**As usual, we'll meet at
the St. Angela Library**



in PG! **LET JOAN KNOW** if you have any questions . . .

Help Pack or Deliver our Baby Bundles



We will be packing and delivering bundles to Natividad this summer. **LET RITA KNOW** if you are interested and when you are available!

Join the Book Club at 6 p.m. on April 27 at Pepper's in Pacific Grove

A large group of us had a fascinating discussion of our member Joan Hill's book *"The Miracle Collectors"* at the Mission Ranch--so fascinating that no one took a picture!

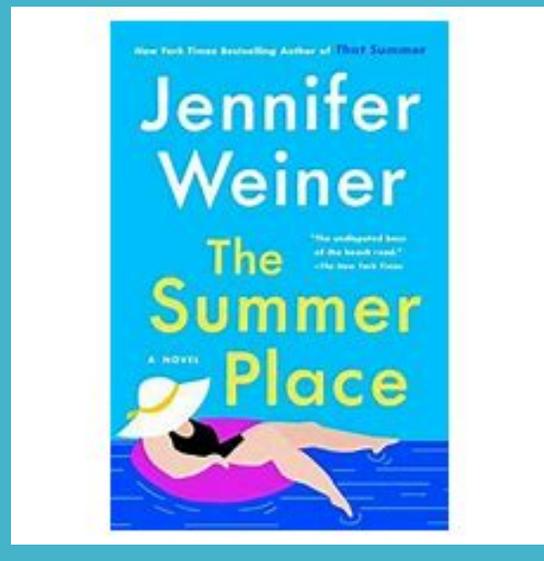
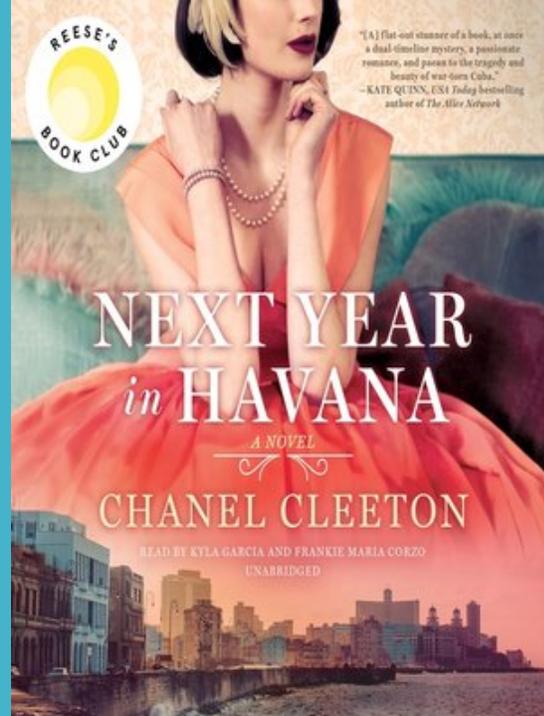
Going forward, here's the summer schedule:
"Next Year in Havana"
on Wednesday June 29
at 6:00 p.m. at El Torito

in Monterey

**"The Summer Place" on
Wednesday July 27 at
6:00 p.m. at the Beach
House Cafe in Pacific
Grove**

**LET LINDA KNOW if you
are planning to come to
either/both event(s) so
she can make an
accurate reservations.**

**BOOK CLUB WILL BE
ON HIATUS IN AUGUST.**



**Join Us for a Walk to Carmel River Beach and
the Mission Trails Park on
June 18 at 10 a.m.**

**FOLLOWED BY WALKING GROUP HIATUS
IN JULY AND AUGUST**

**We had a
great walk to
Garland Park
in May on a**



lovely day.
This month,
for our last
walk until
September,
we will park
at Anne
Kelley's
home at
2985 Lasuen

Drive, Carmel at 10:00 a.m. and then walk to
Carmel River Beach and Mission Trails Park.
LET NANCI KNOW if you would like to join us!



Many happy returns to:

Bernadette Nelson (6/4)
Virginia Wijbrandus (6/5)
Kristina Knutson (6/5)
Bobbie Morrison (6/6)
Stephanie Saylor (6/8)
Dee Rasco (6/23)
Joanne Noto (6/24)
Marcia Reaume (6/27)
Eileen Robinson (6/28)

At our May board meeting, in light of our recent growth in membership and programs, the board voted to add 2 members to the board (as permitted by our bylaws) and to defer the election of officers until 2023, for a number of reasons. With an additional seat soon to be vacant, we plan to add 3 members to our board in the coming months. If you are interested in serving on the board, can recommend someone who would add value to the board, or have any questions about our organization's leadership, please [let Anne Kelley know](#).



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