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Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

An editorial published in 1897 in the New York's Sun was quickly replied to from an anonymous source. The letter quickly became one of the most famous and reprinted letters to the editor and continues to capture the hearts of many today. The letter and it's response is as follows:

"DEAR EDITOR:

"I am 8 years old. "Some of my little

friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

"115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a

skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no

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Ft. Jennings CLC Council #88, along with Respect Life Group held a baby bottle collection. Heartbeat of Lima (also serving Putnam County) is their recipient, with 100% of their proceeds benefiting such a worthy cause. Fort Jennings CLC Officers are pictured with Patti Kennedy, Executive Director of Heartbeat of Lima, and Jan Kahle, Diocese of Toledo Respect Life Coordinator. Gathered around their donations from left to right, (kneeling) Nancy Wiechart (CLC), Mandi Kahle (CLC), Jan Kahle & Patti Kennedy, Kathy Luersman (CLC), and kneeling, Shelley Hoersten (CLC). The Council held a collection at their home parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church, throughout the month of October. They collected approximately \$200 worth of baby supplies, including several hand-made baby afghans, and over \$1,300.00 in financial donations. This generous outpour of donations will greatly help the Heartbeat Pregnancy Center in supporting young women during pregnancy, and early child rearing.

A huge THANK YOU to all of our generous donors!



Dates to Remember

- December 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- December 21 Winter Begins
- December 24 Home Office Closed
- December 25 Merry Christmas-Office closed
- January 1 Happy New Year-Office closed

FRIENDSHIP BOX

- Dec-Jan Kalida Co 134
- Feb-March Ottawa Co 7

PERPETUAL ROSARY

- Dec-Jan Cloverdale Co 110
- Feb-March Ft. Jennings Co 88

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Sharon Says....

The holiday season would not be complete without me watching "Home Alone". I usually watch the first movie that was made. Well I have fulfilled that tradition already this year. As we were flipping through the channels the other evening, we found it! There are parts of the movie I can recite by heart, and I still laugh myself to tears each time I watch it. As I watched it this time there was one part that stood out and the message I received is what I want to share with you.

Throughout the movie Kevin sees the neighbor man outside and is rather scared of him. Well one evening as Kevin is hiding from the robbers in the church he encounters this neighbor man again. He comes over and sits by Kevin and tells him why he is there. Actually he is there to watch his granddaughter sing and he proceeds to tell Kevin he is not allowed to visit her so he was taking this opportunity to see her. To a small child not being able to visit your grandpa was devastating to Kevin. So he asked why and the man told of how many years ago he and his son had words and both said they never wanted to see each other again. The small child honesty appeared and Kevin asked him if he ever ask his son about getting back together. And of course the man said "No". "Well how will you ever know if you don't ask," replied Kevin. To make a long story short.....near the end of the movie Kevin looked out the window and saw the neighbor man, his son and granddaughter embracing. What a message!! He asked and we all know his answer. All the time that was lost because he would not ask.

The holiday season brings out the best in most people. Is there someone in your life that you are estranged from...a family member, friend, neighbor? Have you ever asked if you can repair your differences? How will you ever know if you don't ask? Just think of how much better both sides will feel if the outcome is positive! We always pray for peace on earth, let that peace begin with each of you!

And to take this just one step further....do you have a friend or family member that is not a CLC member? Have you ever asked them to go to a meeting with you? CLC has so much to offer and look how much they are losing out on by not being asked. That initial invite could open a whole new world for both the new member and your council, but you have to ask.

My wish is that each and every one of you has a very blessed Christmas and a bright and happy New Year!!



Council 40 Elects Officers

Delphos • Council 40

The November meeting opened with the draping of the Charter for our deceased member Florence Trentman. The Rosary followed led by the Trustees. Roll call and the minutes were read by the Secretary Barbara Bockey. We will decorate the Christmas tree at the Museum on November 12, 2012. Our Christmas Party will be December 4, 2012 at 6 pm at the K of C hall. The meal will be catered and there will be a \$3 optional gift exchange along with games and prizes.

Election of Officers and Trustees was held and all previous officers and trustees will continue their positions. Officers for the coming year are: President Catherine Hammons, Vice President Raylene Fischer, Secretary Barbara Bockey, and Treasurer Mary Lou Beckman. Trustees are: Ruth Calvelage, Irma Hilvers, and Leona Berelsman. Congratulations to all these ladies!

November birthdays were Mary Thitoff and Carol Ricker. The attendance award went to Catherine Hammons. The 50-50 went to Mary Thitoff, Carlene Gerdeman and Carol Ricker.

Fraternally Remembered

Co. #	Name	City	Date of Death
006	LaDonna Koenig	Ottawa	09/04/2012
007	Rita Gibson	Lima	10/17/2012
031	Marilyn Katzmann	Ashtabula	08/26/2012
032	Celeste Waldon	Paulding	09/04/2012
086	Joanne Schreiner	Carey	09/28/2012
179	Dorothy Knapke	Glandorf	07/19/2012
207	William Monaghan	Springfield	08/06/2012
222	Henrietta Lee	Elida	06/11/2005
222	Gerald Seibert	Lima	09/23/2012
901	Richard Vosler	Novi	09/10/2012

Upper Sandusky Donates Bags to Domestic Violence Shelter

Upper Sandusky • Council 86

President Teresa Brodman called the CLC November meeting to order with 31 members and 2 guests present. The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The drape was removed from the charter in memory of Joanne Schreiner.

The sec. and treas. reports were given.

Communications were received from Turning Point, the OLC Festival, Susy and Brad Frey Family, and Judy Wheeler.

Lou Strasser reported for the sick committee.

The Officers for 2013 are Pres. Teresa Brodman, Vice Pres. Barb Grasz, Recording Sec. Fairy Wagner, Treasurer Rosemary Smalley, Financial Sec. Helen Rall, Monitor Susie Brodman and Inner Guard Angie Wigle.

Erica Smith and Erin Welly were introduced as guests.

The Bob Evans fundraiser raised \$171.00 for Our Lady of Consolation School. Susie Brodman and her grandchildren presented the check to the school.

As our Make a Difference Day project, 31 bags, purses and supplies were presented to Turning Point, a domestic violence shelter.

Cheryl Lyons and Joanne Yeater were initiated at the Columbus Retreat and Initiation.

The CLC Christmas Potluck will be Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the KofC Hall. Members are to bring their table service and a dish to be shared. The committee and officers will bring meat dishes. Drinks will be provided.

The KofC Children's Christmas party will be Dec. 14 at the KofC Hall. Members are to bring cookies or a dessert. Members will prepare the Christmas goody bags on Dec. 13 at 6:00 at the KofC Hall.

Erin Welly presented the members with 31 gifts and bags products for purchase. The profits from the purchases will be used to support Wyandot County Council for Birth Defects our 2013 Convention Charity. Erin also donated a diaper bag for our organizations Vice President of Operations Loni Perkins. Members are asked to bring baby items to the Christmas Party to fill the diaper bag to celebrate Loni's first baby.

The door prizes were won by Deb Rall, Margaret and Diane Welly. The 50/50 was won by Ruthann Frey.

Dessert was served by LouAnn Boes, Janice Boes, Carolyn Riedlinger, Mary Boes, Deb Rall, Joan Riedlinger, Mary Lou Derr and Susie Frey. The December committee is Susan Sampson, Joann McNamara, Judy Rowland, Marie Frey, Ruthann Denman, Cheryl Culver, Mary C. Thiel, Tonelle Wagner, Ruth Swartz, and Mary Lou Best.

Kalida Donates to Crime Victim Services

Kalida • Council 134

Kalida Council 134 met on Monday, November 12 with 19 members present. Our special guest was Jeanne Beutler from the United Way. She spoke on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program sends a book every month to children age 0 up to age 5. The idea is to get books in the hands of children to get them ready for learning. Putnam County pays \$2 per book and Dolly Partin's foundation pays the rest. The cost per year for one child is \$27. This program is in all 50 states, Canada and the UK. Donations are always welcome and needed to keep the program going.

Our Make a Difference Day project went well. All items collected will be given to Crime Victims Services in Putnam County.

Our Christmas party this year will be with Fort Jennings Council 88. It will be Wednesday, December 12, at Just Something Different. Party begins at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$5 with no presale tickets. RSVP by December 4 is required. We will have an auction with items donated by members instead of a gift exchange. Proceeds of the auction will be split between Ronald McDonald House and a county food pantry. We will also honor our sisters with December birthdays.

Meeting was adjourned and prayers were said for the intentions of all those present. November birthdays were celebrated, and we enjoyed delicious pie and fellowship with our CLC sisters.

New Members

Co. 6 – Leipsic

David Niese, Leipsic

Lowell R Schey, Leipsic

Daniel Zeisloft, Leipsic

Duane W Schroeder, Leipsic

Christina M Schroeder, Leipsic

Co. 7 – Ottawa

Gary Koenig, Ottawa

Co. 20 – Decatur

Donald Williams, Angola

Co. 25 – Toledo

Timothy M Toth, Pemberville

Co. 30 – Ottoville

Trent Horstman, Ft Jennings

Luke Horstman, Ft Jennings

Co. 32 – Defiance

Larry G Max, Defiance

Co. 88 – Ft. Jennings

April S Burkhart, Ft Jennings

Alyssa Ann Good, Delphos

Co. 133 – Cleveland

Douglas R Hawkins, Wooster

Co. 165 – Athens

Glenn R Raymond, Kinsman

Ruth Ann Whitaker, Athens

Co. 205 – Fostoria

Charlotte L Altvater, Findlay

Co. 900 – Ohio

Kelsi M Vogel, Ft Eustis

David Darner, Pickerington

Co. 901 - Michigan

George Watters, Adrian

Gail A Lee, Lewiston

Kendall E Sieradski, Clarkston

Kacie M Sieradski, Clarkston

Shannon Kroll Limberg, Northville

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samaritan story?
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poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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