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## CLUB OF BATESVILLE

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Batesville community.



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December 17, 2021

### Good Afternoon and Welcome to Kiwanis

## Tom's Talk

It's Friday, WELCOME TO KIWANIS!



2021 is just about over, Christmas is eight days away, fifteen days left of this calendar year.

Our Kiwanis year began in October, so we are just about to finish the first quarter of our club year.

Our accomplishments as a club are considerable; Pancake Day and the Christmas Parade, our two biggest fundraisers are in the books. We are net 2 new members and Waymon Long thinks he has a third to induct today. This would keep us on track to bring in 12 new members this Kiwanis year, kudos to Mr. Long!

Remember, no meeting next Friday, Christmas Eve.

I hope you are all with loved ones at this blessed time of the year and that we all remember the true meaning of Christmas, recognizing the birth of the Christ child, our savior and redeemer. Sit down with your children and grandchildren and read the New Testament narratives of Matthew and Luke, do it every year. Then for the little ones consider also googling the story of the newspaper story, "Yes Virginia, there

## December Programs

Waymon Long - Program Chair

**Dec 17** WRMC Program on Strokes & Heart attacks.  
Jennifer Campbell BSN, RN  
Charity Schaufler BSN, RN

**Dec 24** No Meeting

really is a Santa Claus." It seemed that little Virginia had heard someone say Santa was a "made up" figure. When asked her mother dodged the bullet by suggesting that her father would know.

Dad dodged it by encouraging her to write the editor of the local paper, because they would know. The editor passed the letter off to a young writer, Francis P. Church, who penned the column that immortalized him among writers.

God bless you all, your families, and our Club.



**Dec 20** Pete Roulier

**Dec 28** Ted Hall

*If you see these Kiwanians, wish them a happy birthday."*

## Upcoming Activities

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm

### No Meeting

December 24<sup>th</sup>

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## The Editorial

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 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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