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TO ALL THE READERS OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

**Don't take Christ
out of CHRISTmas**

Responses to previous topics:

Chuck Hiners - chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com

RE: Bruce Brandt obituary

I think Bruce was “held back” in early grade school. He started at Howe but transferred to St. Vincent where he was the star of their basketball team. He also had the nickname “Buddha” in high school.

Jim McEvers - jim.mcevers@frontier.com

Dear Roger Fritz,

The Democrats may not provide practical solutions..but your side (Republicans) certainly haven't been leading the pack.. Well let's see..in your eyes.. Jan 6 never took place??.. why is it that your party seems to bitch.. about the Democrats.. often.. frequent.. We have lived in primarily Rep areas over the yrs.. and the first thing they complain about is the Darn Democrats..we always try to keep political issues out..... you and your Trump friends should do the same.. Free coaching..

This week's topics:

1. Keeping Christ in Christmas. How are you doing it?
2. This Tuesday is the winter solstice. What are you "doing in the dark?"
3. At what age did you stop believing in Santa Claus? Did your family put out a plate of cookies and milk for Santa?
4. Did you do your Christmas shopping in person or on line? Any problems occur? Are you still waiting for an item to be delivered?
5. Does your family open gifts on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day?
6. What is your favorite Christmas dish or candy or cookie that you remember your grandmother or mother preparing each year? Did the recipe pass down to you?
7. What was your most favorite gift you received as a child? As an adult?
8. Celebrating Christmas how this year?
9. People you'll miss this Christmas.
10. Whatever else you'd care to write about. Topic for next week?

and responses:

Chuck Hiners - chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com

1. Keeping Christ in Christmas. How are you doing it? - Remember him every day

and offend as many atheists as I can find. Not many here in Kentucky though.

2. This Tuesday is the winter solstice. What are you "doing in the dark?" - Stay optimistic. The days start getting longer. Plus there is little snow in Louisville to keep Wisconsin natives off the golf course.

3. At what age did you stop believing in Santa Claus? Did your family put out a plate of cookies and milk for Santa? - WTF! We still put out the cookies. My dad always put out a bottle of bourbon which he got as a gift. Clark was a vodka drinker

We keep our Santa Claus-Christmas tree up all year long. O Tannebaum



5. Does your family open gifts on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? - Thanksgiving with Susan's son Andy and his kids in Missouri. Christmas eve for us. The rest of the kids and grandkids got a lot of Kansas City steaks this year.

6. What is your favorite Christmas dish or candy or cookie that you remember your grandmother or mother preparing each year? Did the recipe pass down to you? - My dad's mother made this fabulous chocolate torte. My mother always tried to keep it away from me without much success—very rich. Pet Milk, Karo Syrup, her own chocolate syrup and whipped cream went into it.

9. People you'll miss this Christmas. - Heilman would have been 75 on Saturday

Bob Dent - ryedent46@gmail.com

Christmas in the early 1950's was exciting and magical. Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, Dad, and Santa Claus conspired together. Every Christmas Eve Grandpa would drive Dick and I to get a cigar. Upon returning home we would find that Santa had been there while we were gone! The next few years we searched the night sky to spot him but never did.

I miss them all.

Lenore Haferman - lenorehaferman@yahoo.com

5..We open gifts on Christmas morning, then eat some special foods we have prepared.

7 I can not remember a special gift as a child, but as an adult I received a wiggling box from our son. In it was a beautiful Cockapoo. We named her Samantha and she is a lover.

8 This year we are breaking tradition. We are going to Milwaukee with some of our kids and grand kids and while there we will go to a Bucks game, eat good food, and do interesting things that are in the area. Coming back on Monday.

Gene Hafermann - genehafermann@charter.ne

1. Always go to church on Christmas Eve. Usually sing a solo, but may not this year because of the masking requirements.

2. Tomorrow morning we will be going to a Staples Store to finish an application for TSA Pre Check. Then in the evening plan to attend a Solstice bonfire in Mazomanie. Also expect to attend Zoo Lights sometime this week.

3. I never have stopped believing in Santa Claus.

4. Most of my shopping is done on-line every year.
5. When we open gifts depends on when our family will gather. This year it will be Christmas Eve.
6. Favorite Christmas cookie is called a Ring Around. Mom used to make them and now my youngest sister makes them. Basically a roll of oats, sugar, butter, nuts, etc that is rolled in chocolate sprinkles, sliced, and baked.
7. Favorite gift as a kid was a bow and arrow. Favorite gifts as an adult are ones I buy for myself. This year it is a yard blower/vacuum.
8. With most of our grandkids in California, we celebrate Christmas with my bonus family at our house for Christmas, but do plan to travel to California in early January IF they are recovered from the Covid virus they have now. Daughter and her husband are both doctors exposed most days to patients with the virus and even though they are triple vaxed, they still caught the bug.
9. Always miss family that can't be with us on Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Geno

Terry Stake - mrtbass7106@gmail.com

1 i will not ever say Happy Holidays and will not shorten Christmas to Xmas I will be attending Christmas eve and Christmas day services

5 We will be opening gifts on the day my Kids and Grandkids can make it - still to be determined

6 My Grandmother made a cookie that was called brown rocks It was a very chewy cookie My mother had the recipe but could not duplicate it I guess it went to the grave with my Grandma

Bill Hartley '63 - toyguy5538@aol.com

3. I don't remember the age I stopped believing, but I do remember testing him

when I was about 7 or 8. I wrote to Santa asking for something totally different than I told my parents I wanted, and then I waited for Christmas morning to see if I got it. I think I "mailed" the letter to Santa via a special mailbox they had in Johnson Hills or someplace. Anyway, Christmas morning came and guess what - I got it! That cemented it for me, I still believe to this day. I see him all around us, doing good things for deserving people around Christmas time.

5. We always opened our gifts on Christmas morning at home. When we started our own family, we kind of continued that tradition, although we'd let the kids each pick one to open

Christmas Eve. Now, with grown kids with families of their own, we get together with them on Christmas Eve and open our gifts to each other, so they can have their own family Christmas on Christmas morning. It seems to work well.

8. That's how we'll be celebrating this year also.

7. Probably the favorite gift I received as a child was a Doepke Model Toys Jaguar. It was baby blue, about 1 1/2 feet long, metal, and you had to assemble the chassis before I could play with it.



I still have it sitting on my shelf at home.



I was about 10 or 11, I guess.

Merry Christmas, everyone. Please don't forget the reason for the season.

Kathy Gotter - gotterkd@yahoo.com

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Don, I and our little 15 month old great grandson, Amadeus Tuff Myrick.



He is named after one of my dad's brothers, Uncle Ding and Tuff is the first name of four family members of world champion bull riders from Oklahoma. (Which his daddy loves participating in every chance he gets) AND now you know the rest of the story like Andy Rooney ended his broadcast.

We wish you everything blessed and good in 2022!

From Paradise in South Florida

Barbara Cammack - barbaracammack@hotmail.com

#2 We knew it was the winter solstice because it got cold here, in Florida, this week.

#5 As a child, growing up in Rapids, Santa always knew to stop at our house early. We usually traveled north to spend a few days with relatives on the 24th-27th. We never questioned the idea since we got presents.

#6 My father loved the chocolate covered maraschino cherries. I think they were 25 cents. My cousin and I would cut into every piece of the large assorted box of chocolates to see what flavor they were. We never got into trouble because they

were knife cut, not chewed.

#7 Favorite gift was a jewelry box with a ballerina inside and later a light blue ski jacket.

Best memory, as a child, was Christmas afternoon when my dad and uncle took all the kids sledding while mom and aunt cleaned up and napped.

As an adult, we had a great cross country ski afternoon, snow falling, in the woods in Rapids with my brothers and nieces and our kids .

Here, in FL, we love the food store commercial with a young girl seeing a pretend snowman in a window. She asks her mom why it never comes outside. Mom says she doesn't know. The girl sees an older man, who lives with the snowman, so she puts cookies on a plate by his door and rings the bell and runs. The next morning she runs outside and the snowman is out and so bright. Of course it's the side story from Home Alone where Kevin befriends the man next door.

Merry Christmas to all!