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Community Calendar

December 20, 2002

*Winter Break for all Warren
Township Schools*

December 24, 2002

Christmas Eve

December 25, 2002

Christmas Day

December 31, 2002

New Year's Eve

January 1, 2003

New Year's Day

January 6, 2003

School Begins for 2003

January 3, 2003

Newsletter Deadline

January 10, 2003

Issue 3, Volume 1 Mailed

January 14, 2003

HOA Monthly Meeting

January 31, 2003

Annual Dues Invoices Mailed

Happy Holidays from our family to yours!

The Cherry Lake Homeowners Association Board wishes to extend to you and yours our hope for a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Skip Donnell, President
Joe Hofmeister, Vice President
Ann Jacobs, Treasurer
Nina Donnell, Secretary



Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

Editorial Page, New York Sun, 1897

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

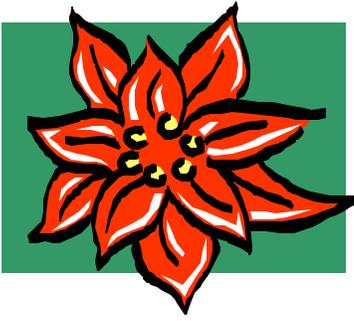
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this 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 external 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 you 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 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, 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 lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



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See us at:

www.cherrylake.org

Community Reminders/Notes

Halloween Decorating Winners

1st place - 3326 Carly Lane
2nd place - 3401 Cherry Lake Road

Be sure to check out all the Halloween pictures at our website, www.cherrylake.org.

Christmas Photos

On December 14, 2002, we took pictures of 57 Homes decorated for Christmas, these too have been posted on our website, be sure to vote for your favorite!

Special thanks to Nina Donnell for taking all the pictures.

Snow

Please be sure to park in your driveways. If we get hit with a 2" plus snow it will make it easier for the snowplows.

HOA Monthly Meeting

We are not having a meeting in December our next meeting and the first one for 2003 will be held January 14, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. - 3350 Carly Lane **Note:** all are invited to attend, however there is no sitter service available and young children are not included.

Speed Limit

The speed limit in our neighborhood is 25, please remember to drive safely!

The Lake

The lake is private property, if you do not live on the lake you **do not** have access to it! Please respect the rights of the homeowners that live on the lake. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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Season's Greetings!