

Are You a Member of the Christmas Stocking Club?

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We Want All the Old Members as Well as the New Ones

Dear Juniors:—We feel very happy today because we have so many members enrolled in the Christmas Stocking Club. However, there is a little regret mingled with our happiness because we do not see the names of all the old Juniors, that is, the Juniors who belonged in 1908, 1907 and 1906. No doubt these Juniors have been too busy to send in their names, but will do so right away. Beginning tomorrow, we will run the names of the members of the club each day until the last day—Christmas day. We have several more names today than we had last year at this time. We want all the Juniors to read the prize stories and see what these little writers think of the "Benefits of the Christmas Stocking Club."

How to be a Booster and How to be a Member

We have decided to give a prize to the Junior who brings us in the most members for the Christmas Stocking Club. In other words, we want each of you to be a "Booster." Ask your papas and mammas what a "Booster" is. The prizes will be: a guider sled, a pair of skates or a bracelet.

If any of the grown-ups want to be a member of the Christmas Stocking Club, they can either give stockings or 25 cents. This gift seems very small, but it will bring untold happiness to some needy little child.

For the benefit of the new Juniors we will tell them what the Christmas Stocking Club is:

Well, the Christmas Stocking Club is a little society started by the Courier Juniors three years ago, its purpose to make little children happy at Christmas time, little children who have no parents to care for them, or whose parents are sick.

You know that if we want to give presents on Christmas, and do not want our friends to know from whom the gifts come, Santa will deliver them for us, if we ask him.

Here is what you will have to do to become members of the Christmas Stocking Club:

Each Junior gets one pair of nice warm stockings, fills one with a toy, candy, etc., also puts the other stocking in and sends it to the office of the Courier Junior. On Christmas eve Santa Claus takes the stockings and the other gifts to the Open Door Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, the Orphans' Home and to the Volunteers. The Juniors living at a distance can send us the stockings empty and the Courier Junior will put goodies into them.

We hope all the Juniors, their mammas, papas, brothers, sisters, grandparents and all their friends will become interested in the Christmas Stocking Club. We hope that all the Juniors who have won prizes during the past year as well as previous to that time, will belong to the Christmas Stocking Club. If they do we will feel that the Juniors have appreciated their prizes.

AN LEAVE GIFT ANY TIME.

The stockings or other gifts can be left at the Courier Junior office any time during the last week before Christmas or earlier, if the Juniors want to. However, we want to have all the names of the Juniors who want to belong to the club as soon as possible.

THE CHRISTMAS STORIES.

We also want the Juniors to write some splendid stories on one of the following subjects:

- AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS.
- CHRISTMAS IN SWEDEN.
- CHRISTMAS IN A NORWEGIAN HOME.
- CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND.
- AN ENGLISH CHRISTMAS.
- CHRISTMAS IN RUSSIA.
- A HOLLANDER'S CHRISTMAS.
- CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY.
- ITALY'S OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS.
- CHRISTMAS IN MY TOWN.
- WHY WE OBSERVE CHRISTMAS.

We will not limit your work this time, but your stories must be in the Courier office by December 20. The stories will be published Thursday, December 23, in the Daily Junior and Saturday, December 25, in the Tri-Weekly Junior.

Select your prizes from among the following articles:

A silver chain purse, a bracelet, a locket, a spoon, a fork, a china cup and saucer, a plate, a picture, cuff

buttons, a doll, a book, a pair of skates, ice or roller, or a bobsled.

THE FIRST STOCKINGS.

Norma Daniels was the first Junior to bring in a pair of stockings; June Jackson, second, Philip Bernhard Hofmann third.

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.

The following is the roster of the club up to 9 o'clock this morning:

BEATRICE GOUGH.
MADALIN GOUGH.
CHLOE BURNSIDES.
CAROLINE TOUT.
FOREST WEBER.
ALETHA KRANZ.
MAUDE SKIRVIN.
JOHNNY SKIRVIN.
FRANK SKIRVIN.
MABEL SKIRVIN.
SAMUEL HARPER II.
RAYNER HARPER.
WALLACE RUSSELL HARPER.
HOLMAN FAUST.
DUDLEY FAUST.
NORMAN DANIEL.
HEDVEG CARLSON.
BEATRICE STOESSEL.
ETHA PARSONS.
JUANETA TRENT.
MAMIE TRENT.
MABEL REIFSNYDER.
MINNIE ADCOCK.
OLLIE LUCILE SALLEE.
HAZEL F. CHAPMAN.
HAROLD C. CHAPMAN.
BERTHA B. LUKO.
FLORENCE M'MICHAEL.
ROBERT M'MICHAEL.
LUCIUS A. ANDREW JR.
MARGARET KOETT.
GEORGE FRANCIS KOETT.
CECELIA PETERSON.
MARION LOUISE ADAMS.
ANNA RUAH ADAMS.
HELEN GAIL GRAHAM.
STEPHEN GUY GRAHAM.
RAY OTT GRAHAM.
LOIS CAROLINE GRAHAM.
VIOLA MAY SWIM.
WILLIAM ANTON BOONE.
JUNE JACKSON.
KATHERINE BENSON.
DOROTHY E. HARMAN.
PHILIP BERNHARD HOFMANN.
JULIETTE EISENBEIS.
MANILA JEWETT.
JESSE SEABURG.
THELMA SEABURG.
LACEY SEABURG.
ELSIE GLANDERS.
LOIS GRIFFIN.
THE BACHELOR CLUB.
BERNICE BAUM.
LILLIE MYERS.
RUBY FERN KING.
MABEL ROOT.
RUSSELL HOLCOMB.
DONALD PICKETT.
DONALD GILLILAND.
THOMAS GILLILAND.
ALICE KELTNER.
SUNSHINE JONES.
ETHEL STARR.
GOLDIE MOON.
DOROTHY FRANCES HALL.
GRACE SMITH.
LELIA EVERINGHAM.
BEVERLY WAGER.
MAYNIE WAGER.
DALE WAGER.
DOROTHY BROWN.
CHRISTOBEL SEAMAN.
CASH—25c.
CASH—25c.
CASH—25c.
MAMIE LEE.
RUTH DAGGETT.
RUTH MARING.
L. W. WAGE.
JOHN I. FINNERTY JR.
RUTH HELEN FINNERTY.

Prize Winners and Their Splendid Stories

CHRISTMAS STOCKING CLUB.

Dear Junior:
I have been reading about the Xmas Stocking Club, and I want to become a member. I think it is very nice, and hope that all the children that read the Courier Junior will send a pair of stockings, and make some little boy or girl happy.

I think it would be a very good plan for those who have to send the stockings by mail to put in one of the stockings a dime or more if they want to, to buy the goodies to put in the stockings. That is what I am going to do.

I hope there will be 300 members this year instead of 200. I hope there will be 300 children or more made happy by the Courier Junior Christmas Stocking Club Christmas morning for I know it will make the Juniors happy to know they have helped Santa Claus.

I hope there will be so many stockings that Santa will have to have a great big sled to take them to the children Christmas eve. Wouldn't that be funny.

When Christmas comes we ought to give to those who need instead of those who have plenty, because that is the kind of spirit Jesus has.

Jesus was given to us as a Christmas gift, and the reason we celebrate Christmas is because it is Christ's birthday and he was given to us as a present. So we always give presents to celebrate his birthday by giving presents to those who need as he was given to us in the need of



making the world better and we should give in love.

Lois Griffin, age 9,
Albia, Iowa.

"THE BENEFIT OF THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING CLUB."

In 1906 The Courier Junior started the Christmas Stocking Club, which has grown very much each year in membership. The Stocking Club is a great benefit to the needy children of Ottumwa, Ia.

The plan of the Christmas Stocking Club is for any child or person, who wishes to make the poor and needy children happy, is to fill one or more pair of stockings with candy, nuts, fruits, toys and if they wish may put enough calico or gingham to make either a girl a dress or a boy a waist or anything that should make them happy upon Christmas day.

When the stockings are filled they are then taken to the Courier office, and upon Christmas day are distributed among the children of Ottumwa.

I hope to be a member of the Christmas Stocking Club this year, and hope my pair of stockings will make some little child happy. I am always happy upon Christmas day and I am so glad that the Courier Juniors have found a way for me to make the needy children happy upon Christmas day.

Beatrice Stoessel, age 10,
226 N. Madison Ave., Ottumwa, Ia.

Interesting Letters to Santa Claus From Many Juniors

A LETTER FROM THE ORPHAN HOME JUNIORS.

Dear Santa:
We live at the Orphan's Home. We are very glad that Christmas is coming. It is such a happy, beautiful time. We want you to come and see us this Christmas.

Violet wants a bracelet. Some red hair ribbons, and a game.

Ollie will love Santa Claus if he will bring her a ring, a red sweater and a toy bed-room set.

Emma will be very happy if Santa will bring her a locket, a set of dishes and a hair brush.

Alice wants a pair of stockings, a long coat, a barette and a watch.

Helen wants a book and a watch.

We are all very fond of candy and nuts.

Thanking you very kindly and wishing you a merry Christmas, we remain your little friends.

Violet, age 12.
Ollie, age 11.
Emma, age 11.
Alice
Helen.
Ottumwa, Iowa.

A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR HELEN

Dear Santa:
It is very near Christmas and I want some nice presents for Christmas. I want a set of furs and a pair of kid gloves and a nice dress, pocket book and baby outfit and a nice Christmas tree, and a pair of tan hats Emma and some candy and a nice lot of nuts and some fruit.

Helen Rodgers,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

FIRE WAGON FOR ARTHUR.

Dear Santa:
I want a fire wagon and a drum and sticks and a wagon and a tricycle and boat and a street car and a big Christmas tree and some candy and nuts and fruit.

Arthur Joseph Hickey,
Ottumwa, Iowa.
Age 3.

MILDRED HAS BEEN A GOOD GIRL

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I have been a good girl so I think Santa ought not to forget me. I thought I would write you a letter and let you know what I would like for Christmas. I want a doll with blue eyes and hair

a plate, a pair of little red mittens, candy and nuts.

A merry Christmas to all.
Mildred Smith,
Floriss, Ia., R. No. 2.

AFRAID TO ASK FOR TOO MUCH.

Dear Santa:
I will write you a few lines to tell you where I live, my name and what I want for Christmas so you will not forget me. I would like to have a story book or two, a ring, a bracelet, some candy and nuts. I guess this will be about as much as my share for there are so many little boys and girls to give present. I will close hoping you will not forget me.

Bessie Smith,
Floriss, Iowa.
Age 12.

MAMIE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL.

Dear Santa:
I have been a very good little girl and I want you to bring me a leather doll buggy and a doll. I want to join Junior Stocking Club. I go to the Irving school. I am in room four and I am 9 years old.

Mamie Lee,
111 N. Ward St., Ottumwa, Ia.

HANDKERCHIEFS FOR ELLA.

Dear Santa:
I will write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll and a ring and some handkerchiefs and do not forget me, dear Santa, and anything else you wish. I will hang my stockings in the corner.

Ella Crow,
Unionville, Iowa.
Age 11.

GRANADA, MINN. JUNIOR WRITES TO SANTA.

Dear Santa:
I thought I would write and tell you what I most want for Christmas. Please bring me a go-cart for my Teddy Bear and dolls you was so good to bring me last Christmas and I would like a new post card album as I have my old one full. I guess that will be all. I won't ask for much for you was so good to bring me so much last Christmas.

Roxie A. Wood,
Granada, Minn.
Age 9.

MABEL WANTS HER DOLLY TO GO TO SLEEP.

Dear Santa:
This is the time of year when most all little boys and girls begin to write to you what they want most. Now I will tell you what I want or would like to have. I would like first of all a big doll that will go to sleep and has big brown eyes and curly hair. Next a bed for dolly to sleep in. Then a sweater jacket and a pair of gloves to wear to Sunday school. Dear Santa, I hope you will be able to bring me these things, or dolly anyway, as I have none.

Mabel Godlove,
Haskins, Ia.
Age 9.

RUTH A LITTLE LATE.

Dear Santa:
I wanted to be among the first to write to you so I will write right away and tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a muff, fur and a fur turban, and candy and nuts of course. If you please, I am thirteen years old and live on a farm.

The Courier stopped for a while and Oh how we missed it. I was glad when it started again. I didn't hardly know what to do. We had a real good time Thanksgiving. My brother from Ottumwa came home. He is a railroad conductor. We had roasted goose.

Ruth M. Miller,
Clarinda, Iowa.
Age 7.

SEVEN-YEAR OLD BOY WRITES.

Dear Santa:
I will write you a short letter to tell you what I want you to bring me for Christmas. I want a knife, a little wagon, a sled, a ball and a pair of skates, candy and nuts. I guess you won't call this too much for a little boy seven years old. I wish you a merry ride.

Forrest Smith,
Floriss, Iowa.
Age 7.

SANTA DON'T FORGET MARIE.

Dear Santa:
I thought I would write you a letter, and tell you what I want for Christ-

mas. I want a pair of shoes, leggins, a doll that has black hair and brown eyes, and a doll cab, white ribbons, a ring, nuts and candy and a story book. Don't forget me Christmas eve.

Good bye,
Marie Bottorff, age 8.
Hedrick, Iowa.
R. F. D. No. 1.

A GUN, DRUM AND HARP FOR HERBERT.

Dear Santa—
I am a little boy five years old and I thought I'd write you what I want for Christmas. I want a gun, drum, ball, harp and candy, nuts and oranges.

Your little friend,
Herbert Tripiett, age 5.
Fremont, Iowa.

JESSIE WANTS A DOLL.

Dear Santa—
I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll with brown eyes and light curly hair, a pair of ribbons, some nuts, candy and oranges. That is all I want for Christmas. I live on rural route No. 7. Be sure and not forget me.

Your little friend,
Jessie Seaburg, age 5.
P. S.—I want to join the Christmas Stocking club.

A SLED FOR LACEY.

Dear Santa—
Please Santa, don't forget me. I would like for you to bring me a sled, a game, some nuts, candy and oranges. That is all I want for Christmas. And remember the poor little boys and girls.

I go to school nearly every day and am in the third reader. My teacher's name is Miss Currier.

For pets I have a dog and three cats. My dog's name is Tim. I want to join the Christmas Stocking club.

From your little friend,
Lacey Seaburg, age 9.
Ottumwa, Iowa.

THELMA WANTS SKATES FOR CHRISTMAS.

Dear Santa—
I will write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some skates, bracelet, coat and candy, nuts and oranges. That is all I want for Christmas. Now, don't forget my papa and mamma and my brothers and sisters.

I want to join the Christmas Stocking club.

Yours truly,
Thelma Seaburg, age 10
R. R. No. 7,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

"A GUIDER SLED."

Dear Santa Claus and Juniors—
I want to tell you that I want a guider sled and a good book. I have two brothers and one sister. My sister wants a doll. Be sure and don't forget me.

Your friend,
Harold Shepherd.
R. R. No. 5,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

ELIJAH'S WANTS VERY FEW.

Dear Santa Claus—
I thought I would write and tell you what I wanted for Christmas. I want a knife, a jumping jack, some candy and some English nuts.

From your little friend,
Elijah Thomas, age 7.
R. R. No. 2,
Eldon, Iowa.

FLORENCE WILL BE VERY THANKFUL.

Dear Santa Claus—
I thought I had better write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a ring, a story book, some candy and some English nuts. If I get what I want I will be very thankful to you, Santa Claus.

Florence Thomas, age 9.
R. R. No. 7,
Eldon, Iowa.

LESTER WANTS A FLEXIBLE FLYER.

Dear Santa Claus—
Will you please bring me a flexible flyer, pair of skates, No. 7; a magic lantern and nuts and candy. I will thank you very much if you will bring all these things.

Lester Johnson, age 8.
1204 East Second St.,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

GORDON'S SKATES NO. 7.

Dear Santa Claus—
Please, Santa Claus, will you bring me a pair of skates, No. 7, a pair of corduroy pants, No. 9, a pair of stockings, and nuts and candy.

Thank you if you will bring all of these things.
Gordon Johnson, age 7.
1204 East Second St.,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

"A BALKY MULE."

Dear Santa Claus—
Will you please bring me a horn, a pair of bob skates, a pair of stockings, a balky mule and nuts and candy.

Thank you if you will bring all of these things.
Paul Johnson, age 5.
1204 East Second St.,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

TWO LETTERS IN ONE.

Dear Editor—
I have never written to the Junior, so I thought I would write a little let-

ter. I go to school. My teacher's name is Goldie McCants. I like her very well. I like to go to school.

I have one brother. His name is Russell.

I want Santa Claus to bring me a pair of button shoes and some candy and for Russell a pair of mittens and some candy.

Sarah Snow, age 6.
Belknap, Iowa.

BUELAH WANTS BRACELET AND ROLLER SKATES.

Dear Santa—
I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bracelet and some roller skates, if you please.

Bueelah Elswick, age 11.
R. R. No. 5,
Albia, Iowa.

WANTS A BIG DOLL WITH BLACK HAIR.

Dear Santa Claus—
I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Christmas.

I wish you would bring me a big doll with black hair and black eyes, and two story books.

Your little friend,
Flora McSweyn.
R. R. No. 3,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

BLANCHE WANTS A TRUNK.

Dear Santa:
Thought I would write and tell you what I would like to have for Christmas. As it will soon be here I want a nice big trunk, large post card album, a nice big doll with golden hair, doll bed, go-cart, doll combs, a winter scarf and some building blocks.

Blanche Wheaton, age 10.
R. F. D. No. 1, Ottumwa, Iowa.

A MAP OF THE UNITED STATES FOR SYBIL.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a map of the United States—a nice large one so that I may learn about the states of our country. I want a large doll bed for my big doll and also some peaches pears and oranges.

Sybil Wheaton, age 7.
R. F. D. No. 1, Ottumwa, Ia.

SIGNET RING FOR ETHEL.

Dear Santa:
It has been snowing for a few days and it is so near Christmas time I thought I would write and tell you what I want. I want a real nice signet ring and a good book. I don't want much for Christmas this year.

My little sister Ella wrote a letter to you and told you what she wanted. I have two brothers and two sisters. I go to school nearly every day. I have a sled which I take with me. My playmates and I have a good time sled riding. Well, I will close hoping you will bring me a ring Christmas eve.

Ethel Miller, age 13,
Abingdon, Iowa.

ILA WILL HANG HER STOCKING ON A CHAIR.

Dear Santa:
It will soon be Christmas and I thought I would write to you and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, doll bed, story book and candy, nuts and oranges. For pets I have two dolls, a Teddy bear, go cart and hammock, but I think I need another doll, and a bed this time. I will have my stockings on a chair in the sitting room, so please don't forget me Santa Claus. I will be a good girl.

Ila P. G. Miller, age 6,
Abingdon, Iowa.

TEDDIE WANTS A CHECKER BOARD.

Dear Santa:
I want a checker board, a pair of ice skates, a picture puzzle, a story book and some oranges, nuts, bananas and candy.

Teddie Campbell, age 10,
Moravia, Iowa.

COLORADO JUNIOR WANTS MANY GIFTS.

Dear Santa:
It is about Christmas times, and I thought I better write my letter. It is almost Christmas and I want you to bring me some presents. Santa I want so many things. I don't know what to ask for first. I want a pair of skates and a little doll and a doll head with brown hair and a game and the most of all I want a gold bracelet. Oh, yes, I want some candy and nuts.

I have a story book telling of your home up at the North Pole. It must be very beautiful.

Marie Bibble, age 10,
1034 Monroe Ave., Colorado City,
JOHNNY RIGGS WANTS A ROCKING CHAIR.

Dear Santa:
I will write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a little rocking chair, a ball, some nuts and candy, a box of tools. Don't forget to come. I will be five years old Dec. 18. Bring some oranges too.

Johnny Riggs, age 5,
R. F. D. No. 1, Agency, Ia.

LOUIS MODEST IN REQUEST.

Dear Santa Claus—
I am going to write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I am not

going to ask you for very much because I know you have so many little boys and girls to take presents to. So I am just going to ask you to bring me two story books and some candy and nuts. So good bye, you dear old fellow.

Louis Wright, age 7.
Highland, Kas., Box 103.

HELEN MYERS' CHRISTMAS WISHES.

Dear Santa:
I will write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a nice doll and a nice bed for my doll and some candy and a doll dress and some pop corn, and some postal cards. Well I want some other things, but I can't think what they are now.

Helen Myers,
Ottumwa, Iowa.
P. S. Oh, yes I want a pair of mittens too. Be sure and bring them and a dresser.

LITTLE GIRL FORGETS NAME.

Dear Santa—
I would like for Christmas a little leather doll carriage, a doll trunk for my dollies' clothes, a rag doll, a story book, a sled, candy and nuts. I am a little girl six years old, and I go to school. I live at

426 East Second St.,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

NELLIE DOES NOT WANT TO ASK FOR TOO MUCH.

Dear Santa:
Christmas is almost here, so I will tell you what I want before it is too late.

I wish you would bring me a pair of skates