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From the President!

Every year this time I like to re-read The Christmas Carol. This year as I read it I noticed, with all the discussions of Christmas traditions and parties, I did not see any mentions of presents. The Crachets where quite thankful to have all their family present at a meager Christmas meal with no exchanging of gifts. The commercialization of Christmas begin in America in the mid 1800 and now retailers form most of their budget around the frenzy.

In the early 1800s giving to the poor was the thing to do as seen in Charles Dickens tale. I feel though is if all one gets from The Christmas Carol is they should give to the poor, they should re-read it. You can see the joy in the ones spending time with friends and family. Now we know most of our traditions are from paganism but as Christians I pray you can find a way to keep Christ in Christmas.

Arthur Richards

From the Croaker Editor

January's Reunion will be the last reunion that I (Amanda) will be coordinating. We will be in need of a new person to take over coordinating the reunions, or we will be ceasing reunions at the present. If you are interested in taking this job over, please contact either myself or Art Richards.

January Reunion

January 6 7-9pm Open to All

1st Congregational Church of Torrington 835 Riverside Ave, Torrington, CT

Please join us for a great time with friends and games, Celebrating the start of a New Year. And Below is what everyone missed at the last reunion!!







If Anyone wants to host a reunion at their church, or if you would be interested in giving a talk at an upcoming reunion, please contact Amanda Johnson. Thanks!!!

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas':

Barb Clavette (<u>JEClavette@snet.net</u> or 482-0172) Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

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