



# Richmond Kiwanis



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December 13, 2011 Kiwanis: " Changing the world one child and one community at a time."

J. McCarter, Secretary

**The meeting was called to order at the 19th Hole Restaurant by President Vickie McGinnis with 21 members present.** Levan Thurman led the song; Brian Bush led the Pledge and John Johnson the Prayer.

**Announcements:** Vickie updated us on Member Carole Jones that she would be undergoing surgery on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Carole is at the Liberty Hospital.

**Sergeant At Arms Report: Bob Swafford fined the following:**

**Missed Meeting:** Patty Walker, Bob Swafford, Brian Bush, Alice Neely, Jim Carter, Bruce Taylor, David Miller.

**Birthday:** Brian Bush and Patty Walker's daughter

**Last one in:** Sheryl Downs

**Name/Picture in Paper:** Vickie McGinnis

**Phone Violation:** Sheryl Downs

**Badge Violation:** Brian Bush

**Other fines:** JoEllen Dale for not having outdoors Christmas Decoration up yet.

**Program Chairman for December, Bill Dooley introduced our guest speaker, Tracy Harrison Bray and her daughter, Trista.**

Tracy gave a very good program entitled Christmas for Children. She and her husband, Jeff, owners of Jeffery Kyle's Restaurant here in Richmond have started programs to make Christmas time a happy, memorial event for those who can't afford much Christmas.

Tracy started off by reading Greg Olsen's poem, The Spirit of Christmas and then she described the picture he painted shown on the right in this newsletter. The picture says it all. The bottom line is that Christ is the Spirit of Christmas. Tracy and Jeff have been serving their Christmas for those who are in need since 2008. It has grown to almost unmanageable proportions. Their plans are to continue to encourage that growth by having two events and take donations to let everyone who wants to be a part of the celebration and be involved in one way or another.

Each year they have a traditional Christmas dinner at Jeffrey Kyle's, visit Santa and provide 2 new gifts for the kids. They are able to work now with our Richmond Wal-Mart with a 10% discount. Children have to be 14 or under.



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They also receive a snack bag (containing 10-20 snacks), face painting, a family professional photo, a Christmas card, tree ornament and a holiday take home dinner made up of a ham, green beans, bread and desert.

Last year they served 35 families which made up a total of 200 people of which were 105 kids. They anticipate next year having 2 events instead of just one to keep up with the growth.

If you need more information go to their website of: [www.jefferykyleschristmasforkids.com](http://www.jefferykyleschristmasforkids.com)

**We served 300 people that day and people gave very generously! Our goal is to raise over \$5000.00 and we aren't there yet! Donate now! To sponsor a child just \$35! We are helping 110 kids and their families this year!!!**

**The above comes directly from the website. Thanks Tracy for sharing the Christmas Spirit with Kiwanis today.**