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Six Holiday Season Facts You Probably Don't Know.

If there's one thing we all engage in during the holiday season, it's memory sharing. Talk about favorite past times. But don't you find it gets a little old sometimes, especially when you're swapping the exact same stories, year after year, with friends and family?

So, just for the fun of it, we've gathered some little known facts about the holidays we hope will add a little spice to your next seasonal gathering.

Now, and without further ado: six holiday season facts you probably don't already know:

1. The look of Santa Claus we have today was created at an 1804 meeting of the New York Historical Society, where member John Pintard handed out wooden cutouts of jolly old St. Nick in front of stockings filled with toys.
2. The Christmas tree made its way to America in the 1830s but wasn't popular until 1846, after Germany's Prince Albert brought it to England when he married Queen Victoria. The two were sketched in front of a Christmas tree and the tradition instantly became popular.
3. The first batch of eggnog in America was crafted at Captain John Smith's Jamestown settlement in 1607, and the name eggnog comes from the word "grog," which refers to any drink made with rum.
4. So where did the image of Santa Claus silhouetted against the moon in a sleigh being pulled by reindeer come from?



Green & Healthy Living Tips

Eat the best-for-you offerings first. For example, hot soup as a first course – especially when it's broth-based, not cream-based – can help you avoid eating too much during a holiday feast.

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From the same guy that brought us the headless horseman, Washington Irving. In an 1819 series of shorts titled *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon* he wrote about a dream where St. Nick was flying across the sky in a weightless wagon.

5. The highest grossing Christmas movie of all time is *Home Alone*. Surprised? We were! Rounding out the top 5 are *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (with Jim Carrey), *The Polar Express*, *Home Alone 2*, and *Elf*.

6. Next time you get a chance to listen to the 12 Days of Christmas try to count all of gifts that are exchanged. If you do it right you'll notice that there are 364 in total, one for each day of the year. Were you to put all these gifts under the tree it would cost you \$18,348.87 per PNC Financial Services.



And there you have some added conversational spice for the 2016-2017 holiday season. All of us here at Your 1 Plumber would like to thank you for another year of being allowed to serve your family's home plumbing needs. We hope we've met or exceeded your expectations and look forward to seeing you the next time the need arises. Please accept our sincere wish for the happiest and healthiest holiday season ever.

Until next time.

William Kirkorian
President

Amazing Fact

At 3pm sharp on Christmas Eve, SVT - The Swedish BBC - broadcasts 'Kalle Anka och hans vänner önskar God Jul' (Donald Duck and his friends wish you a Merry Christmas), an annual tradition since 1959.

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Our Favorite Recipes

Viennese Crescent Holiday Cookies



"These cookies have been a family favorite for 20 years. Flaky and buttery, they are worth the effort. Almonds can be substituted for hazelnuts."

[Click here to view and print this recipe](#)

You Gotta Laugh

"Sending Christmas cards is a good way to let your friends and family know that you think they're worth the price of a stamp." *Melanie White*



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