

# Around Town

## Skow children breakfast with the Clauses



**JACK AND EMMA SKOW** sit with Santa and Mrs. Claus while the elves look on from behind.

The weather here is not too cold for Santa. Even though Clayton is in hilly country at the foot of Mt. Diablo, "we call it meadowlands from where I come from," he explained.

Emma and Jack Skow received their gifts from Santa early this year when they sat down for a family breakfast hosted by the CBCA at the Clayton Library on Saturday,

December 8th.

Emma, 7 years old and a first grader in Mrs. Fuller's class at Mt. Diablo Elementary, received

See Claus, page A4

Photo courtesy of the Skow family

## Janet Easton takes part in local history writers event

Clayton author and historian, Janet Easton, joined several other history writers in a Local History program at Aegis of Concord, sponsored by Clayton Books.

Easton, with the help of past Historical Society president Dick Ellis and Clayton Museum Curator Mary Spryer, collected dozens of old photographs and compiled them into a pictorial of Clayton history. "Images of Clayton" was released last year.

Easton, whose own roots go back several generations in Clayton, was pleased and surprised at how many photos of her own family she came across.



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**MARY SPRYER AND JANET EASTON**

"I've known these people all my life, but had had never seen

them in any photographs," she told the audience.

The book is part of Arcadia's "Images of America" series and has a somewhat international reputation, Easton says.

A few months ago, she got an online inquiry and an order for the book from someone in Vallejo. Curious as to why they were interested, she called and asked (politely, of course), "who are you?"

The Vallejo woman had once lived on Morgan Territory Road, and her daughter heard about the book on vacation in Turkey while exchanging small talk with a fellow tourist. When asked where she was from, she replied "oh, a little town in California, you've probably never heard of - Clayton."

"Clayton," echoed the tourist, "my wife is from Clayton." He then told her about the book, and she told her mother in Vallejo. It is, indeed, a small world.

"Images of Clayton" can be purchased from the Clayton Historical Society. Call 672-0240 for more information.

## Lynndi's kids collect Toys for Tots



Children from Lynndi's Preschool / Family Day Care in Clayton recently made their annual visit to the Fire Station to donate the toys they collected for the Toys for Tots program.

The children walked, hand in hand, to the fire station, carrying their gifts in a big red Santa sack

and singing Christmas carols in the rain.

Pictured above, flanked by Lynndi and Andre Ernst are: Megan and Mikey Dickert, Jackson Estes, Joey Hawk, Catalina and Sophia Jacobs, Abby and Daniel Mc Cormick, Joshua Sullins, Ainsley Townlin.

## Santa stops for tea at Englund's



**ATILA TANG DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION** as he took tea with Santa at Englund's earlier this month.

Over a hundred guests sipped candy cane tea with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 9 at Englund's Restaurant and Tea Room in the Clayton Station.

Chef Duane served finger sandwiches and scones as children whispered their Christmas wish lists in Santa's ear.

The jolly old elf spent three hours delighting local children and their parents, while posing for pictures. After singing a popular song about his favorite reindeer, he chuckled warmly and headed back to the North Pole.

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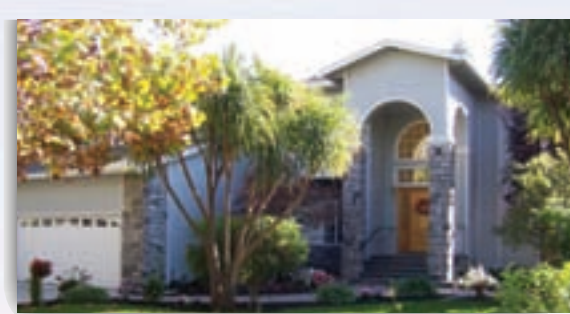
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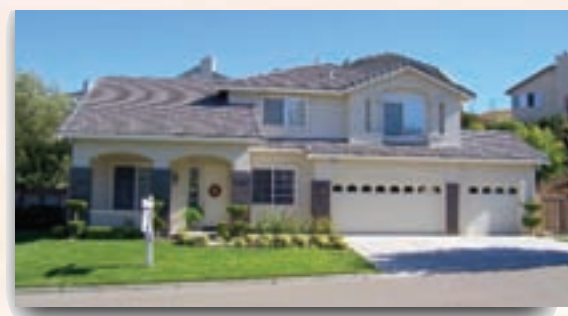
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