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MONDAY 12/4

Chocolate chip, snickerdoodle, peanut butter, oatmeal raisin, and gingerbread . . . there are too many choices on National Cookie **Day!** Did you know that chocolate chip cookies are an American favorite? An average of 7 billion chocolate chip cookies are consumed each year nation-wide (which means the average American eats 35,000 of them in their lifetime).

TUESDAY 12/5

Hardly any clothing has as much history, controversy, and popularity as blue jeans. This garment was created for gold miners, but after being popularized by Western films in the 30s and actors like James Dean in the 50s, teens wore jeans as an act of expression and rebellion. During the Cold War, citizens in Eastern countries wore Levi's to symbolize democracy. Happy National Blue Jeans Day!

WEDNESDAY 12/6

Ho, ho, ho, today is the Feast of Saint Nicholas! Known for his generosity towards children and the poor, as well as his love for God, St. Nicholas has represented the spirit of Christmas for centuries. People in Germany and the Netherlands celebrate today by giving sweets to their children and doing kind deeds for others. A good reminder to spread generosity this Christmas season!

THURSDAY 12/7

On this day we remember the tragedy that occurred in 1941 when the US Naval Base at **Pearl Harbor** was bombed by the Japanese military. The attack resulted in over 3,000 American casualties as well as destruction of many US ships and planes. President Roosevelt declared war on Japan the following day which signaled America's entrance into World War II.

FRIDAY 12/8

Great Scott! It's Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day! The notion of traveling through time has permeated media for many generations, from Dickens' A Christmas Carol to Back to the Future, and many in between.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Introduced in 1902 by Nabisco, Animal Crackers were the first massproduced, commercially available cookie in America.
- 225 pairs of jeans can be made from just one bale of cotton.
- After St. Nicholas' death in 343 AD, it became a common practice for Christian families to give gifts to children every December 6th to remember and honor St. Nicholas.
- 30 days after the Attack on Pearl Harbor, 134,000 Americans enlisted in the military.
- How many times does Scrooge say 'Bah Humbug' in A Christmas Carol? In the book, Scrooge only utters the miserable misery statement twice.

... And the Latest from Ambassador

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

From Focus on the Family, "Celebrating Christmas as a Family" features the familiar Robertson clan from A&E's "Duck Dynasty" as they gather around the fireplace and share stories of Robertson holidays—some will make you laugh and others may evoke a tear ... but it's all a celebration of the season. Contact Rebecca@ambaa.com to gain access.

"Jesus met even the greatest injury with vivid expressions of lovingkindness."

> John MacArthur Grace to You

