



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Nov 16, 2022

Chicago's Pizza, Wednesdays

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Happy Thanksgiving!



Abraham Lincoln made the first of what has become an unbroken string of Thanksgiving Proclamations in the fall of 1863, shortly before delivering the Gettysburg Address. Excerpts are below

...(Our) Population has steadily increased notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield, and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised

nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore if, as soon as may be consistent with the divine purpose, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this 3d day of October A.D. 1863, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

Charlie's \$2 Worth

ON THANKSGIVING...

"Reflect upon your present blessings – of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."
- Charles Dickens

"Thanksgiving is the meal we aspire for other meals to resemble."
- Jonathan Safran Foer

"Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day."
- Robert Caspar Lintner

"Give thanks not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of your life. Appreciate and never take for granted all that you have."
- Catherine Pulsifer

"Be thankful for what you have. Your life is someone else's fairy tale."
- Wale Ayeni

"Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart." - Seneca

"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good." - Maya Angelou

"The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for." - Norman Vincent Peale

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Nov 16 - NO REGULAR MEETING, Board meeting ONLY
- Nov 23 - NO MEETING - THANKSGIVING EVE
- Nov 30 - Rocky Turner - What you might not know about Field Corn...
- Dec 7 - Brian Culp - Cybersecurity
- Dec 14 - Brad DuBois
- Dec 21 - Jan Baer
- Jan 4 - Donnie Emerson
- Jan 11 - Max Hank
- Jan 18 - NO REGULAR MEETING, Board meeting ONLY
- Jan 25 - Daniel Kinnamon
- Feb 1 - Andrew Klinger

Thanksgiving Day

George Washington issued our nation's first Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1789, less than six months after he took office. Its complete text is below:

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor - and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. **Go: Washington**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! NOVEMBER

Brad DuBois - Nov 12

Scott Olinger - Nov 24

Donnie Emerson - Nov 28

Brian Culp - Nov 30

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Oct 5-11 Royce Carter
Oct 12-18 Joe Bennett
Oct 19-25 Max Hank
Oct 26-Nov 1 Sherry Sighting
Nov 2-8 Brad DuBois
Nov 9-15 Joe Bennett
Nov 16-22 Max Hank
Nov 23-29 Brian Culp
Nov 30-Dec 6 Royce Carter

Please check supply, refill as needed.
Report any damage to Joe Bennett.
Books are available at the Library.

SPEED BUMP



Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank

Finance: Joe Bennett

Foundation: John Baer

Fundraising : Selina Lewis

Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois

Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sighting

Membership: Daniel Kinnamon

Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks

Programs: Ryan Rash & Max Hank

PR & Website: John Baer

Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD

Service Committees: Royce Carter

Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett

Teacher of the Year: Max Hank

Youth: Diane Burks

Interact and RYLA: Diane Burks

Scholarships: Max Hank

Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sighting

The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks

UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Aug 3 Candace Balzano

Aug 10 Max Hank

Aug 17 Andrew Klinger

Aug 24 Selina Lewis

Aug 31 Montie Manning

Sep 7 Scott Olinger

Sep 14 Ryan Rash

Sep 28 Sherry Sighting

Oct 5 Diane Burks

Oct 12 David Williams

Oct 19 Susan Ament

Oct 26 John Baer

Nov 2 Joe Bennett

Nov 9 N/A - DG Visit

Nov 30 Rocky Turner

Dec 7 Brian Culp

Dec 14 Brad DuBois

Dec 21 Jan Baer

Jan 4 Donnie Emerson

Jan 11 Max Hank

Jan 25 Daniel Kinnamon

Feb 1 Andrew Klinger

Feb 8 Selina Lewis

Feb 15 Scott Olinger

Feb 22 Ryan Rash

Mar 1 Sherry Sighting

Mar 8 Reann Poray

Mar 22 Rocky Turner

Mar 29 David Williams

Apr 5 Susan Ament

Apr 12 John Baer

Apr 19 Candace Balzano

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?

2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

(5. IS IT FUN?)