



Wednesday, December 7, 2022

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Club Officers

 **Robert Sartwell**
President

 **John L. Wisthoff**
Secretary

 **Michael Naghdi**
iPast President
Club

President's Message December

By Michael Naghdi on Thursday, December 1, 2022

Presidents Letter December 1st, 2022

November – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
Hello Lake Shore – Severna Park Rotarians!!

Not a lot going this month due to the holidays. Our business meeting will be on the 7th. This will be focused on getting the donations and budget set for the second half of the Rotary year, making sure the rolls are correct before the next billing cycle and other administration activities. This month our only meeting is at the Green Turtle on 14 December. Our planned speaker is Bryan Gomes, Education Coordinator for ClearShark H2O.

The main upcoming activities for the next month are:

- Finalizing the 75th Anniversary Bash
- Coordinating with schools for RYLA
- Planning for the Four Way Test competition.

We have our 75th Party on the 21st. Centerpieces are being made as well as goodie bags. John is hard at work putting together the presentation that will be playing during the event. I expect this will be a good time.

A final word. As you know we, like a lot of small, older clubs, struggle to attract and keep new members. We need to come up with a way to address this that is

1. Within our capabilities (physical, time, ability) and
2. Could bring us in contact with the public in a way that highlights our commitment to service.

John had a great idea for us to focus on education. Involvement with PTA, Bands, Interact, the parents of these students are the demographic that also provides service oriented to education. So we need to increase our activity with these groups. We need a plan! So with all that said, we are going to use our meeting in January to begin this plan. We will follow that up with other meetings and jobs for all of us that align with 1 and 2 above. We can do this. We must do this.

Birthdays:
Sean Brooks
Matthew Lewis

Thanks for all you do for Rotary and the greater community.

Yours in Rotary Service

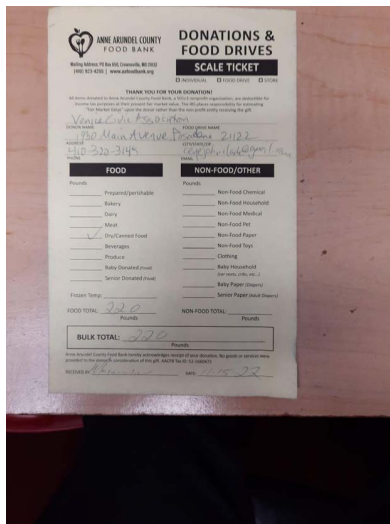
Bob Sartwell
President

Rotary LS-SP Food Drive

By Michael Naghdi on Thursday, December 1, 2022

Rotary Club LS-SP Food Drive

Thanks to the Venice Civic Association and members of the Rotary club of LakeShore-Severna Park, we collected 21 bags of food and 5 checks for Anne Arundel Food Bank.



Executive Secretary



[Peggy Kennelley](#)
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Past President
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Michael Naghdi](#)
Area Governor

Lakeshore-Severna Park Rotary Thanksgiving Gift Cards

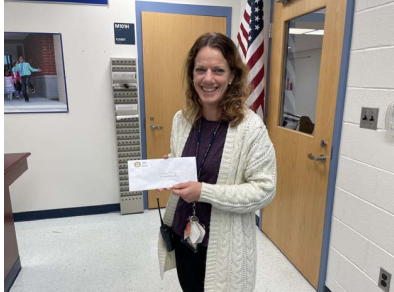
By Michael Naghdi on Thursday, December 1, 2022

Lakeshore-Severna Park Thanksgiving Gift Cards Operation

The 4th annual Thanksgiving Gift Cards on November 18th was a major success.

Many thanks to our club members who joined to deliver these gift cards and special thanks to John Clark for organizing this project. Thank you Bunnie Clark, John Clark, Bob Sartwell, Don Keils and Michael Naghdi for delivering these gift cards.

The club contacted the guidance department of nine elementary schools in the Pasadena area. Each school was asked to identify a needy family to receive the gift card to help with their thanksgiving grocery dinners.



Mrs. Stacey Davis From Freetown Elementary School Receiving a Gift Card for a special family.

Birthdays

- Philip Bailey
December 9th
- Stacey Sean Brooks
December 11th

The Real History of Thanksgiving

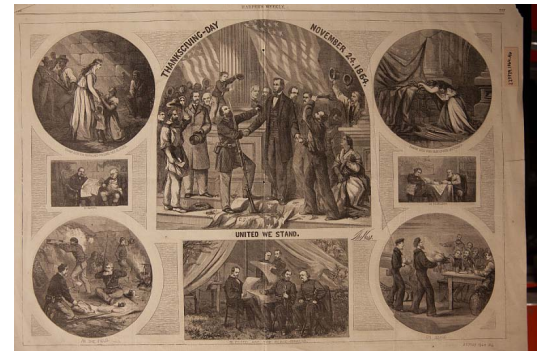
By Monica M Smith on Wednesday, November 30, 2022



Rotary Club of Washington, DC
November 23, 2022

History Moment by Monica Smith: The Real History of Thanksgiving

Dear fellow Rotarians, thank you for this opportunity to give a History Moment on the eve of American Thanksgiving during Native American Heritage Month. Given many myths about this holiday, I would like to share a brief history of Thanksgiving based primarily on a Smithsonian history spotlight written by colleagues of mine at the National Museum of American History.ⁱ



Most Americans associate “the first Thanksgiving” with our English Pilgrim settlers who had recently landed in Plymouth Colony (what is now Massachusetts) and shared an autumnal celebration with the local indigenous Wampanoag people in 1621. However, hosting community “days of thanksgiving” featuring feasting, entertainment, and religious rites was a long-held tradition among both Europeans and native Americans (such as the Green Corn Dance of the Cherokees). And the British New England colonists weren’t even the first Europeans to hold Thanksgiving in North America.

Possibly the first European Thanksgiving service on this Continent was hosted by Spanish colonists in what is now Florida. According to the National Park Service, “On September 8, 1565, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and 800 Spanish settlers founded the city of St. Augustine in Spanish La Florida. As soon as they were ashore, the landing party celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving. Afterward, Menéndez laid out a meal to which he invited as guests the native Seloy tribe who occupied the site.”ⁱⁱ

Another European Thanksgiving on record occurred a decade later, on May 27, 1578, when English explorer Martin Frobisher and about 400 men finally landed safely in what is now Newfoundland, Canada in their quest to find the Northwest Passage.

For British New England, some historians believe that the Popham Colony in what is now Maine conducted a Thanksgiving service in 1607 [the colony was abandoned a year later and has been overlooked as a predecessor to Plymouth]. Also in 1607, colonists in Jamestown, Virginia gave thanks for their safe arrival that year, and held another service three years later when a supply ship arrived after a harsh winter.

Other early Virginia colonists, the Berkeley Hundred settlers, held a Thanksgiving service in accordance with their charter which stated that the day of their arrival in 1619 “shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God.”ⁱⁱⁱ Sadly, all of the Berkeley Hundred settlers were killed during an Indian massacre three years later. Not surprisingly, European colonists and indigenous people shared a fraught history from the earliest days of interaction on Native American lands.

While many Americans today probably envision the Plymouth Pilgrims holding a somber, religious-focused Thanksgiving in 1621, this is far from the truth. The Pilgrims actually rejected the idea of public religious displays. Not only did they host a non-religious Thanksgiving

feast (aside from saying grace), but records also indicate they spent three days with their Wampanoag visitors feasting, playing games, and, yes, drinking beer. [Sound familiar?!]

Festivals of Thanksgiving—usually autumn harvest celebrations—continued to be observed sporadically in communities across the British colonies for more than 150 years. Then in 1789, Elias Boudinot of Massachusetts, a member of the House of Representatives, proposed to Congress that the new nation of the United States should hold an official “day of public thanks-giving 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.” On October 3, 1789, President George Washington proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26.^{iv}

Subsequent Presidents proclaimed occasional thanksgivings during their terms of office, either on their own initiative or at the request of Congress. One exception was President Thomas Jefferson, who believed it was a conflict of Church and State to require the American people to hold a day of prayer and thanksgiving. President James Madison proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving to be held on April 13, 1815, the last such proclamation issued by a President until Abraham Lincoln did so during the American Civil War.

Credit for the establishment of an annual Thanksgiving holiday often goes to Sarah Josepha Hale, the so-called “Godmother of Thanksgiving.” Starting in 1827, in her influential role as the editor of *Ladies Magazine* and *Godey’s Lady’s Book*, she began printing articles, stories, and recipes about Thanksgiving, and wrote scores of letters to governors, senators, and presidents urging them to make it a national holiday. Finally, on October 3, 1863, buoyed by the Union victory at Gettysburg, President Lincoln proclaimed that November 26 would be a national Thanksgiving Day, to be observed every year on the fourth Thursday of November.

To give merchants more selling days before Christmas, President Franklin D. Roosevelt tinkered with the schedule and assigned the third Thursday to be Thanksgiving Day in 1939 and 1940. But he was met with popular resistance, largely because the change required rescheduling Thanksgiving Day events such as football games and parades. [Also sound familiar? Note that the first American collegiate Thanksgiving Day football game was between Princeton and Yale in 1876. Yale won. Reportedly the first official Thanksgiving Day Parade was held in Philadelphia in 1920, followed shortly by Detroit and New York City.]

Finally, in 1941, a Congressional Joint Resolution officially set the fourth Thursday of November as a national holiday for Thanksgiving.^v 81 years later and counting that tradition continues.

To wrap up, I would like to share a brief, secular expression of Thanksgiving that I found [without clear authorship]: “As we come together at this special time, let us pause a moment to appreciate the opportunity for good company and to thank all those past and present whose efforts have made this event possible. We reap the fruits of our society, our Country, and our civilization, and take joy in the bounties of Nature on this happy occasion. Let us also wish that, someday, all people on Earth may enjoy the same good fortune that we share.”

With that, I wish all of you and your families a very happy, healthy, and peaceful Thanksgiving!

For Native American perspectives on Thanksgiving:

- Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) educational resource, “American Indian Perspectives on Thanksgiving”: https://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf
- “The Invention of Thanksgiving” video from NMAI’s *Americans* exhibition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPEuQNp0nII>

ⁱ <https://www.si.edu/spotlight/thanksgiving/history>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.nps.gov/casa/learn/historyculture/the-first-thanksgiving.htm>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://nsdac.org/work-of-the-society/historical/markers/berkeley-hundred>

^{iv} <https://www.loc.gov/resource/mgw8a.124/?q=1789+Thanksgiving&sp=132&st=text>

^v <https://www.archives.gov/legislative/features/thanksgiving#:~:text=On%20October%206%2C%201941%2C%20the.when%20November%20has%20five%20Thursdays>

Chesapeake Presidents-Elect Training Seminar

By Robert W. Nelson on Wednesday, November 30, 2022



Registration is now open for RYLA - 2023

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Sponsor a Youth for RYLA



Learn more at ryla7620.org

The Rotary 7620 RYLA program is an intense 3-day, 2-night leadership training program that is designed to recognize, encourage and further develop the leadership skills of 10th, 11th and 12th-grade high school students who have shown a potential for rendering important service to their schools and communities.

Over two and half days, RYLA students will participate in outdoor and indoor team challenges and recreational activities, expand personal development by learning more about problem-solving, communication, leadership, risk-taking, and teamwork. Get ready to explore your strengths and challenges and learn how to use this information for self- and community improvement.

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