



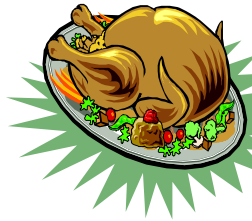
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Happy Thanksgiving

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thanksgiving Traditions and Trivia

Does your family have a favorite Thanksgiving Day Tradition?

Unlike some holidays, such as New Year's Eve, the Fourth of July and Halloween, when people traditionally go out somewhere to celebrate, Thanksgiving is most commonly celebrated at home, with family and friends. This is one of the things I like best about Thanksgiving.



I get to share wonderful traditions and relaxed times with my family. These "Thanksgiving Traditions and Trivia" include common traditions and little known trivia about the Thanksgiving Day holiday. They are presented to enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of Thanksgiving. Consider sharing these ideas, stories and trivia with your friends and family on Thanksgiving Day.

History of Thanksgiving in America

According to most historians, the Pilgrims never observed an annual Thanksgiving feast in autumn. In the year 1921, they did not celebrate a feast near Plymouth, Massachusetts, following their first harvest. But this feast most people refer to as the first Thanksgiving was never repeated. Oddly enough, most devoutly religious pilgrims observed a day of thanksgiving with prayer and fasting, not feasting. Yet even though this harvest feast was never called Thanksgiving by the pilgrims of 1621, it has become the model for the traditional Thanksgiving celebrations in the United States. A firsthand account of this feast, by Edward Winslow, can be found on Thanks-Giving Square.



Timeline of Thanksgiving in America

- 1621 - Pilgrims and native Americans celebrated a harvest feast in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- 1630 - Settlers observed the first Thanksgiving of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England



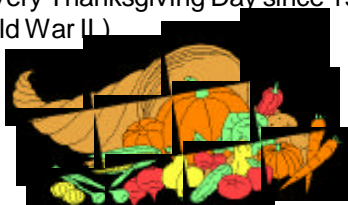
on July 9, 1630.

- 1777 - George Washington and his army on the way to Valley Forge, stopped in blistering weather in open fields to observe the first Thanksgiving of the new United States of America.
- 1789 President Washington declared November 26, 1789, as a national day of "thanksgiving and prayer".
- 1800's - The annual presidential thanksgiving proclamations, ceased for 45 years in the early 1800's.
- 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln resumed the tradition of Thanksgiving proclamations in 1863. Since this date, Thanksgiving has been observed annually in the United States.
- 1941 - President Roosevelt established the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Football

Football is an important part of many Thanksgiving Day celebrations in the United States.

- The Detroit Lions of the American National Football League have hosted a game every Thanksgiving Day since 1934 (except 1939-1944, during World War II)



WHAT DID YOU MISS

Our Pres. Col. did call in for an excused absence. Our President Elect **Gerry Miller** took over the reins of presidency. Boy after 25 years, he still remembered how to be the president. All he wanted to do was look for fine slips - luckily we hid them all. The invocation was given by Jumping **Jim Scribner** followed with respect to our country with the flag salute by **Dave** (not David) **Pekarek**. Rumors around the table - back in 1977 did you know that **Rick Clark** was offered a scholarship at USC He did not want to work inside peoples mouths. After a great attendance last week, it's a shame we had to break out the mirrors again to fill the room. But we were pleased and honored to have two guests. **Heb MacArthur** was asked to introduce his guest and Heb stated he does not even know who invited this guy but he continued to introduce his son - Chris MacArthur. **Gerry Miller** introduced Jack Kavanagh. Cheri Curzon, ADG, crashed our meeting stating she was double parked and couldn't stay. She did say something about RYLA. Thanks to **Doug Albee** and all the Rotarians for their hard work in assembling food for the Food Drive. Special thanks to a long time club member **Ed Jezbera** for donating all the turkeys. At 12:37 we heard a strange sound from **Hal Austin**. Could this have been his cell phone going off??? And what no fine slip?

CONGRATULATIONS

To new member - Jack Kavanagh-

an orthodontist who has his own practice in Riverside. Jack was proposed by Gerry Miller. We have another new member coming into our club shortly.

The program today was a thank you to Mag Center Rotary from speaker Dr. Milton. The founding Dean of the School of Nursing from CBU. Mag Center was the first to give a nursing scholarship to the new school program. Dr. Milton brought one of her students - Tamara Ovestreet who was escorted by her husband Curt and son Kyle.



December Programs

- Dec 7 Club Elections
- Dec 14 Sunshine School Christmas Party
Every one should be there by 11:45 am
Parking is limited. Program will start at 12 noon. A map will be furnished in the Dec. newsletter
- Dec 21 Club Christmas Party 12 noon - 1:30pm
- Dec 28 Dark (For the new guys, that means no meeting)



Rotary Christmas Party

COME ONE - COME ALL

Bring the whole family

Your kids, grandkids, the neighbor kids

Direct from



The Magic Castle in Hollywood
the fabulous **Great Raguzzi**

will perform magic, illusions and will mystify your minds.

(EVEN BETTER THAN OUR PRES. COL'S. MAGIC.)

Following the magic performance will be a visit from that jolly old fellow wearing the red suit - Santa Claus. A signup sheet will be passed around at our meeting or please RSVP to Dave at 788-6111.

SECRET HANDSHAKER



The secret handshaker was **Rick Clark** and the lucky recipient was Dr. Melton

BLUE MARBLE \$130

The winning ticket holder of the blue marble was our newest member Jack Kavanagh and the acting President Gerry Miller did a great job of switching bags and Jack did not get the blue marble.

