

Grace Notes



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What is a Veteran? - Anonymous

A veteran is a person who fell in love with their country, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health.

A veteran is a person who is willing to lay down their life for the Statue of Liberty so that her poor, her huddled masses, her homeless, her tempest tossed may breathe free and may enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

A veteran is a person who does what he/she must do, in spite of personal consequences. In spite of obstacles and dangers and pressure. . . for that is the basis of all human morality.

A veteran is one who gets a lump in the throat when he/she sees our beloved flag. One who will fight to protect our beautiful flag from those who dare to dishonor it.

A veteran is one who pays their taxes willingly; serves their country honorably; and cherishes their freedom passionately.

A veteran is one well deserving of our appreciation, our love, and our prayers 365 days a year.

November 11th is Veteran's Day!

Thanks to all of you who have served in the past, and those currently serving!

Monthly Events

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| <u>NOV 2</u> | <u>COTTAGE CARRY-IN</u> | <u>5:30 P.M.</u> |
| <u>NOV 3</u> | <u>Wii BOWLING BANQUET BUS LEAVES</u> | <u>9:30 A.M.</u> |
| <u>NOV 7</u> | <u>CHENANIAH GOSPEL HOUR</u> | <u>2:30 P.M.</u> |
| <u>NOV 10</u> | <u>ENTERTAINMENT BY EDDIE OSBORNE</u> | <u>2:30 P.M.</u> |
| | <u>"R&B/JAZZ" POP, SPIRITUAL (6 DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS)</u> | |
| <u>NOV 13</u> | <u>"CONTARE CON AMORE"</u> | <u>2:30 P.M.</u> |
| <u>NOV 14</u> | <u>GARDEN CLUB SPEAKER (VIOLETS)</u> | <u>1:00 P.M.</u> |
| <u>NOV 28</u> | <u>GARDEN CLUB WORKSHOP</u> | <u>10:00 A.M.</u> |

Weekly Events

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| Monday | 9:00 A.M. Community Grocery Shopping | 5:00 P.M. Wii Bowling Practice |
| Tuesday | 10:00 A.M. Hymn Sing & Out to Lunch | |
| Wednesday | 4:00 P.M. Wii Bowling Practice | |
| Friday | 9:30 A.M. Move it with Marilyn! | 4:00 P.M. Wii Bowling Practice |
| Sunday | 2:30 P.M. Chapel—Community Room | |

NURSING RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

If you are interested in getting a name to purchase a Christmas gift for a nursing home resident this year, Debbie Crews will have the ornaments out every Tuesday in November until they have all been taken. You choose the resident that you want to shop for and take that ornament because attached is a small list of recommended items that the resident would like.

GARDEN CLUB SPEAKER



Did you know that we have a local Englewood Garden Club? It is called "Our Homes Garden Club". They have invited us to join them for a special guest speaker. Vicki Ferguson will be speaking about African violets. She is very knowledgeable of how to grow and care for violets. She will be speaking in our Board Room on Tuesday, November 14th. You will need to RSVP to business office by November 10th. This is free for you but they would like reservations to be made.

GARDEN CLUB WORKSHOP

The same garden club is conducting a Christmas workshop that you can attend for free in our Board Room! This will be held on Tuesday, November 28th @10:00 A.M. Sorry that it's at the same time as hymn sing, but they chose the time! They will guide you through a Christmas decoration that you can take home! Please let the office know if you want to attend.

Wii BOWLING BANQUET- Friday, November 3rd

For those of you who are on the team, the bus will leave @9:30 A.M. for Bethany Village.



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| NOV 19 | ED |
| NOV 23 | LOIS |
| NOV 26 | HENRY |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Before I share some interesting US Presidential Thanksgiving facts from our earlier Presidents along with some quotes from them concerning Thanksgiving (other than the Turkey Quote from Ben Franklin), I like to share with you a continuing 'real-life' Thanksgiving Story that has taken place at GBV every year for 30 years.

One of the very first residents to live at the GBV Nursing Center was Mrs. MM (back in the day, I would have been able to use her name for this article, but now we are guided by HIPAA and therefore I cannot). Mrs. MM lived here for many years and because it was so long ago, only Pam Jones, RNC, who has worked here for over 33 years, remembers her. What Pam remembers about her is that she never slept in a bed (she slept on her couch which cannot be done now because beds are federally required), had no children (therefore very little visitors), and she LOVED potato soup (which Pam and other staff members would bring in for her which of course would be a problem in today's heavy regulated environment).

The one visitor that she did see from time-to-time was her nephew. Like many visitors that come to GBV on a regular basis, we all become attached and slowly but surely, we develop a relationship to the point that we are almost 'family.' In this case, MM's nephew and GBV truly did become 'family.'

After Mrs. MM passed away at GBV in the mid 1980's, the nephew of course stopped coming here. Nevertheless, he never forgot his Aunt MM or the great staff that cared for his aunt and became his 'family.' Every single year for over 30 years, MM's nephew personally delivers two flower arrangements to GBV. He brings one on MM's birthday in memory of her and prior to thanksgiving for the GBV staff (this delivery is in early October) and then another one near Christmas; in memory of MM and for thanking our staff.



None of our current staff know Mrs. MM (most weren't even born when Mrs. MM lived here), except for Pam. But thanks to MM's nephew's faithfulness and efforts in keeping this tradition alive; we may not have known Mrs. MM, but we know her nephew and because of that, the memory of his Aunt MM. If you care to see these flower arrangements, they are always on the Nurse's Station in October and again during December.

Now for some fun "Thanksgiving Did You Know Facts:"

The first Thanksgiving of the newly formed United States of America occurred when General George Washington, proclaimed a "Thanksgiving" in December of 1777 as a victory celebration honoring the defeat of the British at Saratoga. Washington's first proclamation after his presidential inauguration was to declare November 26, 1789 as a national day of "thanksgiving and prayer". President John Adams made similar thanksgiving declarations in 1798 and 1799 as did President James Madison in 1815.



During the middle of the Civil War, prompted by a series of articles written by Sarah Josepha Hale, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November of 1863. Since that time, Thanksgiving has been observed annually in the United States.

Traditionally it was considered inappropriate to advertise goods for Christmas until after Thanksgiving. But in 1939, with the country in the midst of The Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt reasoned that if given a longer period to sell goods before Christmas, merchants could increase profits during this time. In an effort to help bring the country out of The Great Depression Roosevelt declared that Thanksgiving should be celebrated on the second to the last Thursday of November instead of the last.

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Roosevelt's declaration was not mandatory; 23 states went along with this recommendation, and 22 did not. Other states, could not decide and took both weeks as government holidays. In 1941, Congress split the difference and established that Thanksgiving would occur annually on the fourth Thursday of November, which was sometimes the last Thursday and sometimes the next to last.

Thanksgiving Quotes by Famous Personality Types:

George Washington: *in his first Presidential Proclamation*, "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."—October 3, 1789

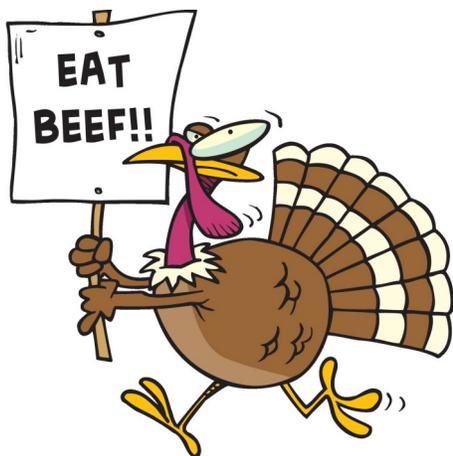
Samuel Adams: *father of the American Revolution* , "It is therefore recommended ... to set apart Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor ..."—November 1, 1777

Abraham Lincoln: during the Civil War: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown."—1863

Theodore Roosevelt: "Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds."—1901

John Fitzgerald Kennedy: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

Benjamin Franklin: *in a letter to his daughter* . "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country! The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America.....The turkey would not hesitate to attack a grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his farm yard with a red coat on."



*****The turkey, not the eagle, was considered important enough to travel on the Apollo mission into outer space .When Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin sat down to eat their first meal on the moon, their foil food packets contained roasted turkey and all the trimmings.**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

~Mike

The 1999 crash of golfer Payne Stewart's plane was a bizarre incident. He and five companions boarded a twin-engine, \$2.4 million Learjet which left the runway at 9:19 A.M. There were two pilots, and all seemed fine when they checked in with air traffic controllers a few minutes later.

For some unknown reasons, the pilots apparently lost consciousness shortly before they were to turn west towards Dallas, and when they couldn't be raised by air traffic controllers, two Air Force jets went aloft to investigate. No one was at the controls. There was no movement in the cockpit, and the windows were fogged, suggesting that the cabin had depressurized and become chilled with stratospheric air some 45,000 feet above the earth.

One of the Air Force pilots said, "It is a very helpless feeling to pull alongside another aircraft and realize the people inside that aircraft potentially are unconscious or in some other way incapacitated. And there's nothing I can do physically from my aircraft even though I'm fifty to one hundred feet away, to help them at all."

When one of its two engines finally ran out of fuel, the plane roller-coasted through the clouds, heading towards final, cataclysmic destruction.

One air safety investigator said that airplane depressurization can be "very insidious". He explained that the problem could slowly deprive the crew of its ability to know what was happening. "It could be one of those things where you are feeling good, you're feeling happy, and you don't know what is going on."

Picture humanity on a runaway airplane, on a collision course, with only a moment of time remaining. Yet people are so caught up in their pleasure and pressures and pursuits that they don't realize the urgency of their plight.

As a golfer, I followed Payne Stewart as he played golf and he was good! It is sad when these things happen and leave families without a father.

~Chaplain Dick



TIME CHANGE

Don't forget the time change that happens on Sunday, November 5th!! Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday evening, November 4th. This will give you an extra hour of sleep!



It was a nice, medium sized cottage located in Englewood, Ohio. Seated in his lounge chair, Don was reading the morning newspaper. Curled up by Don's feet was the family dog, a scotty, named Jackie who was enjoying his morning nap. In the kitchen, Jane, Don's good wife, was busy cooking their Thanksgiving dinner. A turkey was roasting in the oven, giving off yummy invitations for dinner.



The family lived close enough to the Dayton airport to hear the airplanes take off and land. There was a time table and Jane knew now that it was eleven o'clock. Sure enough, a plane came in to land.

Two tears appeared in Jane's eyes and rolled down her face. Their son Roy, had left two years ago as a soldier on one of Dayton's airplanes to fight foreign wars. Now every time a plane landed, Jane prayed that her son would come home. She wiped her tears away with her apron, picked up a big spoon, opened the oven door and basted the browning turkey, closed the oven and checked the two cooling pumpkin pies on the side table. She then opened the refrigerator door and checked the big bowl of chopped greens for salad. Potatoes were peeled and ready to boil for mashing.



Don came through the kitchen. "Boy", he said. "It sure smells like Thanksgiving in here." Then he said he would take Jackie for a short walk and they went out the back door.

Jane went into the living room and was picking up the newspaper when a knock sounded on the front door. Jane opened the door and there stood her son Roy. Jane was so surprised she almost fainted! Roy dropped his duffel bag and grabbed his mother.

"Mom, Mom, it's me, your son, Roy!" Then Jane began to cry as she hugged her son. She stood back looking at him and said, "Oh, thank the Lord you are home!" At that moment, Don and Jackie came into the room and Jackie started barking and dancing around Roy. Tears came into Don's eyes as he took Roy's hand firmly and said, "Welcome home, son," after all the excitement quieted down.

Roy was able to say, "Dad, I have some good news. I am an officer now and they have a position for me at the base here."

And with that wonderful news, they all went into the kitchen to enjoy a U.S.A. Thanksgiving feast as a happy family.

A family's
Love[™]
is forever

Happy Thanksgiving!

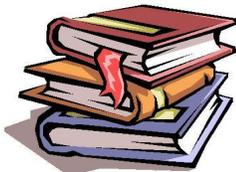
~Alice

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MONTHLY REMINDER
TEST YOUR EMERGENCY PHONE.
PRESS BUTTON ON PENDANT THE
SAME DAY EACH MONTH, SUCH
AS YOUR
BIRTHDAY DATE

MONDAY VAN SERVICES
MONDAY MORNINGS 10:00 A.M. GBV VAN TAKES
COTTAGE RESIDENTS TO GROCERY
AND OTHER ERRANDS
CALL JOHN
TO LEAVE A MESSAGE IF YOU REQUIRE
TRANSPORTATION ON MONDAYS
Please call him on Friday, prior to the Monday

**GBV's Hooked on
Books Club**



**Our books have been moved into the
Exercise Room, off of the Community
Room. The books will always be
available to you. Enjoy!**

**If you are still interested in filling out
a resident profile to be attached to a
future newsletter, just let the
Business Office know!**

**A grandpa and his grandson were playing
a round of golf one afternoon. While the
young man was a good golfer, his grand-
pa continued to offer him tips and chal-
lenges. At the eighth hole, Grandpa said,
"You know, when I was your age, I could
hit the ball right over the top of that tree."
So Grandpa hit the ball, and it bumped the
tree trunk and fell to the ground. "Of
course," Grandpa confessed, "when I
was your age, that tree was only two
feet tall."**

Water Volunteers Still Needed!
**The nursing center is still in need
of people to pass out ice water to
our residents. This takes about
one hour in the morning and it re-
ally helps out our nursing aides!**

**If you are interested in assisting in
this way, please call Marilyn.**

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