



# SHOP RAG



## ***What comes to mind, when you think of Thanksgiving?***

Do you picture a time of thankfulness toward God—or is it merely one of eating, partying or watching football?

Turkey dinners, cranberries, candied yams, stuffing, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and family gatherings—these are all commonly associated with most Americans' and Canadians' yearly celebration of giving thanks—Thanksgiving Day!

In the United States, Thanksgiving is on the fourth Thursday of November. In Canada, it is the second Monday in October. On this holiday, a Thanksgiving meal is prepared with all the trimmings; families gather together and talk, while others watch a game or a parade filled with pilgrims, Indians and other colonial figures. Some families may even have their own yearly Thanksgiving traditions.

## **Is Thanksgiving Day Biblical?**

In examining the origins of popular holidays, some may wonder if Thanksgiving Day is a biblical holiday, or whether it is rooted in paganism, as some have claimed.

Though not specifically mentioned in the Bible, Thanksgiving is different from most other national holidays. In fact, many nations celebrate their own unique harvest festivals. Deceived by Satan (**Rev. 12:9**), the world at large is cut off from the true God. Therefore, it should not be surprising that even such harvest festivals occasionally become tainted with the worship of heathen deities. Although such ancient festivals were usually influenced by paganism, history shows Thanksgiving Day as practiced in North America was unique. The originators of this day focused upon giving thanks for an abundant harvest, sorely needed for survival.

After reaping their first harvest in the fall of 1621, the pilgrims dedicated a day for thanking God for the bounty with which He had blessed them. They had endured the many hardships that came with pioneering a new land. They toiled through building an entire colony from what was simply wilderness. They were at peace with their neighbors. And they were especially grateful for their harvest. This allowed them to gather and store plenteous food and crops for the long and brutal winter ahead.

Clearly, pilgrims of the Plymouth colony gave God credit for all that they had. Notice the many references to God, and their acknowledgement of how He granted them so many blessings. The pilgrim's beliefs were firmly entrenched in the realization of God's presence and intervention in their everyday lives. Thanksgiving Day began because of this belief. It is a day dedicated to giving thanks to God for the many things we often take for granted.



## Minutes for the October 25th 2018 Meeting

Meeting was Called to order at 6:55

### **Board Members and Committee Chairs Present**

President - Charlie Lieber

V.P. - Bob Pisciotta

Secretary - Suzanne Macenas

Treasurer - Dave Lazzarini

Merchandise - Leilani Hosking

Membership - Craig Evans

Sergeant at Arms - Jerry Macenas

Events Chairman - Bob Pisciotta

Sunshine - Paulette Lieber

**Pledge** of Allegiance lead by Jerry Macenas, Sergeant at Arms,

**President Announcement** - Charlie announced that we would be taking up a collection for our Richies Waitress, Judy, and envelope was passed around, and will be available at the Progressive Dinner.

**Membership** - Craig Evans introduced a new couple Allen and Patricia Myers, they live very close to Richies and have had many cars over the years. They were in boating but now have an car, it is a 1936 "Slant back" Ford \*(see photo page 5). Craig also announced birthdays for October & November.

**Events Report-** Earl Oakden announced that Carlie and Keith won trophies at the Murrieta Car Show. Earl talked about Bates Nut Farm coming up on November 10th and we will meet at the Flag Pole off of Hwy 79 at 6:00 and leave at 6:15 sharp, bring unwrapped toy plus entry fee of \$20 if you pay at the gate, \$15 if pre-registered. Veterans 11/10, Irwindale on 12/8 \$25 before 11/17.

**Progressive Dinner** -Date will be October 27th starting at 2:30. Hors d'oeuvres will be at the home of Bob and Linda Pisciotta. Main meal at Craig and Karin Evans home, and then dessert will be hosted by Mark and Judy Jessop. Address and directions should have already been mailed out.

**Secretary Report** - Motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 2018 meeting a motion was made and approved unanimously.

**Merchandise** - Leilani Hosking said that if you want anything give her a call.

**Christmas Dinner** - Leilani and Diane Oakden have worked on the dinner 53 have signed up. Here is a reminder of the menu and address. IT'S FREE!! No host bar.

Over The Hill Gang TV  
Christmas Party  
Monday, December 3, 2018  
6:30 pm

Francesca's Italian Kitchen  
31165 Temecula Pkwy  
"Hwy 79 South"  
Temecula, CA 92592  
(951) 303-3306  
Menu Choices:

**Appetizers**

Choose one

- Bruschetta - Homemade bread with fresh tomatoes gorgonzola
- Polpette Italiane - Italian 100% ground beef meat balls

**Salad**

House Salad - Mix greens, cherry tomatoes, corn, carrots

**Entrée**

Choose One

- Ravioli Checca - ravioli stuffed with ricotta cheese, garlic, chopped tomato
- Chicken Mamma Mia - breast of chicken creamy mushrooms sauce
- Filet Mignon - cooked just the way you like it
- Fish - TBD depending on the market it will be Salmon, Sole or Tilapia

**Dessert**

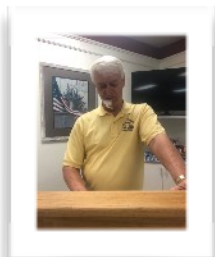
Cannoli & Gelato (ice cream) - pastry shell filled with chocolate chips, lemon & orange zest and ricotta cheese

(Beer, Wine & Cocktails available to purchase)

**GIFT EXCHANGE**

Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20. Men bring a gift for men and ladies bring a gift for ladies.

**Nominations were opened** - Dick and Craig were on the nominating committee and as usual it was very difficult to get anyone to commit for President, VP, and Secretary. Carl Nielsen and Larry stepped up to be VP. Dick explained that he is taking care of elderly and his daughter was diagnosed with uterine cancer, so he just can't be President.



**Members passing** - It was noted that both Ron King and Richard Larosa passed away, Ron was a member in good standing, and Richard was a passed member, they will be missed. The club will send flowers to Ron King's family and a card to Richard Larosa's family.

**Travels** - Jerry and Suzanne Macenas went to Washington State to see their grandson get married and on the way home Suzanne won \$700 at a casino...Woopy!!

**Next meeting will be on MONDAY, November the 19th** at Richies due to the Holiday on Thursday. The envelope will also be at this meeting for Judy (our waitress) if you wish to contribute.

**50/50** - Won by Fran Ness, congratulations!



Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.



Allen and Patricia Myers prospective members

**Photos - Progressive Dinner**

