



TEAM MATE

**MOUNT PROSPECT LIONS CLUB AND MOUNT PROSPECT LIONS CHARITIES, INC.
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday
of November.

It is a day observed for giving thanks
to God for one's blessings.

The Pilgrims, a group of English protestant worshipers, came to the new world seeking religious freedom. The Pilgrims, originally called separatists, later called Puritans, wanted to purify the teachings and ceremonies of the Church of England. King James I, the ruler of England would not recognize their rights to worship as they wished and they were punished and persecuted. Many sought refuge in the Netherlands and moved there in an effort to worship freely. However, they missed English Life and customs and many of them, when given the opportunity to go to the New World, America, gladly did so. They bordered the Mayflower on September 16, 1620 and landed off the coast of Cape Cod in Provincetown Harbor on November 21, 1620, sixty-six days after setting sail. A month later, under the leadership of Miles Standish, they chose a place to establish their colony and named it Plymouth, for the city in England from where they set sail. The Mayflower Compact, the first governing agreement ever put forth in America was written by the Pilgrims, before they ever set foot on land. It set up the rules for governing the colony they would establish and did in December of 1620. More than half of the colony died that winter of 1621. But, in the spring with the help of the Native Americans (or American Indians) who gave them seeds, showed them how to plant and introduced them to corn, the survivors were able to continue the colony and reap a harvest in the fall. The first Thanksgiving was observed that fall in 1621 to give thanks for their survival and their blessings especially, the freedom of worship. Indians brought corn and wild turkeys for the feast. The colonists made journey cakes, corn meal bread, nuts and succotash. The Pilgrim men killed geese, ducks and fish. Later, Governor William Bradford decreed a three day feast on July 30, 1623 for Thanksgiving observation. The custom spread from Plymouth throughout the New England colonies. During the American Revolution eight Thursdays of thanks were observed, praying for victory over the British. George Washington issued a general proclamation naming November 26 a day of National Thanksgiving in 1789. The Episcopalian Church announced that the first Thursday in November would be an annual day of giving thanks. There was not a National Day of Thanksgiving recognized throughout the United States for many years. Some recognized and observed a day while others did not. In 1830 New York declared an official state Thanksgiving, other northern states followed its example. Virginia was the first southern state to adopt a Thanksgiving Day in 1855. In 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving and praise. Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale worked many years to promote a national Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day for the next 75 years was then celebrated on the last Thursday in November as proclaimed by each president. However, in 1941 Congress ruled the fourth Thursday of November would now, be a federally recognized holiday. It has been celebrated as such ever since that time. The American Thanksgiving Day probably grew out of the harvest home celebrations observed in England. One of the first observances of thanksgiving prayers was observed by 39 English settlers on Berkeley James Plantation, on the river near what is now called, Charles City, Virginia. Their charter called for the day of their arrival, December 4, 1619 to be observed annually, as a day of Thanksgiving to God. Thanksgiving is celebrated with great dinners, prayers and visits among friends and families. Parades and football games are some of the events enjoyed on the day as well.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November Events

Nov. 5 - Board Meeting
Friedrichs Funeral Home (7:00)
Nov. 7 - Corned Beef Dinner
St Paul's Lutheran School Gym
Nov.13 - Business Meeting
Black Cow Kitchen & Bar (6:30)
Nov.19 - Festival Meeting
Friedrichs Funeral Home (7:00)

December Events

Dec. 3 - Board Meeting
Friedrichs Funeral Home (7:00)
Dec. 6 - Senior Christmas Party
Village Hall (1:00 - 3:00)
Dec. 11 - Club Christmas Party
Manzo's Banquets (6:30 - ???)
Dec. 17 - Festival Meeting
Friedrichs Funeral Home (7:00)

Happy Thanksgiving
November 27



Happy Chanukah
December 16-24



Merry Christmas
December 25



DONATIONS

\$8200.00 Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Food Pantry (Farmers Market)
\$5000.00 Church Gift Card Program - 5 churches receive \$1000 each in food cards (Farmers Market)
\$1500.00 St Raymond Special needs Resource Center (Farmers Market)
\$1500.00 St Mark Backpack Ministry (Farmers Market)
\$1103.00 Lions of Illinois Foundation (100% Candy Day Proceeds)
\$1000.00 WACO (Woodfield Area Children Organization) (Farmer Market)
\$ 600.00 Mount Prospect Historical Society
\$ 600.00 Christian Life Church
\$ 500.00 Salvation Army
\$ 500.00 Kate Conlon Basketball Tournament Sponsorship
\$ 450.00 Boy Scout Troop 117
\$ 350.00 Boy Scout Troop 23
\$ 350.00 Prospect H.S. Cross Country
\$ 300.00 Eye Examinations and Glasses for 2 Students
\$ 250.00 Fisher House Foundation in Memory of Lion Jim Calhoun
\$ 250.00 USO
\$ 50.00 Boy Scout Troop 155
\$ 50.00 Mount Prospect Cheerleaders

THANK YOU NOTES

Received thank you notes from the following people and organizations for our donations and concerns: Lions of Illinois Foundation for our donations of used eyeglasses, hearing aids, pop tops and batteries, and Blind Services Organization.

2014-15 DINNER MEETING ENTREES

December

11 - Annual Christmas Party at Manzo's
Banquets-Family Style

January (2015)

8 - Buffet-Salad, Mashed Potatoes, stir-fry steak,
Chicken Breast (Grecian), Grecian Pork Chops
and Dessert (Vanilla Ice Cream)

22 - Quad Club Meeting (Menu Unknown)

THEMES FOR THE CLUB'S DINNER MEETING

2014

Dec. 12 No Theme (Christmas Party)

2015

Jan. 8 - Wear a Crown (Try to Guess Why??)
22 - Wear a Summer Shirt

Feb. 12 - Wear Red
26 - Wear any Color but Bulls Colors

LIONS OF THE MONTH



Lion President Mike Giblin selected two Lions for the Lion of the Month honors. Lion Armand Andreoni and Lion Diana Valdivieso were selected for their outstanding endeavors in helping Lion President Mike in operating the Club fund raisers and fellowship project. Congratulations a well-deserved honor.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Our Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner was another success for this year, we had approximately 400 people attend the dinner. The raffle prizes were outstanding thanks in part to Lions Jessica and Diana. Our raffle number caller and her assist kept the night moving along on a steady pace. Harrington's Corned Beef was excellent as in the past. Another good touch of the evening was the entertainment of the Shannon Rovers and their bag pipes. They performed at the start of the evening. The Club would like to thank all the Lions and friends that helped make this year's event another great success. Thank you all.

SHORTS

PLEASE NOTE. Since the Quad Club Meeting is the same night, Thursday January 22nd, as our regular dinner at the Black Cow, we have cancelled our meeting at the Black Cow for that evening. Further information on the Quad meeting will be forth coming.

Our Annual Senior Christmas Party will held at the Village Hall on Saturday, December 6th from 1:00 - 3:00PM. As in the pass Lion Barb Laz our Chairperson would like a few Lions to help set-up for the party. If any Lion is available she could use your help starting around 11:30 AM. Lions will also be needed to help serve the cakes, cookies hot chocolate and coffee during the party. The St Viator's choir will be singing Christmas carols. Jose Sandoval will be at the piano and Santa and his elf will also be making an appearance.

Thursday, December 11th will be the Club annual Christmas Party at Manzo's Banquets. If you plan on attending please contact Lion Diana at either dianavald@yahoo.com or (312) 656-6206 by December 5th. Cocktails 6:30 PM and a family style dinner at 7:30 PM. With a visit from old St. Nick. Entertainment by Classical Blast. See attached flyer for full details.

SMILE

The pro football team had just finished their daily practice session when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded a tryout. Everyone stared in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line. When the turkey returned to the sidelines, the coach shouted, "You're terrific!!! Sign up for the season, and I'll see to it that you get a huge bonus." "Forget the bonus," the turkey said, "All I want to know is, does the season go past Thanksgiving Day?"

It was the first time the blonde was eating Thanksgiving dinner without her family. Trying to re-enact the tradition, she prepared a dinner for herself alone. The next day, her mother called to see how everything went. "Oh, mother, I made myself a lovely dinner, but I had so much trouble trying to eat the turkey!" said the daughter. "Did it not taste good?" her mother asked. "I don't know," the blonde said. "It wouldn't sit still!"

Last year on Thanksgiving, the childless farmer and his wife prayed for all their blessings. But, they also prayed that their loneliness of having no children be relieved. Their prayers were answered and the wife became pregnant. She gave birth to triplets! A friend remarked, "See, prayers are always answered." The farmer then then replied, "Yes, but I never prayed for a bumper crop like this!"



OUR NEWEST MEMBER
AND HER SPONSOR

CORNEB BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER





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You're invited to

**MOUNT PROSPECT LIONS CLUB
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Cocktails 6:30pm (cash bar)
Dinner 7:30pm

Manzo's Banquets
1571 Elmhurst Road (corner of Elmhurst Rd. and
Oakton St.)

Family Style Dinner will be served

Entertainment provided by: Classical Blast

Cost per person \$35.00
(You may pay the night of the party)

RSVP by December 5th to Lion Diana Valdivieso

Via Email: dianavald@yahoo.com or (312) 656-6206