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## History of Thanksgiving Day:

During the [American Revolution](#), the [Continental Congress](#) designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 [George Washington](#) issued the first **Thanksgiving** proclamation by the national government; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. [Constitution](#). His successors [John Adams](#) and [James Madison](#) also designated days of thanks during their presidencies. In 1817, [New York](#) became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual **Thanksgiving** holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and writer [Sarah Josepha Hale](#) - author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"- launched a campaign to establish **Thanksgiving** as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published editorials and sent letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians, earning her the nickname the "**Mother of Thanksgiving**." [Abraham Lincoln](#) finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the [Civil War](#), in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled **Thanksgiving** for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the [Great Depression](#). Roosevelt's plan, was met with opposition, and in 1941 he signed a bill making **Thanksgiving** the 4th Thursday in November.

## We're "Ringing the Bell" Again:

**Please** sign up for an hour or more of 'Bell Ringing' at the J. C. Penney store **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be passing the 'Sign-up' sheet during this meeting and on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. We do this every year & have a friendly contest to see which 'door' gets the most donations! Note that our Christmas Gathering at Debbie's is on that date, from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### Board Meeting Matters:

During yesterday's meeting, the Board approved using part of our 'Dollar Bowl' donations for a 'Christmas tip' to River Smith's 'servers'. A portion of the donations are used for flowers or memorial gifts given to the family of deceased club members.

Board decided to have meetings **on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a 'Round Table' meeting.

**Debbie Conn**, recently retired, and will be Chairperson for our club's "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" celebration! **Dianah Ascencio** will assist, and **Charles Zeeck** will be the club's 'Historian', and will obtain a 'Proclamation' from our mayor.

**Please contact Debbie if you would like to help them with this historic event coming in 2022!**

**John Paul Batrice** has confirmed that **Plains Capital Bank** will have 107 flags flying around seven of their banks in Lubbock. That will provide \$3,745 more flag income!

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## John Paul Batrice's



## Bits & Pieces

### [Non-Native John Paul Says: "You Know You're in West Texas ..."](#)

*If someone in a Lowe's store offers assistance and they don't work there, you live in W. Texas;*

*If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you live in West Texas;*

*If you measure distance in hours, you live in West Texas;*

*If you carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you live in West Texas*

*If you find 60 degrees 'a little chilly,' you live in West Texas!*

### Punographics:

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst!

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me!

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down!

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O!

### Member Announcements:

**Debbie Conn** – save the date! Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday! Our Christmas Gathering will be at **Debby's** house: 3:00 – 8:00. **Please RSVP!**

### December Birthdays!

**David Campbell** – 4<sup>th</sup>

**Paul Campbell** – 8<sup>th</sup>

**Sam Cross** – 22<sup>nd</sup>

## TODAY

**Thurs. Dec. 2:** Steve Gomez, LCU Alumnus & Coach of LCU Women's Basketball for 18 years.

## ALSO COMING SOON

**Thurs. Dec. 9:** Patti Mandrell, M.Ed., LPC, EAP, Co-Founder of REFUGE Services, Inc., of Lubbock.

**Thurs. Dec. 16:** Charles Perry, State Senator, Dist. 28, & practicing CPA.

