

November 2020

Celebrating 101 years of Service 1919-2020

Girls Service League

The Women's Policy Forum (WPF) of Tarrant County hosts 2020 Symposium

This year the Women's Policy Forum (WPF) of Tarrant County held their annual symposium on Friday, October 23 as a Virtual event, with six distinguished speakers sharing their thoughts on "The Changing FACE of HealthCare". Topics such as Social determinants of Health, Access to Health Care, Consumers and Providers, plus Education and Literacy were discussed.

The Girls' Service League was a proud Silver sponsor of the event with GSL members in attendance (Paula Snider, President; Elizabeth Davis-Lydia, Third Vice President/ Membership Chair; Judy Albright, Treasurer & Membership Committee; Jeanette Simcox, Chaplain & Membership Committee; Evette Brazzile, Membership Committee; Joyce Sapp, Membership Committee; and Pat Pattison, Administrative assistant).



Featured speakers for the 2020 symposium consisted of:

- Kayla Fair, DrPH, Assistant Professor, Public Health Education, School of Public Health, UNT Health Science Center
- LaTasha Jarrett, MD, Chief Medical Officer, North Texas Area Community Health Center
- Beverly Powell, MBA, Texas State Senator
- Susan R. Bailey, MD, President, American Medical Association
- Carol Brown, CEO, Como Lions Heart
- Diana Cervantes, DrPH, Assistant Professor & Director, MPH Epidemiology Program, School of Public Health, UNTHSC

If you missed the event or would like to see it again, a recording is now available on the WPF website:

<https://www.womenpolicyforum.org>

President's Message

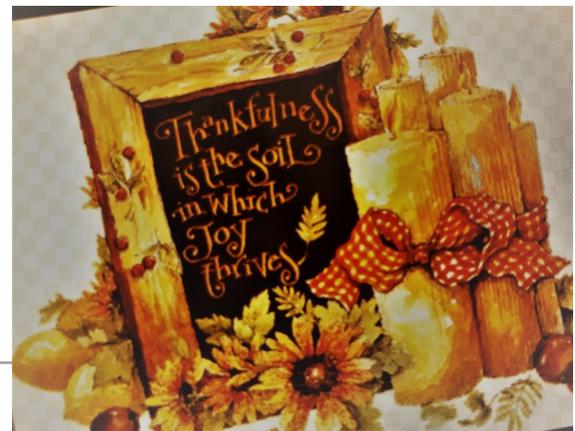
Have a wonderful November!

I am very thankful for all the hard work all have done for the League. All of you are amazing women.

Please remember that we are now taking applications for our scholarships. All of the information is on our Website.

Enjoy the thanksgiving season however you choose to celebrate it.

Thanksgiving Blessings to you.
Paula Snider, GSL President



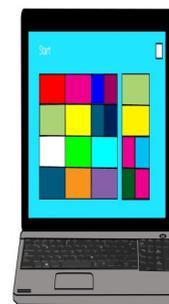
A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to the many donors who gave monetary gifts, in memory of Virginia C. Taggart, to the Girls Service League, Inc. scholarship fund. It is nice to know you took the time to honor Virginia's life and work with GSL in this way. Because of your gracious generosity the money that was donated to our organization will assist women pursuing a bachelor's degree at a college or university in Texas.

**“Appreciation is a wonderful thing: it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.”
- Voltaire**



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!



WEBSITE

WWW.GIRLSSERVICELEAGUE.COM

As of October 1, 2020, the updated GSL scholarship application is on our website. If you know of any high school graduates, college students or women returning to college interested in applying for a Fall 2021 scholarship, please refer her to the website for information or call the office for more information as needed. The deadline for all applications to be in the GSL office is

Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Message from Jan—

How can we best pray during this Pandemic?



Sometimes we feel powerless, but maybe feeling small and powerless is our reminder to pray.

It is our first point of action.

Pray for the poor and the homeless and those with heavy concerns of loss and grief

Pray for the ill who are infected with Covid and other diseases.

Pray for our government that it may have more knowledge and wisdom and reduce our anxieties and panic.

Pray for those with mental health challenges, give them hope for a better life Provide us with words of hope and equip us with love and the desire to serve others.

For those who have maintained good health, we are grateful

In the name of our Lord, Amen

**Jan Simcox- GSL Chaplain
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November question:

Whether you will participate in a virtual or in person Thanksgiving, what's the secret to a happy Thanksgiving family/friends gathering?

- My family will meet in person for Thanksgiving. Since some of us only see each other during the holidays, it is so fun to see everyone and catch up on what has been happening in our lives. We appreciate each other and all of us get along!! **Judy Albright**
- No plans as of now for Thanksgiving.

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- We plan to have Thanksgiving dinner at home and after dinner we will have a family zoom party to pray together to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, visit and play a game together!

Phyllis A. Burton-Jenkins

- The food! **Evette Brazzile**
- My happy Thanksgiving is every day with my son who is my family. My few friends are at a distance. Take care. **Ruby McEwing**
- Thanksgiving is about celebrating and being grateful for family and friends. Grateful for the lives God has given to us. **Michielle Benson**
- I probably will participate in a virtual Thanksgiving with my out of town son and family. My secret is to keep in touch with family and friends all during the year. **Claudia Coggins**
- I will see family over Thanksgiving.

Paula Snider

November Celebratory Days!

- 5- National Men Make Dinner Day
- 7- International Merlot Day, Book Lovers Day
- 10- Sesame Street Day
- 11- Veterans Day
- 12- Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
- 13- Caregiver Appreciation Day
- 14- Loosen Up Day, World Diabetes Day
- 15- Clean out your Refrigerator Day
- 16- International Day of Tolerance
- 17- World Peace Day
- 26- Thanksgiving Day, National Day of Listening

Thanksgiving Trivia Questions

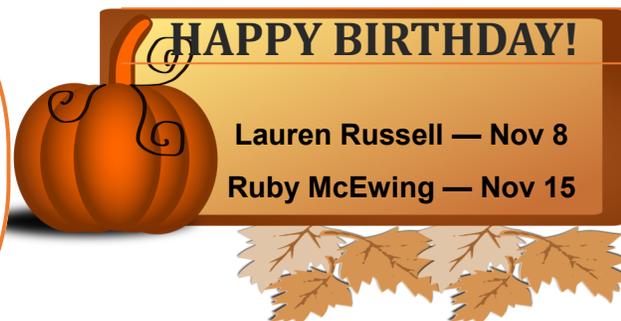
1. What year was the first Thanksgiving held?
2. How many pounds of turkey does the average American eat each year?
3. What are female turkeys called?
4. What company created the original green bean casserole?
5. What year was the first Macy's Thanksgiving parade?
6. What famous Thanksgiving fruit bounces?
7. What is the name of the Indian tribe that celebrated Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?
8. How long did the first Thanksgiving feast last?
9. What type of silverware was missing at the first Thanksgiving?
10. What two teams played in the first NFL Thanksgiving Day game?
11. What was the first character balloon featured in the Macy's Thanksgiving parade in 1931?

Answers: 1. 1621 2. 15 lbs. (according to the National Turkey Federation) 3. Hens 4. Campbell's 5. 1924 6. Cranberries 7. Wampanoag 8. Three days 9. Forks 10. Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears 11. Felix the Cat

THANKSGIVING JOKES!

- Turkey is sitting in the lawyer's office making out his will. Turkey to lawyer...."and Farmer Brown gets nothing if I die under suspicious circumstances".
- "Thanksgiving is the day men start getting in shape for Santa Claus." - Melanie White
- "You can tell you ate too much for Thanksgiving when you have to let your bathrobe out."- Jay Leno
- "A new survey found that 80% of men say they help with Thanksgiving dinner. Which makes sense when you hear they consider saying "that smells good" to be helping."

Most of all, don't forget to have fun and enjoy the holiday with family and/or friends.



Some surprising facts about Thanksgiving

- Sarah Joseph Hale lobbied Congress to make Thanksgiving an official holiday. It began in 1827. In 1863 Pres. Lincoln declared Thanksgiving an official holiday.
- In 1939 FDR changed the date of Thanksgiving to one week earlier. In 1941 FDR signed a bill making the fourth Thursday in November the official date for Thanksgiving nation wide.
- The first Thanksgiving Day parade in 1924 featured live animals from the Central Park Zoo. In 1927 Tony Starz, *Good Housekeeping* illustrator made floats come to life for the first balloon used in the parade.
- Thanksgiving left overs led to the first ever TV dinner. Swanson over estimated how much turkey would be consumed on Thanksgiving and had to get creative with 260 tons of left over meat. The Thanksgiving inspired meal sold for 98 cents each. Ten million were sold, thus, the birth of the pre-packaged frozen meal industry.
- The idea of a store sponsored Thanksgiving Day parade originated with Philadelphia's Gimbel Bros. department store.
- Thanksgiving Day football games began in the 1870s. In 1876 Yale played Princeton.

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities in blessings.
-William A. Ward

Funny Thanksgiving Quotes

- "Thanksgiving – When the people who are the most thankful are the ones who didn't have to cook."
-Melanie White
- "After a good dinner one can forgive anybody, even one's own reflection." - Oscar Wilde
- "Vegetables are a must for a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie."
- Jim Davis
- "An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day." -Irv Kupcinet
- "The thing I'm most thankful for right now is elastic waistbands." - Hannah Smith
- "If you think about Thanksgiving dinner, it's really like making a large chicken."
-Ina Garten, Barefoot Contessa