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There was not a meeting today - Thanksgiving break



We all know the history of Thanksgiving in the United States. The original banquet may, or may not, have included the current traditional foods, but the sentiment remains consistent. Each of us can easily find many things for which we are thankful, and it would be futile to try to determine them all, let alone effort to list them here. Thanksgiving holiday is not unique to the United States however. Many other countries celebrate their own day of thanks and many are for generally the same reason as ours. Erntedankfest, the thanksgiving celebration of Germany, occurs around harvest time, September or October. Korea has Chuseok as a celebration of the harvest and thanksgiving for the bounty of the earth. In Japan, Labor Thanksgiving Day is a time to commemorate labor and production and to give one another thanks. Canadian Thanksgiving was first celebrated in 1578. The spirit of their holiday is to give thanks and celebrate the harvest. Ghana's Homowo commemorates the history when there was a serious famine in the land.¹ Grenada's Thanksgiving marks the anniversary of the 1983 U.S. military invasion to restore order after the death of communist leader Maurice Bishop.² It is also quite interesting to discover that there are countries that celebrate the United States Thanksgiving holiday. Liberia: This country was colonized by former slaves from the US and they continued the US tradition when they arrived in their new land. Puerto Rico: Puerto Ricans may not have any direct ties to the original festivities of Thanksgiving, but residents of this American territory have certainly embraced the holiday with open arms. Thanksgiving falls on the same day as in the U.S., leads into a Black Friday shopping frenzy and kicks off the Christmas season.³ Norfolk Islands: American trader Isaac Robinson settled in Norfolk and became the island's first (and so far, only) United States consol. He proposed dressing up the All Saints Church in Kingston for an American-style Thanksgiving service in the mid-1890s to the delight of visiting American whalers, and parishioners still celebrate the public holiday today.^{1,2} Netherlands: About 40% of the adult Pilgrims that sailed on the Mayflower lived and worked in the Netherlands city of Leiden, from 1609 to 1620, before their voyage to the new world. The connection is still strong enough that every year, on the day of American Thanksgiving, people gather in a 900-year-old church to celebrate the perseverance and good fortunes of the early American settlers.^{3,4} Whether you were celebrating at home, or in some other part of the world, we hope that your holiday was enjoyable and that your list of reasons to be thankful continues to grow every day. Hope to see you all at our next meeting, November 29th, where I will be thankful for the EAGA friendships, the interesting conversations, and the always important ...bacon.

¹ <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/thanksgiving-in-8-other-countries>

² mentalfloss.com

³ <http://www.ibtimes.com/>

⁴ [Colin Schultz / Smithsonian.com](http://www.smithsonian.com)

◆ First announcement of prospective new members:

Interim Healthcare of Central NM
 Representative: Brandon Saylor
 Category: Home Health Care
 Sponsor: Mark Tobiassen

If you have an objection to this company becoming a member, or if you have any information that you feel should be considered during the application review process, please contact Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper, (jdzipper@comcast.net - 505-259-5959), as soon as possible.

- ◆ We are very sad to announce that C.L. Bentley, Jeff's father, passed away on November 17th. We offer our condolences to Jeff and his family. You can read Mr. Bentley's obituary and note memorial requests at the site: <http://www.boxwellbrothers.com/obit/carrol-lee-c-l-bentley-november-17-2016/>
- ◆ Have you made your nomination for one of the four Board of Director positions that will become available as terms expire? You can nominate yourself, or any other member that has been in the organization for at least one year and is currently in good standing. Voting will take place during our second breakfast meeting in December.
- ◆ PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, WE WILL NOT HAVE TUESDAY MEETINGS ON December 27th and JANUARY 3rd.
- ◆ EAGA Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 3rd. Sign up will end on November 29th, so our next meeting will be the last chance to get your name on the attendee list. The event is free for EAGA members and their spouse / significant other. Guests are also welcome at \$30 per person. Please make sure that Mario has names of guests as well. A Hospitality Suite will be active from 5:00 to 6:00pm. The party will start with a cocktail hour from 6 to 7pm; Dinner from 7:00 to 8:00pm and dancing from 8:30 to 11:00pm. The Committee has a substantial amount of door prizes that will be given away during the event. There will be complimentary drink tickets for attendees; laughter, frivolity and a good time to be had by all. Hope to see you there.

Badge Board Greeters

Nov 29th	Scott Gorman—Gorman Industries, Inc
Dec 6th	Adam Tafoya—New York Life / Klint Hall—Lobo Wealth Strategies
Dec 13th	Damian Pascetti—Pascetti Steel / Jerry Becker—Steamatic
Dec 20th	Kit Turpen—HUB International
Dec 27th	NO MEETING. HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH HOLIDAY
Jan 3rd	NO MEETING SO MEMBERS CAN CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR
Jan 10th	Soren Thomsen—TEMA Furniture
Jan 17th	Mike Deveraux—Document Imaging Of The Southwest
Jan 24th	Raul Rodriguez—Kings Of Wrap

Upcoming Speakers

Nov 29th	Tom McMahon—Sunquest Advertising
Dec 6th	Mike Skolnick—Excalibur Realty
Dec 13th	Garrett Hennessy—TLC Plumbing & Heating
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