

**Dear friends,**

Before the trivia and the photos and the quotations and song lyrics, for this Thanksgiving edition (#39) in our ongoing series of activity packets, we share a couple of poems we hope you will enjoy.

**“A Thanksgiving Poem”**  
(Paul Laurence Dunbar)

*Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,  
Looked down on us with holy care,  
And from thy storehouse in the sky  
Hast scattered plenty everywhere.*

*Then lift we up our songs of praise  
To thee, O Father, good and kind;  
To thee we consecrate our days;  
Be thine the temple of each mind.*

*With incense sweet our  
thanks ascend;  
Before thy works our powers pall;  
Though we should strive years without  
end,  
We could not thank  
Thee for them all.*

And this untitled poem comes from  
Lizelia A. J. Moorer:

*Thankful for all things let us be,  
Though there be woes and misery;  
Lessons they bring us for our good  
Later 'twill all be understood.*

*Thankful for peace  
o'er land and sea,  
Thankful for signs of liberty,*

*Thankful for homes,  
for life and health,  
Pleasure and plenty,  
fame and wealth.*

*Thankful for friends  
and loved ones too,  
Thankful for all things,  
good and true,  
Thankful for harvest in the fall,  
Thankful to Him who gave it all.*

Okay, one more. This from an unknown poet usually entitled **“Thanksgiving Observance.”**

*Count your blessings  
instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains  
instead of your losses.  
Count your joys  
instead of your woes;  
Count your friends  
instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles  
instead of your tears;  
Count your courage  
instead of your fears.  
Count your full years  
instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds  
instead of your mean.  
Count your health  
instead of your wealth;  
Count on God  
instead of yourself.*

***Happy Thanksgiving  
from Denny and Claire!***

## Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) John Wayne portrayed Davy Crockett in what 1960 film?  
A) *King of the Wild Frontier*  
B) *Davy Crockett & the River Pirates*  
C) *The Alamo*  
D) *Davy Crockett: Indian Scout*
- 2) The 1958 song, "Tom Dooley" was a hit record for...  
A) The Kingston Trio  
B) The Beach Boys  
C) Woody Guthrie  
D) Peter, Paul, and Mary
- 3) "When you care enough to send the very best" is an advertising line used by what company?  
A) U.S. Post Office  
B) Fed Ex  
C) 1-800-Flowers  
D) Hallmark
- 4) True or False -- The first Thanksgiving (in the year 1621) lasted for an entire day. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Who are the cartoon mascots of Kellogg's cereal Rice Krispies?  
A) Ruff & Ready  
B) Snap, Crackle, & Pop  
C) Tony the Tiger & Toothy the Tiger  
D) Quisp, Quilley, & Quark
- 6) The 1963 recording of "Danke Schoen" became the signature song for what performer who would eventually become a Las Vegas fixture?  
A) Tom Jones  
B) Englebert Humperdinck  
C) Wayne Newton  
D) Celine Dion
- 7) This President was so worried about the separation of church and state, he refused to designate Thanksgiving as a national holiday.  
A) George Washington  
B) Thomas Jefferson  
C) Abraham Lincoln  
D) Teddy Roosevelt
- 8) True or False -- Rose hips contain more vitamin C than almost any other fruit or vegetable. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) If you were considering a visit to Silver Dollar City, what nearby town would also provide entertaining opportunities?  
A) Branson, Missouri  
B) Reno, Nevada  
C) Estes Park, Colorado  
D) Fort Worth, Texas
- 10) The musical instrument most associated with Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and Jack Teagarden was the...  
A) Piano  
B) Trumpet  
C) Clarinet  
D) Trombone

11) What was the 1963 musical movie starring Dick Van Dyke, Janet Leigh, Ann-Margret, and Bobby Rydell?

- A) *The Sword in the Stone*
- B) *Bye Bye Birdie*
- C) *The Pink Panther*
- D) *Gidget Goes to Rome*

12) The Bible tells us that which of Jesus' disciples denied Him 3 times before the cock crowed?

- A) Matthew
- B) Mark
- C) Stephen
- D) Peter

13) 400 million pounds of this product are consumed by Americans each year. And 20% of that is during the week of Thanksgiving!

- A) Pumpkin pie filling
- B) Yams
- C) Cranberries
- D) French's Crispy Fried Onions

14) This country singer gave us "White Lightning," "She Thinks I Still Care," "He Stopped Loving Her Today," and (singing with Tammy Wynette) "We're Gonna Hold On."

- A) George Jones
- B) Merle Haggard
- C) Kris Kristofferson
- D) Waylon Jennings

15) True or False -- It is male turkeys that actually "gobble." (Female turkeys "cackle" instead.) \_\_\_\_\_

16) Name these two cartoon characters.

- A) Frick & Frack
- B) Tom & Jerry
- C) Heckle & Jeckel
- D) Marion & Luigi



17) True or False -- Newly licensed drivers between 16 and 17 years old are more likely to be in a fatal car accident than adults. \_\_\_\_\_

18) Classical music fans know that the opening for *The Lone Ranger* television show was:

- A) Rossini's *William Tell Overture*
- B) Mozart's *Serenade No. 13*
- C) Beethoven's *Für Elise*
- D) Bach's *Toccatina in D minor*

19) Back in the day, this was a common phrase used by parents towards their kids: "Straighten up..."

- A) and do your best."
- B) and fly right."
- C) or else you'll always be crooked."
- D) or you're grounded forever."

20) In the classic Christmas film "It's a Wonderful Life," the villain is a miserly, cruel, and conniving businessman. Who plays that role?

- A) Ward Bond
- B) Henry Fonda
- C) Ronald Colman
- D) Lionel Barrymore

21) On the average, 50 million pumpkin pies are eaten at Thanksgiving. 1 million of those will come from...

- A) Village Inn
- B) Costco
- C) Gas station grocery marts
- D) Trader Joe's

22) True or False -- The name of the Native American who befriended the Pilgrims and acted as their interpreter for the first Thanksgiving was Tisquantum. But most know him better as Squanto. \_\_\_\_\_

23) When is it okay to drive off the paved roadway in order to pass another vehicle?

- A) When the driver ahead motions that it's safe.
- B) If the vehicle you are going to pass is turning left.
- C) When you have a high-clearance vehicle and are a very talented driver.
- D) It is never okay.

24) Who is the goofy cartoon sidekick to Rocky the Flying Squirrel?

- A) Bullwinkle J. Moose
- B) Bluto
- C) Jeep the dog
- D) Quick-Draw McGraw

25) "Calgon, take me away" was an ad phrase illustrating how stressed out people could relax by using...

- A) Major Calgon Chocolate Drink
- B) Calgon cigarettes
- C) Calgon bath products
- D) Calgon Publishing romance novels

26) "Blue Velvet," "Blue on Blue," "Mr. Lonely," "Roses Are Red," & "My Melody of Love" were all hits for this crooner...

- A) Bobby Vinton
- B) Bobby Rydell
- C) Bobby Darin
- D) Bobby Vee

27) Yes, we all know Green Bean Casserole as one of America's favorite side dishes for big family meals like Thanksgiving. But did you know it had a specific beginning in 1955 as a recipe from this company?

- A) Swanson Frozen Dinners
- B) Campbell's Soup
- C) French's Crispy Fried Onions
- D) Green Giant Canned Mushrooms

28) Besides an honorary Academy Award, Gary Cooper won two Best Actor Oscars. The first was for *Sergeant York* in 1942. The other was for this 1953 western movie.

- A) *The Violent Men*
- B) *Shane*
- C) *High Noon*
- D) *Winchester '73*

29) True or False -- The most popular alternative to turkey on Thanksgiving is chicken. \_\_\_\_\_

30) Since 1970 "Feliz Navidad" has been an incredibly popular Christmas songs. Who recorded that song?

- A) Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass
- B) Ritchie Valens
- C) Gloria Estefan
- D) José Feliciano

## Can you name these Ronald Reagan co-stars?



\* Shirley Temple

\* Patricia Neal

\* Rhonda Fleming

\* Ann Sheridan

\* Doris Day

\* Bette Davis

\* Angie Dickinson

\* Virginia Mayo

\* Barbara Stanwyck

10) Which of these won two Academy Awards for Best Actress?

## Can you name these John Wayne co-stars?



\* Claire Trevor

\* Patricia Neal

\* Maureen O'Hara

\* Donna Reed

\* Raquel Welch

\* Ann-Margret

\* Angie Dickinson

\* Sophia Loren

\* Marlene Dietrich

10) Which of these co-starred with the Duke in 5 films?

## Thanksgiving Season Quotes (Part 2) (Part 1 was last week)

“How wonderful it would be if we could help our children and grandchildren to learn thanksgiving at an early age. Thanksgiving opens the doors. It changes a child’s personality. Thankful children want to give; they radiate happiness; they draw people.” (Sir John Templeton)

“A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue,  
but the parent of all the other virtues.” (Cicero)

“In that day you will say: ‘Give thanks to the Lord,  
call on His name. Make known among the nations what He has done  
and proclaim that His name is exalted.’” (Isaiah 12:4)

“Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road.” (John Henry Jowett)

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought,  
and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” (G.K. Chesterton)

“How slow we are to thank and swift to grumble.” (Martyn Lloyd-Jones)

“Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world.” (John Milton)



“Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.” (A.A. Milne)

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful  
and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2)

## **What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?**

- 1) “Over the river and through the woods to grandmother’s house we go...
- 2) “Now is the hour when we must say goodbye. Soon you’ll be sailing far across the sea...
- 3) “You always hurt the one you love, the one you shouldn’t hurt at all...
- 4) “Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord...
- 5) “I’m looking over a four-leaf clover that I overlooked before...
- 6) “I’ll be seeing you in all the old familiar places that this heart of mine embraces all day through...
- 7) “East is east and west is west and the wrong one I have chose...
- 8) “It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold...
- 9) “I’d love to get you on a slow boat to China, all to myself alone...
- 10) “He’s making a list and checking it twice...



## **The Answers!**

### **Multiple Choice**

- 1) C
- 2) A
- 3) D
- 4) False – It was 3 days.
- 5) B
- 6) C
- 7) B
- 8) True
- 9) A
- 10) D
- 11) B
- 12) D
- 13) C
- 14) A
- 15) True
- 16) C
- 17) True -- In fact, nearly 3 times as likely.
- 18) A
- 19) B
- 20) D
- 21) B
- 22) True
- 23) D
- 24) A
- 25) C
- 26) A
- 27) B
- 28) C
- 29) False – It's ham.
- 30) D

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- 1) Angie Dickinson
- 2) Doris Day
- 3) Virginia Mayo
- 4) Ann Sheridan
- 5) Shirley Temple
- 6) Bette Davis
- 7) Patricia Neal
- 8) Rhonda Fleming
- 9) Barbara Stanwyck
- 10) 6 (Bette Davis)

### **Can you name these John Wayne co-stars?**

- 1) Raquel Welch
- 2) Patricia Neal
- 3) Angie Dickinson
- 4) Marlene Dietrich
- 5) Maureen O'Hara
- 6) Ann-Margret
- 7) Donna Reed
- 8) Sophia Loren
- 9) Claire Trevor
- 10) 5 (Maureen O'Hara)

### **What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?**

- 1) "...The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh through the white and drifted snow. Oh!"
- 2) "...While you're away, oh then, remember me. When you return, you'll find me waiting here."
- 3) "...You always take the sweetest rose and crush it till the petals fall."

4) "...Thou my great Father and I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one."

5) "...One leaf is sunshine, the second is rain. The third is the roses that grow in the lane."

6) "...In that small cafe; the park across the way; the children's carousel; the chestnut trees; the wishing well."

7) "...Let's go where they keep on wearin' those frills and flowers and buttons and bows, rings and things and buttons and bows."

8) "... 'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King.' The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing."

9) "...Get you and keep you in my arms evermore. And leave all your lovers weeping on the faraway shore."

10) "...Gonna' find out who's naughty and nice. Santa Claus is coming to town."