



THE BULLETIN

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An avid reader for years, Frank Eastland to the Florence Exchange Club members of an article about “15 things to do now.”

He said he would narrow the topics down to three in which the FEC could have an impact on this community.

Frank told a story of being contracted by the Industrial Development group in Tupelo to fly a Canadian businessman around various vacant sites. He along with five others were entertained at a very impressive luncheon that day.

This led into his first “things to do now.” The Exchange Club fellowship/recruitment committee would plan a special date with all members inviting prospective members and have an enticing meal. The purpose is to showcase the Exchange Club as to what the members do for the community. “We need to increase our membership,” he stressed. “We must look to the younger friends who would have the same passion as we do in providing the wonderful programs to this community.”



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mike Doyle
Nov 24

Thanksgiving
November 26

Doug Evans
December 1

Joe Flippen
December 8

The second topic would be to call upon the local and state government officials to improve all roads leading into the Quad city area. We should petition the officials in helping to four-lane the roads from the Tennessee state line. Both Lauderdale and Colbert Counties are unique places to live and shop. Motels have been built, sports facilities are great, new small businesses are locating here and the fishing and golfing events are attracting visitors.

Frank’s third thing to do would be to petition the Department of the US Treasury to add Helen Keller to the \$20 bill. Much has been said about the different candidates, but with the tremendous story of Ms. Keller’s accomplishment, this would be a “no brainer!” This action ties in with the upcoming 100-year celebration of the women’s suffrage movement.

Mike Doyle has promised to bring a special speaker this next Tuesday. Keith Jones is the current Executive Director of the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments in Muscle Shoals, Al. NA-COLG serves the citizens of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion and Winston County in Northwest Alabama.



President Adin has rescheduled the **Board meeting** for this Monday (Nov. 23) again at 5 PM.

Other administrative notes: The flags for the Christmas Parade are now available for the GIVEAKIDAFLAGTOWAVE program. The parade is set for a **Thursday night December 10**. Contact Joe Flippen and Adin to set a time and place to meet.

Our own “Santa” will not be Santa this year, so the Christmas Party Committee will have to make other plans for the party. Adin mentioned it will be on the regular Tuesday meeting day (Dec. 15). Look for more information on this later.

Please turn in your pecan sales monies quickly. At last count, there are 12 cases left.

Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have.

Thanksgiving Day parades are held in some cities and towns on or around Thanksgiving Day. Some parades or festivities also mark the opening of the Christmas shopping season. Some people have a four-day weekend so it is a popular time for trips and to visit family and friends.

There are claims that the first Thanksgiving Day was held in the city of El Paso, Texas in 1598. Another early event was held in 1619 in the Virginia Colony. Many people trace the origins of the modern Thanksgiving Day to the harvest celebration that the Pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. However, their first true thanksgiving was in 1623, when they gave thanks for rain that ended a drought. These early thanksgivings took the form of a special church service, rather than a feast.

In the second half of the 1600s, thanksgivings after the harvest became more common and started to become annual events. However, it was celebrated on different days in different communities and in some places there were more than one thanksgiving each year. George Washington, the first president of the United States, proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1789.



Cake Day is on November 26. Have your cake and eat it too on one of the greatest holidays ever invented.

Also known as National Cake Day in the United States, this unofficial holiday whose origins are unknown, celebrates and honors cake, the food of champions.

Cake has been everyone's favorite dessert since ancient times, though the earliest cakes were more like bread and were usually sweetened with honey. These cakes were mostly used for religious purposes and in religious and cultural ceremonies and were usually round in shape since they were made and moulded by hands.

These days, advances in baking technology has made cake baking and decorating a specialized culinary field with bakers and decorators constantly trying to create elaborate, gravity defying cakes.