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Ank's Angle

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday and here in the US, in spite of the market/economy, we have so much to be thankful for. A roof over our head, great food to eat and surrounded by folks that love us. We need to be thankful for what we do have and not for what we don't! It's the small thanks that count, not the bigger picture that we have no control over. So this Thanksgiving, let's be Thankful. And positive for the future.....

Happy Thanksgiving,
Dave Ankenbrandt

• From The Bull Pen



What Happened to Thanksgiving?

It is that time of the year again. It is time for the great gobbler to come and stuff us all. Go

good family, friends and good times. If you look around the retail stores and what the media is putting out, one would think that they are trying to stuff us with something else, An Early Holiday Season!

What is wrong with Thanksgiving? It seems like every year the holiday decorations come out earlier and earlier. This year some stores had Christmas decorations next to the Halloween decorations. In high school, I worked in a retail store and the owner insisted on putting Christmas decorations right after Halloween and he was *Jewish*. We fought round and round about it and he always said to me it is sales that dictated the season, not the calendar. Well to that I say BA HUMBUG!

Thanksgiving is a holiday that EVERYONE can and should celebrate. After all, we all have something to be thankful for. Even in “interesting” times like we are in now, we all have either family, friends, our health (ok, maybe not all of us on the health thing) and some of you even have a good job. I am a firm believer that if you take care of yourself and those close to you, the good things fall into place. If we all were thankful for those special things that are close to us, *everything* would fall into place, right?

Looking back on it, my boss might have been wrong, at least for one day of the year. This year, I will take the time on Thanksgiving Day to look around you and see what you are thankful for and make it a point to let them know. Then on Friday, go ahead and go shopping and enjoy all of the sales and decorations.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Scott



Simple Networking Tips

1. Bring your business cards everywhere. You never know who you might run into.
2. Don't be shy. Talk to anyone about what you do for a living. You never know who the

3. Join LinkedIn, Facebook or any of the other networking sites. Make sure you have a profile on line. And -- Blog – it's good for business.
4. Always be positive about your experience working and show joy for what you do – even if you have to fake it. People like to talk to people who are happy and positive and will most likely try to help you.



Mayflower/Pilgrim Trivia

- The voyage took 66 days to cross the Atlantic.
- 102 passengers sailed from Plymouth and 102 arrived in New England.
- The three-day harvest feast celebrated by 52 colonists, Massasoit, and 90 Indians was the "First Thanksgiving".
- The Pilgrims used a knife, a spoon, a large napkin and their fingers – no forks!
- There was no school in the early years of New Plymouth. Parents who wanted their children to read and write had to do it themselves.

Quotable Quotes:

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when we don't diet. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving? ~Erma Bombeck, "No One Diets on Thanksgiving", 26 November 1981

On Thanksgiving Day, all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment - halftime. Unknown

Thanksgiving is America's national chow-down feast, the one occasion each year when gluttony becomes a patriotic duty. ~Michael Dresser

Regards,



Who are we?

TAG is a long established, Newport Beach Executive Search Firm serving the Real Estate, Financial and Manufacturing sectors. President David Ankenbrandt began his career with Robert Half in the seventies with a partner opened an independent search and consulting firm. In 1993, Dave went solo and TAG was incorporated and has taken pride in offering superior service and professionalism throughout the years.

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