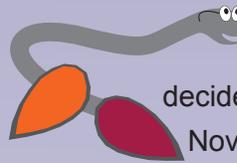


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Greetings Everyone! We have decided to do something different for our November newsletter. Our hope is to encourage everyone with a little hope, fun, optimism, and especially gratitude. A heartfelt Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

The question of the month is—For what are you most thankful, grateful, or happy?

Debbie Gilsdorf—I am grateful for every day that I get up and for everything!

Ana Gutierrez—Even though they aren't my blood family, I have great kids. I am grateful for my health and that I live in a relatively peaceful country.

Mike Vogt—I am grateful that Over the River and Through the Woods isn't a song we have to sing here.

Andy Ip—I am happy about being with my whole family on Thanksgiving. I am thankful for friends and parents because they make my life happier.

Jeanie Hogg—I am grateful to have my grandson back from Iraq. I am thankful that my family is well and happy. I am grateful for two new great grand children and one grandchild, all born healthy.

Cate McNamara—I am thankful for the variety of opportunities that come along my way. I am grateful for my sisters, family, and friends. I am happy when I am with Kenny!

Stephanie Allen—I am thankful that my six older brothers and sisters are doing OK, as they've had numerous serious health issues this past year. I am thankful for my immediate family—husband, daughters who are both doing well, and our fun pets. I am thankful that I can work with nice people and do a job where I can help others improve their lives.

Maria Izabel Zavala—I made it for the whole year!

Glory Scott—With all blessings in and counted, life, as a whole, has been kind.

Lillian King—I'm thankful for flowers and kittens.

Keymia Jones—I am thankful for my family of five brothers, four sisters, and my mom. I am thankful for my family and that I am able to be here. I am grateful that I am fairly healthy.

Frank Patterson—I am thankful to be working at a place with co-workers who are so accommodating and understanding.

Elena Padua—I am happy because I will be finished with school next year (2004). I am thankful to have my parents support me and pay for my schooling. I am grateful for my big family and lots of friends.

Leonard Peters—I am thankful for such a good family. I am thankful for riding my bicycle the way I do. I am thankful to be alive.

Russ Sears—I am thankful for everything—the good, the bad, and all the stuff in between too.

Judy Kiefer—I am thankful for the wonderful and supportive people in my life; my sons, my parents, my friends, and my co-workers. I am thankful for my health, my job, and my home. Most importantly, I am thankful that I know whom to give thanks to.

Ron Marschall—I am thankful for my family and friends. I am especially thankful that I have had this past year to spend with my girlfriend's father.

Joe Ranus—I am thankful for my friends and family. Everyone in my family is so supportive and loving. I am thankful for my wife who is my best friend and that my wife and I can spend a lot of time together.

Scott Kozak—I am extremely grateful that my sister is out of the hospital and is somewhat healthy. I am grateful for Kerri and the girls. They are something wonderful to go home to.

Kay MacKeever—I am thankful for Brad Pitt! But seriously, I am thankful to live in a democracy where I can worship at the church of my choice. I am thankful for my parents, two great kids, a gorgeous grandchild, and my home. I am grateful to be warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and for enough food to share.

David Rodriguez—I am thankful for loving parents, wife, and relatives. They have all sacrificed and done things for me. It is very humbling.

Christine Moore—I am most grateful for my family—nuclear and extended and those who haven't arrived yet. I am incredibly grateful for running hot water, a home of my own, a stocked pantry, the earth under my feet, and white clouds when they show me how blue the sky can be. I am also grateful for blessings, from big deals to tiny moments, that cannot be listed because of their abundance.

Mark Floor—Right now, and for the past five + years, I am most thankful for my grandchildren. Especially, as someone who didn't actually produce any offspring, I never realized that these little beings could become so much the focus of one's life. Most of my answers to this question are the obvious ones—good health, a wonderful companion, a fabulous job, and supremo coworkers. Something I am thankful for that may be a bit unusual is my Zen practice, which helps me stay MELLOW!



Tony Moke—I am thankful for working here and for the ability to work, teach and play. I get to do it all. I am student, staff, and faculty.

Guadalupe Sanchez—I am thankful for my life and that I still have my mom.

Dave Gallett—I am grateful for good health for my mom and for me. And I am grateful for a nice warm dog to sleep with.

Mary Wasser—I am grateful for being alive and still capable of appreciating it. I am especially grateful that my mother is still with me, although in a nursing home. A lot of my friends have neither parent living. I am grateful for the hope and sense of accomplishment that school and work give me. I am especially grateful too for my friends and family, and for the joy and support they give me, both in shared interests and goals, as well as spiritually, emotionally and intellectually. I am also grateful for the warmth of my furry friends at home, for a roof over my head, and food. But especially for my life.

Dianna Dwyer—I am grateful for family, health, the opportunity to work for the District, and for such a wonderful group to work with.

Irene Becker—I am happy for making the decision to retire on December 19. I am grateful that I have been able to work three and one half years as a retiree. I am very grateful to all of my friends and coworkers that I have worked with over the years. I am also grateful for my family and all of my church friends.

Parvaneh Hagshenas—I am grateful that my family will all be together on Thanksgiving and I will cook Persian food and a turkey. I am grateful to be able to celebrate and to be together and enjoy this celebration. I am grateful for successful children, for health, relationships, and beautiful grandchildren.

Susan Coury—I am grateful that my older daughter graduated from ASU and found a job. I am grateful that my other daughter is almost through school. I am grateful for the cooler weather, for chocolate and for good music.