

Plan for a great Thanksgiving!

Whether your family has a traditional turkey dinner surrounded by extended family, or you are a guest at someone's affair, it's time to make arrangements for Thanksgiving dinner.

1. If you are hosting a dinner, send out the invitations and plan to accommodate extras.

2. Plan seating and decorations. If serving buffet style, plan for space to place food, beverages and desserts.

3. Plan the menu and buy groceries or assign dishes to guests to prepare.

Here is a menu that you can customize to fit your family's tastes.

The main dish: Turkey and Dressing with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

Vegetables: Sweet Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Waldorf Salad

Desserts: Pecan Pie, Chocolate Pie and/or Pumpkin Cake with Cream Cheese Icing

Beverages: Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Wine Rolls with butter

4. If you are a guest, ask the host what you can bring, from a bottle of wine to a bag of ice. If you prefer, bring an appetizer to enjoy.

5. Arrive on time, dressed appropriately for the holiday. It's a special occasion, so dress festively. Use your best manners. Say please and thank you; let the elders choose their seats first and hold the chair for a lady.

6. Prepare a blessing. A prayer from the heart or one recited from a book will do.

7. Help out. Set the table. Fill the tea glasses, offer to carve the turkey. Then, afterwards, help clear the table, scrape the plates and load the dishwasher. Your host will thank you and invite you back next year!

Here's an appetizer to bring to Thanksgiving dinner or another get together.

CORN DIP

- 2 Tbsp. Butter
- 2 Cans Whole Kernel Corn, Drained
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1 cup onions, chopped
- 1 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup jalapeno, minced
- 2 tsp. garlic
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 8 oz. Monterrey Jack cheese, divided
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

1. In skillet, melt butter and cook corn over medium heat till golden brown, or about five minutes.

2. Add pepper, onions, bell pepper, jalapeno and garlic. Cook five minutes.

3. Add mayonnaise, half of cheese, and cayenne pepper.. Transfer to an 8"x8" dish and bake at 350 degrees till golden brown. Top with remaining cheese and cook 10 minutes. Serve with corn chips.

Throw a bowl for



MANNA

Pensacola Junior College invites the community to have some wheel fun Nov. 13 at the third annual "Throw a Bowl for Manna" where guests get down and dirty throwing bowls at potter's wheels.

So, don't wear your best clothes!

Hosted by PJC and Manna, the hands-on fun runs 6 to 9 p.m. at the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, which anchors the PJC campus at Ninth Avenue and Airport Boulevard. No potter's wheel experience required - thanks to assistance from

PJC visual arts instructors.

Show your support for Manna with a donation.

The exciting evening of creativity includes the PJC Art Faculty Exhibition, music by the PJC Jazz Band, beverages and delicious appetizers donated by Homestar Restaurant Group, Bamboo Willie's, Hemingway's Island Grill and Hooters Restaurant.

Following "Throw a Bowl," the bowls are delivered to Manna's main pantry at 116. E. Gonzalez St. for "Fill a Bowl for Manna," the fund-raiser's second phase. Festivities

are 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 16. Admission is \$25 per person.

At this event, guests select bowls to fill with soups prepared by local chefs - and take home as keepsakes - plus bid on bowls designed by local artists during the Silent Auction.

Manna is a nonprofit organization that fights hunger in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. It annually serves more than 30,000 people in Northwest Florida.

For more information, call 432-2053.

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