



Launch of the Bionic Outreach Foundation

Bionic Prosthetics & Orthotics is excited to promote the launch of a new organization, the Bionic Outreach Foundation. Last month, the Foundation received its 501(c)(3) status, being classified as a non-profit organization.

The Bionic Outreach foundation is dedicated to empower individuals of underserved communities to lead independent lives through prosthetic/orthotic care. Furthermore, the organization will also be involved in providing clinical education and humanitarian support.



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We invite you to join in this mission! Whether through volunteering, donating, or spreading the word, your involvement can help create lasting change. In the month of November, the Foundation will be sponsoring Leeann Von Korff, CPO in her mission trip to Ivory Coast. In partnership with 1040i and EastPoint Prosthetics & Orthotics, the team will be providing prosthetic services for individuals who do not have access to that type of care.

For more information and to stay updated, visit the website at bionicoutreach.org and follow the Bionic Outreach Foundation on social media. Together, let's play a crucial role in reaching those in need.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BIONIC

What We Learned

Our team in the North Carolina has made significant efforts to help those affected by hurricane Helene. Our very own Matthew Paruch, CPO has made significant efforts to collect and distribute food/water and other supplies to the areas impacted.



◀◀◀ Our team in New Jersey had a full day at Mercer County Community College teaching students all about orthotics.



Our Texas team had a great time at the Spina Bifida Family Camp at Morgan's Worderland. This is an Ultra-Accessible™ camp for everyone with a particular emphasis on giving people with physical and developmental disabilities an opportunity to enjoy summer-camp-type activities alongside guests without special needs.

Our Chicago clinic has moved to a new location. Now located at 3000 N Halsted St #601, our patients will get to enjoy a nice view from the Chicago skyline while receiving awesome care.



Our Indiana and Illinois locations were once again present to support the NWI Indian Medical Association at their annual gala event. The event was a great celebration of accomplishments of the medical community and an overall great representation of the Indian culture.

FABRICATION SPOTLIGHT



BIONIC NEW HIRES

Jovannah Jackson
Clinic Office Administrator
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Welcome to the Team!





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Peach Cobbler Recipe

Prep Time: 15 min.

Cook Time: 40 min.

Total Time: 55 min.

Servings: 9

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

BRANDY BARRETT-SELLARS!

*Patient Care Advocate
Cincinnati, OH*



“Brandy has joined the Bionic team a few months ago and has been making a tremendous impact as part of the Ohio region. As a patient care advocate, she has been working to improve our patient care experience in every possible way. From organizing our clinics and obtaining medical necessity information, to supporting our patient’s efforts and promoting inclusion. She is even creating a display wall to showcase some of our Veteran patients. Brandy’s commitment and dedication have been key for a positive patient experience.”

THANKSGIVING AROUND THE WORLD

By Irene Richardson, Sep 13, 2023
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Liberia

According to NPR, Liberia is the only other country that officially celebrates Thanksgiving. It marks when freed American slaves founded the country in 1822 and takes place on the first Thursday of November. Depending on who you ask, Liberians may choose to attend a church service followed by a meal with family or use it as a day of relaxation. There are no official traditional foods eaten during Thanksgiving in Liberia, but some staples include rice, yams, collard greens, and cassava.

Brazil

Thanksgiving in Brazil, called Dia de Ação de Graças, is a case of monkey see, monkey do. In this instance, the Brazilian ambassador to the U.S. saw Americans enjoying a day of eating delicious food and decided Brazil should do the same. He told then-President Gaspar Dutra of the festivities he observed after a trip in the 1940s, and since then it's become an unofficial holiday in the country.

Thanksgiving in Brazil is essentially the same, even down to the date of the fourth Thursday in November. Instead of having a march of our favorite inflated cartoon characters, Brazilians parade down the street and cap it off with a carnival. A church service giving thanks to the almighty precedes the Carnival-like celebration.

South India

If you thought your family's Thanksgiving traditions were elaborate, Pongal has you beat. Southern Indians, the Tamil, thank the Sun god, nature, and everyone and every animal who supports agriculture by hosting a four-day festival.

They observe it during the Tamil month Thai, which typically falls around January, but since it's based on the solar calendar it can vary. According to Business Insider, 'Pongal,' which translates to "overflowing" is a traditional dish made with milk, ghee, and rice. The Tamil culture regards it as a symbol of prosperity associated with abundance and affluence. During this festival of harvest, families share elaborate meals together, give thanks, dance, and say prayers.

Germany, Austria, & Switzerland

Fall back a few months, and you'll land on Erntedankfest—a similar concept to American Thanksgiving celebrated by rural communities in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The "rural festival of thanks" is usually held in late September or on the first Sunday of October. Residents thank God for the gifts of harvest by holding church services, throwing parades, and playing music.

Aside from both holidays centering around gratefulness, the similarities between American Thanksgiving and Erntedankfest stop there. While Turhahn (turkey) is popular throughout German-speaking countries, during Erntedankfest they might opt to eat Masthühnchen or De Kapaun, (chicken and rooster respectively).

There also isn't the same emphasis during this festival to travel long distances and gather with family. It's contained in the rural areas of these countries and most people throughout Germany may never experience Erntedankfest unless they seek it out.

China

The full moon means more for China because it symbolizes a family reunion in Chinese tradition. During the Moon Festival, Chinese families get together, celebrate, and give thanks for a good harvest. Sound familiar? But where Americans have one day, China takes three. During the Mid-Autumn Festival, families hold a three-day feast complete with lantern lighting, dragon dancing, and mooncake making.

Mooncakes, not to be confused with the MoonPies of Mobile, are pastries filled with sweet bean or lotus seed paste. Because the festival takes place during the Harvest Moon, the full moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox, these pies are also sacrificed to the one in the sky.

Ghana

After suffering through a time of famine in the 16th century, the Ga people were finally blessed with rain to grow their crops and celebrated with a feast. This grew into a tradition known as the Homowo Festival. Homwow, which means "hooting at hunger" in the Ga language, stretches over three months from May until August. Traditional dances, singing, and street parades take place during this time. Of course, food is featured throughout including palm nut fish soup, yams, and a corn powder dish.

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SPIRIT WEEK CONTEST WINNERS!

Pumpkin-Carving Contest Winner:

JENNIFER CASE!

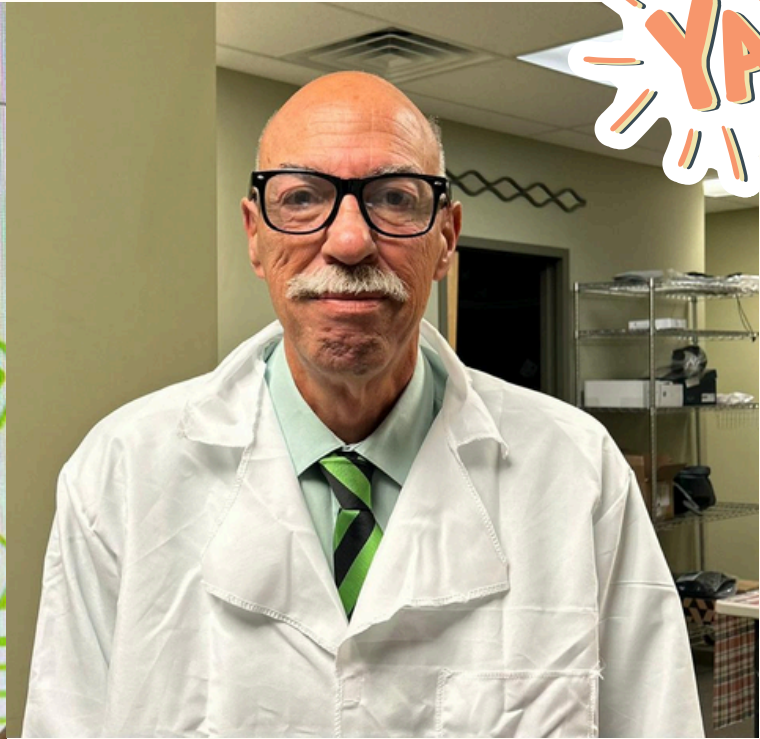
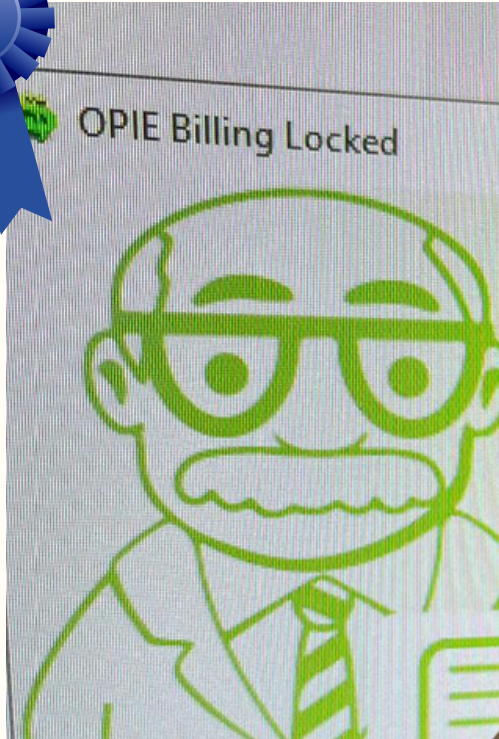
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CONGRATULATIONS

Halloween Costume Contest

1st Place: *MIKE MERAMO!*



Certified Prosthetist & Orthotist, Hamilton, NJ

2nd Place:
ROBBIE BERG!



Clinic Office Administrator, Mishawaka, IN

3rd Place:
BRANDY BARRETT-SELLARS!



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