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## **Fort Smith Noon Exchange Club**

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### **STATISTICS FOR APRIL 13, 2007:**

Presiding	Scott Monroe
Invocation	Homer Ellis
Guest Slips	Herb Couvillion
50/50 Tickets	Thurman Jordan and Herb Sloat

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

---The Arklahoma District Convention will be held from June 1-3.

---The annual fish fry will be held on May 11.

---Thanks for your support!! The Girls Inc fund is up to \$7200.00.

### **PROGRAM:**

The program was presented by Brenda Andrews, senior planner and Jimmie Deer, building official. Jimmie covered the new property maintenance code which goes into effect on July 1. The code is based on the 2002 Comprehensive Plan and targets deteriorated buildings throughout the 96 square miles of Fort Smith. Its aim is to improve both safety and property values. Briefly, the code requires that a building's exterior is in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary. The interior must have adequate ventilation and light. Overcrowding and fire safety are also considered. Enforcement is normally initiated by neighbor complaints.

Brenda spoke about the City of Good Neighbors Program which provides assistance for low income and elderly people to comply with code. Civic and church groups are invited to help with funding and labor. Good Neighbor Day 2006 boasted more than 100 volunteers and they worked at 12 properties.

**HUMOR:** If pro is the opposite of con, is progress the opposite of congress?

### **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

April 20 – Jerry Peerbolte, New Marketing Degree at UAFS

April 27 – Kevin Lindsey, Fort Smith Police Chief

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

We should be receiving the official information about the Arklahoma District Convention shortly, but here are the details that District President Bob Hester shared in a phone call this week.

The dates are Friday-Sunday, June 1-3, 2007. It would be ideal if as many board members as possible could attend; I already know of two that have other commitments that weekend, so if the rest of you could set those dates as a priority, it would be much appreciated. Lodging will be at the Cherokee Queen Motel in Grove, Oklahoma, only 120 miles away, on beautiful Grand Lake, for about \$70 per night -- excellent for a convention.

Friday afternoon is a golf outing, and social time is planned for the evening, so you can plan your arrival to fit your schedule. Saturday morning begins with the Child Abuse Prevention breakfast, followed by an array of training sessions regarding projects, fundraising, club management, and so on. Bob noted that we may well succeed in raising \$11,000 for Girls Inc. camp this year, but as prices increase and membership doesn't, there will come a day when fundraising will be vital to keeping our long-term commitments. Youth activities will be featured at lunch, and then a few more training sessions, before some free time in the afternoon, where you might enjoy Darryl Starbird's classic car museum, or antique shops in the area, or any of a variety of other activities. The evening will feature a dinner cruise on the lake and entertainment. The final highlight will be the One Nation Under God breakfast on Sunday morning.

It appears that you and a guest should be able to make this trip for around \$200, so the hope is that finances won't

hold anyone back. The district would love to see 15-20 people from our club in attendance. The value comes in learning about Exchange opportunities, and sharing experiences with Exchangites from all around the region. Bob Hester plans to schedule the 2008 convention in the west end of the district, in Oklahoma City, and hopes that our club will agree to host in 2009, so it is incumbent on us to go and find out what's involved, and how it can benefit us as a club.

Let me know if you'd like to join us for a great weekend.

Scott

**EVEN MORE HUMOR:**

## **True political story**

Supposedly G.B. Shaw once sent Winston Churchill some tickets for the first night of one of his plays.

Churchill then sent Shaw a telegram to the effect: "Cannot come first night. Will come second night if you have one."

Shaw promptly replied: "Here are two tickets for the second night. Bring a friend if you have one."