
Fort Smith Noon Exchange Club

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STATISTICS FOR MAY 18, 2007:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Ray Fougnie
Guest Slips	Buddy Acoach
Birthday Slips	Ruth Pitts
Birthday Cake Winner	Bill Engles
50/50 Tickets	Lou Underdahl and Gary Marcotte
50/50 Winner	Art Martin (donated to Girls Inc.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The PGM Golf Tournament will be held on June 8 at Ben Geran Golf Course. The first Tee Time will be at 12:30. Please see Herb Couvillion to register. There will be no noon meeting that day.
- Registration forms for the district convention are available. Please contact Gary Marcotte.
- The Girls Inc Summer Camp Drive has collected \$9338.00; 85% of our goal. There's still Time!
- Membership stands at 129.
- Thanks to Harry Shipley for donating two tickets to see Razorback Baseball...Leo Faulkner won the drawing.
- There will be no noon meeting on Friday, May 25. We'll see you on Friday, June 1.

PROGRAM:

Tom Wing returned to the club with a fascinating update on the Drennen-Scott Home. As you may remember, the historic home is located in Van Buren and UAFS has partnered with The Historical Arkansas Museum, Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resource Council and the Van Buren A&P to develop the site to its fullest historic value. Tom's program at UAFS (Historical Interpretation) has provided much of the research through students. His own research has led him as far away as Texas to retrieve documents.

The restoration is being funded by several grants, the most recent of which is \$1.3 to be received in July. This project, when complete, will provide the area with a State Park-quality site.

The Drennen-Scott home was built in 1836 and was occupied by the family until 2005 when it was bought by UAFS. It has historical connections to the Territorial development of Arkansas, The Trail of Tears, the Underground Railroad and the Civil War. Tom's presentation included some artifacts retrieved from the home.

HUMOR:

The following is supposedly a true story

The song, "Yankee Doodle" was originally sung by British Soldiers to insult the colonialists (which was typical of the British in those days). The Continental Army took to singing it to annoy the British (which was typical of the colonialists).

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

June 1st, Adam Holland, Fort Smith Police Department Cyber Crimes Unit
June 15th, Al Whitson, Fort Smith Information Technology Department

June 22nd, Michelle Hall, Fort Smith Entrepreneurial Development Center