
Fort Smith Noon Exchange Club

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STATISTICS FOR JULY 20, 2007:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Leo Faulkner
Guest Slips	Herb Couvillion
50/50 Tickets	Ruth and Bill Pitts

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The club now has a website: www.FortSmithNoonExchange.org
- Girls Inc. dinner at camp is August 2. Please attend. Directions are attached to this newsletter.
- Congratulations to our club for being awarded the "Torch Bearer" patch.
- New member, Shannon Blatt, was inducted. Congratulations and welcome!
- Wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Herb Couvillion's wife, Helen.

PROGRAM:

Sue Owens gave a presentation on the Arkansas Council on Economic Education. The council is a non profit organization whose mission is to train teachers across the state how to integrate economic principles into their classrooms. There are currently no requirements for economics studies in most Arkansas school districts. Therefore, the council's programs promote adding real life economic principles to existing teacher guides. These programs are available to all teacher, grades K through 12 and are geared toward "sharing American capitalism". Teachers learn to introduce economic principles to their students to help them in making good life decisions. There are four basic concepts taught: 1) Invest in Human Capital; 2) Skills to make wise choices; 3) Personal finance skills and 4) Free enterprise.

HUMOR:

The Lord said to Noah, "In six months, I'm going to make it rain until the earth is covered with water and all the evil is destroyed. I want you to build an ark and save two of each animal species. Here are the blueprints for the ark." Six months passed. The skies began to cloud and rain began to fall.

Noah sat in his front yard, weeping. "Why haven't you built the ark?" asked the Lord.

"Oh, forgive me," said Noah. "I did my best, but so many things happened.

"The blueprints you gave me didn't meet the city's code and I had to change them. Then the city said I was violating the zoning ordinance by building an ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance.

"The Forest Service required tree-cutting permits, and I was sued by a state animal rights group when I tried to gather up the animals. "The EPA required an environmental impact statement concerning the flood. The Army Corps of Engineers wanted a map of the proposed flood plain. "The IRS seized all my assets, claiming I was trying to avoid paying taxes by leaving the country, and the Equal Opportunity Commission said I wasn't hiring enough Croatsians. "I'm sorry, Lord, but I can't finish the ark for at least five years." Suddenly the rain stopped, the skies cleared and the sun began to

shine. Noah looked up and said, "Lord, does this mean you're not going to devastate the earth?"

"Right," said the Lord. "The government already has."

Future programs:

July27 --- Mike Group, the American Red Cross

Aug 24 --- Benny Westphal, Riverfront Development

**DIRECTIONS TO DWIGHT MISSION ARE ON THE
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Directions from Fort Smith to Dwight Mission

Travel west across Garrison Avenue bridge; continue to Roland and Interstate 40 to Sallisaw. (20 miles)

Exit I-40 at first Sallisaw exit (Exit 311). Continue West on Hwy 64 to downtown Sallisaw for 2 miles.

Turn north (right) at Marble City Road (Citgo Station at intersection). Marble City Road is N. Maple Street in Sallisaw. Continue North for 4 miles.

Turn West (left) at "Dwight Mission" sign. Look for large Blue metal building on your right before the intersection. Continue West for 3 miles.

Follow the paved road as it curves to the North (right). "Dwight Mission" sign at the curve will guide you. Continue for 3 miles.

Look for the camp on your right.

