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STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 11, 2008:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Dick Litzinger
Guest Slips	Marlene Brown
50/50 Tickets	Ray Fougne and Herb Couvillion
50/50 Winner	Bill Beall

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--- The annual Golden Deeds Banquet is on Friday, February 1, 2008 at 6:30pm. The staff at Fianna Hills promises a spectacular meal of Roast Prime Rib with Twice Baked Potatoes and Green Beans. For desert, there will be assorted Cheese Cakes. This is a super event and all members are encouraged to attend.

--- Over the past several years, the cost of meals and events has risen to a point where the club can no longer generate sufficient revenue to keep up. As a cost saving measure, we tried eliminating three meals. That idea created a cosmetic advantage but actually did nothing of substance. Additionally, the membership, at large, opined that missing lunch meetings is detrimental to club attendance and is not worth the ultimate cost. Therefore, the executive board has voted a dues increase of \$5.00 per month; effective on July 1, 2008. Likewise, the three meetings that were previously omitted have been restored. The board appreciates your support.

--- The Arklahoma District Convention will be held June 6, 7, 8 in Oklahoma City. Please plan to attend. There are some great things going on in our district...be a part of them!

--- We are forming a committee to organize and present a Healing Field this year. If you are interested in taking part in one of the most breathtaking spectacles of our time, please see Buddy Acoach or Tommy Fowler.

PROGRAM:

Tommy Craft of the Morning Rush (ESPN Radio) returned for a "post season wrap-up" of Hog Football and some insight on Basketball, as well. As always, he spoke briefly and then opened the floor to questions. The dialogue was fast and furious and we ran slightly over again. By the way, the basketball Hogs are 2 and 0 in SEC play.....Wooo, Pig, Suieeee!

If you are going to sin, sin against God, not the bureaucracy. God will forgive you but the bureaucracy won't. Admiral Hyman Rickover

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

Jan 18 --- Patricia Brown, Director, Fort Smith Classic

Jan 25 --- Ricky Cross, Director of External Affairs, AT&T

HUMOR:

Hans was a Norwegian working at the fish plant up north in Duluth when he accidentally cut off all ten of his fingers.

He went to the emergency room in the clinic and when he got there, the Norwegian doctor looked at Hans and said, "Let's have the fingers and I'll see what I can do."

Hans said, "I haven't got the fingers."

"What do you mean, you haven't got the fingers?" he asked. "Lordy! It's 2007! We got microsurgery and all kinds of incredible techniques. I could have put them back on and made you like new! Why didn't you bring the fingers?"

Hans responded: "How the heck was I suppose to pick them up?"

As we begin the New Year, let's reflect on why we are Exchangites:

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country; **To implant** the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

We ARE united for a Better America