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STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 25, 2008:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Larry Burnham
Guest Slips	Brenda Payne
Birthday Slips	Paul Rivaldo
50/50 Tickets	Al Whitson and Paul Rivaldo
50/50 Winner	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--- National Exchange is offering a leadership training course. This course is the same type that corporate leaders receive at extreme cost and is being offered to Exchangites for free. Non Exchangites are welcome at a reduced fee of \$100.00. It will be conducted in four modules, two at a time. If you are interested, or have employees that would benefit, please contact either Scott Monroe or Gary Marcotte,

--- The National President will attend the ARKLAHOMA District convention, this spring. He is interested in meeting with all past presidents to discuss the future of Exchange. Additionally, there will be a special dinner during the convention to honor past presidents. Please plan to attend the convention on June 6, 7 and 8.

PROGRAM:

This week's program was presented by Ricky Cross, the Director of External Affairs at AT&T. Ricky provided a brief history of AT&T from its old days as Ma Bell through its breakup into Baby Bells and finally the restoration of AT&T. Altogether, the company has been a service provider for over 130 years and started with 40 customers and two employees. Today they boast 13.8 million broadband customers, 61 million wired customers and 65 million wireless customers. They have recently entered the television market with U-Verse and are already serving over two million. Techno advances come at an alarming rate... only 24 years separate the "Brick phone" and the I-Phone.

HUMOR:

A man placed some flowers on the grave of his dearly departed mother and started back toward his car when his attention was diverted to another man kneeling at a grave.

The man seemed to be praying with profound intensity and kept repeating, "Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die? Why did you have to die?"

The first man approached him and said, "Sir, I don't wish to interfere with your private grief, but this demonstration of pain is more than I've ever seen before. For whom do you mourn so deeply? A child? A parent?"

The mourner took a moment to collect himself, and then replied, "My wife's first husband."

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