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STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2008:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Barry McCormick
Guest Slips	Julie Moncrief
50/50 Tickets	Bob Brown and Don Wright
50/50 Winner	Don Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--- Welcome to our newest member, Julie Moncrief. Julie was sponsored by David Harris and is the Executive Director of Leadership Fort Smith and Event Coordinator for the Bost Foundation.

--- Our club is still in need of a new secretary. Even if you wish not to make a long term commitment, we'd still like to talk to you. We are looking for a one year term; at the end of which, you can keep going or turn the job over to the current secretary.

PROGRAM:

Ted Woodrell joined us to provide and update on the Sparks Hospital Renaissance and his vision for the medical center's future. First, his goal is to be the best hospital in the country and his plan concentrates on an Integrated Health System. This will be accomplished by focusing on Quality... clinical quality and patient satisfaction. Progress will be gauged by benchmarking performance against the top 100 hospitals in the nation. Noting the area's shortage, Ted has committed to recruiting 30 new doctors in 18 months and currently has nearly 20 in just over a year. The 142,000 square foot addition to the building will house a new Emergency Room, a Digital Imaging suite, a new upgraded ICU and a Cardiac facility.

HUMOR:

A married couple was in a terrible accident where the woman's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from her body because she was too skinny. So the husband offered to donate some of his own skin.

However, the only skin on his body that the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from his buttocks.

The husband and wife agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from, and requested that the doctor also honor their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter.

After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the woman's new beauty. She looked more beautiful than she ever had before! All her friends and relatives just went on and on about her youthful beauty!

One day, she was alone with her husband, and she was overcome with emotion at his sacrifice. She said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I possibly repay you?"

"My darling," he replied, "I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

Sandi Sanders Marshal's Museum Update

EXCHANGE HISTORY:

Charles A. Berkey is credited with the founding of this great organization. At his suggestion, the name "Exchange" was selected because the group wanted to exchange ideas and information with like-minded individuals about how to better serve their communities.

The first local Exchange Club was formed in Detroit, Michigan in 1911. The second was the Exchange Club of Toledo, Ohio formed in 1913. Subsequently, two others were organized in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Cleveland, Ohio. These four clubs were the first to be chartered by the National Exchange Club after it was organized as a nonprofit, educational organization in 1917. Since then, hundreds of clubs have been chartered in the United States and Puerto Rico, with nearly 28,000 members making a positive difference in their own communities everyday.

Everybody pities the weak; jealousy you have to earn." Arnold Schwarzenegger

