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STATISTICS FOR MARCH 07, 2008:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Al Whitson
Guest Slips	Bill Chandler
50/50 Tickets	Jack Freeze and Ira Jones
50/50 Winner	Leo Faulkner

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--- Our thoughts and prayers go out to Herb and Helen Couvillion while Herb is in the hospital for spinal surgery.

--- Leadership Excellence Training is scheduled for April 12 at the Holiday Inn. The training is free for Exchangites and \$100.00 for non-members. There will be a charge of \$20.00 for all to help defray the cost of materials and lunch. This is great training and is very intensive. Sign up with Gary Marcotte by replying to you newsletter.

The annual ARKLAHOMA District convention will be held in Oklahoma City on June 6, 7, and 8. The National President will be there and wishes to get together with current and past club presidents. There will also be a dinner to honor them on Friday evening.

PROGRAM:

Dr. George Schmidt spoke about internet safety and its affect on e-commerce. He brought to our attention some terms that most of us don't even know, much less understand. Things like phishing and Trojans and spyware are relatively new terms and the good Doctor did a good job of explaining them.

HUMOR:

A man was walking in the street when he heard a voice: "Stop! Stand still! If you take one more step, a brick will fall down on your head and kill you."

The man stopped and a big brick fell right in front of him. The man was astonished. He went on, and after awhile he was going to cross the road.

Once again the voice shouted: "Stop! Stand still! If you take one more step a car will run over you and you will die."

The man did as he was instructed, just as a car came careening around the corner, barely missing him.

"Where are you?" the man asked. "Who are you?"

"I am your guardian angel," the voice answered.

"Oh yeah?" the man asked... "And where were you when I got married?"

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

--- March 14 Dr. Henry Rinne on Jazz

--- March 21 Liz Martin, Peachtree Hospice

“There are basically two types of people. People who accomplish things, and people who claim to have accomplished things. The first group is less crowded.”

~ Mark Twain

● **What is child abuse?**

Child abuse is any mistreatment or neglect of a child that results in non-accidental harm or injury and which cannot be reasonably explained. Child abuse can include: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect.

● **How many children are reported and investigated for abuse or neglect?**

In 2001, Child Protective Service (CPS) agencies investigated more than 3.25 million reports of child abuse and neglect throughout the United States. This is an increase of 2 percent from the previous year. Teachers, law enforcement officers, social service workers and physicians made 56 percent of the reports.

● **How Many children are victims of maltreatment?**

In 2001, CPS agencies determined approximately 1.1 million children were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and neglect. The term "substantiated" means that an allegation of maltreatment was confirmed according to the level of evidence required by the State law or State policy. The term "indicated" is an investigation finding used by some States when there is insufficient evidence to substantiate a case under State law or policy, but there is reason to suspect that maltreatment occurred or that there is risk of future maltreatment.

● **Is the number of abused or neglected children increasing?**

Nationally, the number of victims of substantiated or indicated maltreatment decreased between 1996 and 1997, from slightly over one million (1,030,751) to just under one million (984,000). Previously, the rate of maltreatment had been on the increase between 1990 and 1996, with an overall increase for that period of 18 percent.

● **What are the most common types of maltreatment?**

Neglect is the most common form of child maltreatment. CPS investigations determine that 63 percent of victims in 2001 suffered neglect; 19 percent, physical abuse; 10 percent, sexual abuse; and 8 percent, emotional maltreatment.

● **How many children die each year from child abuse?**

Based on data reported by CPS agencies in 2001, it is estimated that nationwide, 2,000 children died as a result of abuse or neglect. Based on this number, five to six children die each day as a result of child abuse or neglect. Of these fatalities, 85 percent were children younger than six-years-old at the time of their death, and 44 percent were under the age of one.

● **Who abuses and neglects children?**

In 2001, 60 percent of the perpetrators were female with an average age of 31, and 40 percent were male with an average age of 34.