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STATISTICS FOR MARCH 14, 2008:

Presiding	Paul Rivaldo
Invocation	Homer Ellis
Guest Slips	George Beatie
50/50 Tickets	Leo Faulkner and Larry Burnham
50/50 Winner	John Putnam

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--- Herb Couvillion is still in the hospital in NW Arkansas. He is recovering from surgery.

--- Leadership Excellence Training is scheduled for 8:30, Saturday, April 12 at the Holiday Inn, City Center. The training is free for Exchangites but there will be a \$20.00 fee for lunch and materials. This is the same core training used in Corporate America and is a substantial resume builder. Register with Gary Marcotte by replying to your newsletter email.

PROGRAM:

Henry Rinne visited with us and gave a great presentation about a home grown icon of the jazz scene during the first half of last century. Born in Fort Smith in 1901, Alphonso Trent distinguished himself as a powerhouse on the national jazz orchestra scene. Likened to Duke Ellington, Trent saw great success in the big band era. He traveled extensively with his band, Al Trent and His Orchestra, but always returned home to Fort Smith, where he died in 1959.

HUMOR:

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say, "Jesus is watching you!"

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again.

"Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again.

The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot.

He asked the parrot, "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?"

"Yes," said the parrot.

The burglar breathed a sigh of relief, and asked the parrot, "What's your name?"

"Clarence," said the bird.

"That's a stupid name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot would name a parrot Clarence?"

The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Rottweiler Jesus."

**NOTE: There is no meeting on Friday, March 21!
Happy Easter**

Educate your children to self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will, and you have done much to abolish misery from their future and crimes from society.

Benjamin Franklin