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STATISTICS FOR APRIL 18, 2008:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Scott Monroe
Guest Slips	Ray Fougne
50/50 Tickets	Al Whitson and Claude Legris
50/50 Winner	Dr Art Martin (donated to the club)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Welcome to our newest member, Pam Carter!
- Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Goodman on their 65th anniversary!
- The club will be conducting a "Work Day" on Saturday, April 26 from 9am until noon at the Nancy Orr campus of Girls Inc. Please plan to attend!
- During our upcoming Fish Fry, we will be holding an auction of homemade delicacies. Bring cash to secure your favorite dishes.

PROGRAM:

Gary Campbell presented the program and the topic was "Accelerate Arkansas". Accelerate Arkansas is a 5 year old statewide group of volunteers who are working at the legislative level to help prepare Arkansas for the knowledge-based economy. During the last two legislative sessions, 18 significant steps have been taken. These efforts have been in five general areas: Job-creating research, Risk Capital, Entrepreneurship, STEM Educational Level and Sustaining existing industry.

HUMOR:

A lawyer and an engineer were fishing in the Caribbean.
The lawyer said, "I'm here because my house burned down, and everything I owned was destroyed by the fire. The insurance company paid for everything."
"That's quite a coincidence," said the engineer. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a flood, and my insurance company also paid for everything."
The lawyer looked somewhat confused. "How do you start a flood?" he asked.

UPCOMING PROGRAM:

April 25 --- Patricia Brown, Director, Fort Smith Classic
A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Winston Churchill