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### **STATISTICS FOR MAY 9, 2008:**

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Leo Faulkner
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	N/A
50/50 Tickets	N/A
50/50 Winner	N/A

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

\*Gary Marcotte was cooking for the caddies at the Ft. Smith Classic; Lori Smith filled in as meeting secretary; with Gary gone, our "Exchange" bell was temporarily missing in action, and our American flag, 50/50 tickets and guests slips were AWOL; in defense of his absence (and the missing meeting items), Billy Dooly gave wholehearted support for Gary, his efforts at the Classic, and his fabulous food!

\*Billy Dooly also offered additional information regarding the tournament as far as where the parking/shuttle would be available, and encouraged everyone to come out~

\*Al Whitson gave a brief recap, with many thanks, of our May 2nd Fish Fry and our first ever Pie & Dessert Auction; our Girl's, Inc. fund raising exceeded expectations, and so we are ever so close to our \$11,000.00 goal; to finish out, final donations are being accepted; check our web site to view a slideshow of the event~

\*Webb Energy Resources, Inc. donated four golf classic passes; first come, first serve~

### **PROGRAM:**

Member Jackie Krutsch provided an appropriate introduction to our two guest speakers, Susan Krafft and Bob Moody, who made a presentation/promotion for the upcoming year of the Celebrity Classic; Bob, a primary in the healthcare for over 25 years, opened with the intro of this year's cammo theme "OPERATION 2 MILLION", which will be the Classic's goal by October; with co-sponsorship between Sparks and St. Edwards, venues in Alma, Ft. Smith, and Van Buren, and the usual events in bowling, golf, poker, and tennis, there is

definitely something for everyone; Susan, a native of the area, has been with the Classic since 2005; a power point presentation provided information about the upcoming split spring and fall seasons and their events, and the many local organizations that receive the benefit dollars from the Classic, as \$.60 of every dollar goes to these charities; the local organizations that receive contributions are Alzheimer's Association, BOST, Donald W. Reynolds Cancer Support House, Gregory Kistler Treatment Center for Children, Good Samaritan Clinic, Helping Hands for Children, and Make a Wish; these are groups that do not receive monies from the United Way, and must rely on outside donations to meet their needs; with over 700 volunteers, the spring events kick off May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup> with BBQ on the Avenue, Survivor's 5k, Cycling Tour of Arkansas, and PBA Bowling; the fall events include the Spirit Gala, Golf and Tennis Classics, Texas Hold 'Em Poker, and the final awards banquet; for more information, please visit their website at [www.thecelebrityclassic.org](http://www.thecelebrityclassic.org) ; as an aside to the Classic events, the Sparks Health System is hosting a lecture and youth leadership seminar with Erik Weihenmayer, the first blind climber to summit Mount Everest and The Seven Peaks; for more on these events, please call 785-4031~

### **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Lt. Governor Bill Halter (David Harris program chair)

### **HUMOR:**

A preacher dies, and when he gets to Heaven, he sees a New York cab driver who has more crowns. He says to an angel, "I don't get it. I devoted my whole life to my congregation."

The angel says, "We reward results. Did your congregation always pay attention when you gave a sermon?"

The preacher says, "Once in a while someone fell asleep."

The angel says, "Right. And when people rode in this guy's taxi, they not only stayed awake, but they usually prayed!"

### **PARTING THOUGHT:**

“When asked, ‘You really know your way around the course...what’s your secret?’, I replied, ‘The holes are numbered.’” ~Jack Nicklaus