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STATISTICS FOR MAY 16, 2008:

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Invocation

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Guest Slips

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50/50 Tickets

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

--- Congratulations and thanks to all our members for reaching our goal of \$11,000.00 collected for the Girls Inc Summer Camp. It is well recognized that this accomplishment is significant since the cost of camp has risen over the years and the size of the club has shrunk. Much kudos to all!!!...that's a Bravo Zulu to all you navy folks!

--- Thanks to David Harris for a great month of programs.

--- Be sure to see Herb Couvillion if you plan to participate in the PGM on June 13. We will still meet for lunch prior to the tournament.

PROGRAM:

An exciting program was delivered by Lt Governor Halter on the pros and cons of a statewide lottery. He first made the point that Arkansas is second last in the country for working age adults without college degrees and 48th in the country for per capita income. Noting that industry would follow an educated work force; Mr. Halter explained that higher education could be funded by a state lottery system. He based his projections on other states, like Georgia and estimated that \$100 Million could be added to the current \$34 Million in scholarships. The proposal has made it to the ballot and will be decided by the voters.

HUMOR:

A red head goes for a drive in the country and she has to stop as there is a farmer who is moving his sheep from one pasture to another across the road. She rolls down the window and says to the farmer, "If I can tell you the exact number of sheep that you have, can I keep one?"

The farmer, figuring that a city girl would never be able to, agreed.

The red head guesses the number and is 100% correct. I mean not off by one sheep.

The farmer is an honest man and tells her that she did guess the right number.

She gets out of her car, selects her animal and puts it in the car. Just before she drives away, the farmer asked her a question. "If I can tell you the real color of your hair can I have my dog back?"

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

May 30 --- John Brummett