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STATISTICS FOR JULY 11, 2008:

Presiding	Claude Legris
Invocation	Al Whitson
News	Claude Legris with the "Probably News"
Guest Slips	Jack Freeze(no slips available); guests in attendance were Earl Swafford and Dr. Robert C. Brown
50/50 Tickets	Sandy Sanders and Al Whitson
50/50 Winner(\$58)	Harry Shipley(\$29 donated back to Girl's, Inc.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Lori Smith made a brief presentation to encourage our members to bring "need" donations for the CAP Center of Oklahoma, to be taken by board rep, Gary Marcotte, to a board meeting later this month~

*Scott Monroe requested anyone desiring to receive the future Girl's, Inc. e-newsletter, to please get him their e-mail address~

*Claude Legris reminds us all that next week's meeting will be at Girl's, Inc. for our annual presentation, with Gary Marcotte cookin~

PROGRAM:

Member Billy Dooly made a "funny" and then proceeded with the introduction of guest speaker, Ivy Owen, the current Executive Director of the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority(FCRA), with member Stephanie Malone in assistance. Mr. Owen supplied comprehensive information regarding the after fire cleanup and redevelopment that has begun, and what that all means for Fort Smith and the surrounding areas. There will be several museums tied to historical significance, recreational venues, and residential/retail/commercial projects available, as well as, mineral and clay dispositions. Several upcoming dates of interest will be July 21st, when Governor Beebe will be in Fort Smith to make a formal announcement directly impacting the FCRA, August 15th, when the Chaffee Barber Shop and Antique Doll Museum will open, and October 17th-19th, when the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall will be on display. Mr. Owen closed with an open invitation to contact him

and tour the grounds/facilities at any time. For more information, please contact him at 452-4554, 651-5016, iowen@chaffecrossing.com , or www.chaffecrossing.com .

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

July 18th – meeting at Girl's, Inc.

HUMOR:

As a group of soldiers stood in formation at an Army Base, the Drill Sergeant said, "All right! All you idiots fall out."

As the rest of the squad wandered away, one soldier remained at attention.

The Drill Instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with him, and then raised a single eyebrow. The soldier smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"

PARTING THOUGHT:

