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STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2008:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Christy Vines
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	2 guests in attendance(Marty S., Five River Distribution; Jess B., Bekaert Steel)
50/50 Tickets	Don and Delores McMillian
50/50 Winner(\$62)	Don McMillian(\$31)...AGAIN!!!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to Mark Lloyd, Harry G. Robinson, Bennie Westphal, and newest member, Janie Glover; membership back up to 124

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*President Tommy Fowler has asked that all cell phones be turned off during the meeting once called to order as a courtesy to speaker(s) and members; potential, future action may be implemented by the Board if interruptions persist

*Please don't forget to bring your donated items for the CAP basket, which will be an ongoing collection/donation made by the Ft. Smith Noon Exchange Club

*Christy Vines announced lecture at UAFS on October 8th, at 3:30 pm, in the Latture Conference Center, subject American Democracy

*Herb Couvillion passed on that Paul Mahoney is now in rehab

*Leo Faulkner is in the hospital

PROGRAM:

Billy Dooly made the introduction of this week's guest speaker, Colonel Landreth, active duty at Ft. Chaffee. The Colonel shared their most recent experience with and support of the Hurricane Gustav evacuees; over 2300 individuals from Louisiana were served; Phase 0 was general preparation, Phase 1, at 72 hours out, was final preparation, Phase 2 dealt with arrival, sustained support, and redeployment, which involved registration, meals/supplies/medical, and departure, and Phase 3 was recovery and general cleaning. He also shared his hopes, still in the early planning stages, for Ft. Chaffee to be used as a brigade combat training Center of Excellence, and retention of an older section of Chaffee to be preserved as a museum, while modernizing much of the remaining facilities.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

September 19th

Dr. Monroe Morton and Tom Atkins, State Fair/Carnival

September 26th

Judge Jim Spears(U.S. Marshall, Bass Reeves)

HUMOR:

Top Ten Reasons Hurricane Season is Like Christmas

10. Decorating the house (boarding up windows).
9. Dragging out boxes that haven't been used since last season (camping gear, flashlights).
8. Last minute shopping in crowded stores.
7. Regular TV shows pre-empted for "specials".
6. Family coming to stay with you.
5. Family and friends from out-of-state calling.
4. Buying food you don't normally buy ... and in large quantities.
3. Days off from work.
2. Candles.

1 And the number one reason Hurricane Season is like Christmas...At some point you know you're going to have a tree in your house!

PARTING THOUGHT:

I love to go to Washington - if only to be near my money.

Bob Hope