



## THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB

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### STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2008:

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| Presiding                          | Tommy Fowler                                |
| Invocation                         | Buddy Acoach                                |
| News                               | Jack Freeze                                 |
| Guest Slips                        | Bill Engles; Suzanne Tripp and Judge Spears |
| 50/50 Tickets                      | Lori Smith & Buddy Acoach                   |
| 50/50 Winner(\$58)                 | (\$29)                                      |
| Birthdays/<br>Cake Winner(October) |   |

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP:** Currently at 123 active members

### 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

\*Please remember to get your dues into Treasurer, Barbara Ulmschneider, in a timely manner

\*Tommy Fowler announced our "20/20" fund raising event raised \$482 dollars and 442 lbs. of food; Ft. Smith Noon Exchange will receive \$120.50 of money raised

\*Board meeting next Monday, at 6:00 pm, to be held at Golden Living

\*A few of next week's Veterans Day celebrations, locally, are Monday, 11/10 at Darby Junior High, At 10:00 am, Tuesday, 11/11 at Chaffin Junior High, at 8:30 am, at National Cemetery at 11:00 am, and in Van Buren at 6:30 pm

## **PROGRAM:**

Bill Pitts, introduced this week's guest speaker, Charles Reutzel. Born in 1912, and joining Ft. Smith Noon Exchange in 1948, this is his 60<sup>th</sup> year as a member. Through five generations here in Fort Smith, Charles' great-grandfather, Casper, ran a dry goods, hardware, and cotton store, which became the first meeting place to establish our local library. Married in 1936, with two children, and as a college graduate, Charles eventually went to work as a sales rep for McCormick & Co., and in 1950 became a sales rep for a variety of companies as a "food broker". After retiring in 1986, he continues to teach Sunday school and work for economic development.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

November 14<sup>th</sup>      Gene Rapley

November 21<sup>st</sup>     Jack Freeze

November 28<sup>th</sup>     THANKSGIVING – NO MEETING

## **HUMOR:**

### **Thanksgiving Forecast**

Turkeys will thaw in the morning, then warm in the oven to an afternoon high near 190F. The kitchen will turn hot and humid, and if you bother the cook, be ready for a severe squall or cold shoulder.

During the late afternoon and evening, the cold front of a knife will slice through the turkey, causing an accumulation of one to two inches on plates. Mashed potatoes will drift across one side while cranberry sauce creates slippery spots on the other. Please pass the gravy.

A weight watch and indigestion warning have been issued for the entire area, with increased stuffiness around the beltway. During the evening, the turkey will diminish and taper off to leftovers, dropping to a low of 34F in the refrigerator.

Looking ahead to Friday and Saturday, high pressure to eat sandwiches will be established. Flurries of leftovers can be expected both days with a 50 percent chance of scattered soup late in the day. We expect a warming trend where soup develops. By early next week, eating pressure will be low as the only wish left will be the bone.

## **PARTING THOUGHT:**

Freedom is never free.

~Author Unknown

Honor our Veterans every, single day.

