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STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2008:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Marlene Brown
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	George Beat; Rosemary Rapley, Richard Udouj, and Bob Worley
50/50 Tickets	David Harris
50/50 Winner(\$68)	Bob Gregg(\$34)
Birthdays/ 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

*Tommy Fowler notified us that member Barbara Ulmschneider's mother had passed

*Herb Couvillion is up, about, and present!

PROGRAM:

Bill Pitts, introduced this week's guest speaker, Gene Rapley, 1966 Past President of Ft. Smith Noon Exchange. Having spent 35 years in the furniture business, Mr. Rapley gave a very comprehensive and interesting presentation on the business in our area. From its beginnings in 1866 when German immigrants from the North came to Arkansas as wood turners, millers, and manufacturers, to 1953, when Fort Smith boasted 20 furniture manufacturers in that year's Yellow Pages, and then to current day, with Riverside Furniture the only one from that group still in business.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

November 21st Jack Freeze
November 28th THANKSGIVING – NO MEETING
December 5th To be Announced
December 12th Bill Cromer's NS Choir
December 19th Byron Tate
December 26th HAPPY HOLIDAYS – 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.

