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STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2008:

Presiding Tommy Fowler
Invocation George Beattie
News
Guest Slips (David Harris) No Guests
50/50 Tickets Bob Gregg and Charles Ruetzel
50/50 Winner(\$54) Bill Klusmeier(\$27)
Birthdays/ David Hudson(cake winner)
Cake Winner(November) Other November Birthdays: Paul Anderson, Bradley Martin, Henry Loewy

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

*Gene Rapley has had a fall and suffered a broken hip

*No meeting next Friday, as it is the Thanksgiving holiday

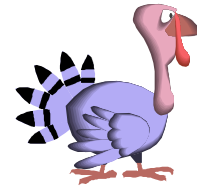
*The Board will meet for December for dinner at The Lighthouse on Monday, 12/1/08 at 6:30 pm

PROGRAM:

Bill Pitts, introduced this week's guest speaker, Jack Freeze, former Mayor of Fort Smith. Being a part of local communications and community, Jack became a part of the "Committee of 100" leaders that worked towards, and help draft, the legislation to change the structure of our local government to one run by a City Administrator and Board of Directors. As Mayor, and a part of this changed government, the focus was to improve government, bring in more commerce, which, in turn, would create more jobs. Jack shared his experiences in office, and after, of city matters that were of great importance, as well as, a great historic timeline and overview for our area.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

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



HUMOR:

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your holiday, but I have to tell you that your Mom and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone.

"Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this, " She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

PARTING THOUGHT:

"Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary." -Margaret Cousins

"For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends."-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?" - William A. Ward