



THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB

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STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 27, 2009:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler/Paul Rivaldo
Invocation	Walter Mosley, Homer Ellis, and Paul Rivaldo
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	(Cindy Long, Bud Harper, and Leo Faulkner) Sharon Herrick
50/50 Tickets	Ruth Pitts and Delores McMillan, David Harris and Chuck Tidwell, and Bud Harper and Claude Legris
50/50 Winner	Bob(\$27), Julie Moncrief(\$32), Bud Harper(\$31), and Harry Shipley(\$27) donated to Club
Birthdays/ Cake Winner(February)	Chief Kevin Lindsey

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 121 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
- *Golden Deeds Banquet will be Friday, February 6th, at Fianna Hills Country Club, beginning at 6:30 pm; tickets were mailed out with quarterly invoice; be sure to select your entrée when you RSVP
- *New meeting location beginning Friday, February 13th will be at Fianna Hills Country Club
- *Gary Marcotte, as District President, is working to help establish a new Noon Exchange Club in Van Buren, and a new evening club in Fort Smith; with our location change, these may become viable options for existing members
- *The February board meeting, hosted by Barry McCormick, will be held at Eastside Baptist Church on 2/2/09 at 6:00 pm
- *President Tommy Fowler has had emergency, quadruple by-pass surgery, and is doing very well
- *President Elect Paul Rivaldo received and read a thank you letter from this year's Golden Deeds award, Maureen Didion, which proved to be, at times, humorous, and exquisitely humble
- *Welcome back to Christy Vines; you will remain in our thoughts and prayers
- *The March board meeting has been cancelled

PROGRAMS:

Buddy Acoach introduced this week's (1/30) guest speaker, fellow Exchangite, and President Elect for the Arklahoma district, Walter Mosley. Mr. Mosley gave an excellent presentation titled "Americanism", acknowledging the date in 1985 when female members joined the Exchange ranks, and the importance of that change, as well as a wonderful overview of the impact of the Pledge of Allegiance, and how it came to be such a dominant point of national patriotism through the decades.

Guest speaker for 2/13 was Fort Smith's new City Administrator, Dennis Kelly. Mr. Kelly presented his overview for the continued growth of our city, and was extremely informative. Everyone agreed that he will be a good fit for Fort Smith.

Guest speakers for 2/20 were Maggie Malloy and Teresa Carver with the Fort Smith Art Center. The Art Center has received the gracious contribution of the existing Superior/Arvest bank building at 1601 Rogers Avenue. They are currently working to raise the initial \$200,000.00 necessary to get the key to proceed with improvements and overhaul to bring our thriving art community a wonderful asset. Both spoke about the "Gotta Have Heart" and "Cast of Thousands" campaigns, and gave a terrific overview of what they are planning for the new space.

Guest speaker for 2/27 was Mike Alsup of the Fort Smith Parks Department. His presentation covered all areas of concern and improvement that that department is responsible for and working on, from fishing tournament prospects and trails, to support fresh tourism, to softball fields and neighborhood parks.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

March 6th all to be announced in next newsletter...

March 13th

March 20th

March 27th

HUMOR:

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time.

"I have good news and bad news," the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman enquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The guy was your doctor..."

PARTING THOUGHT:

"One can not be an American by going about saying that one is an American. It is necessary to feel America, like America, love America, and then work."

~Georgia O'Keeffe