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STATISTICS FOR MARCH 13, 2009:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Bill Pitts
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	(Homer Ellis) Carolyn Moore and two member guests
50/50 Tickets	Gary Marcotte and Don Tickler
50/50 Winner(\$64)	Don Wright(\$32) donated to Girls, Inc.
Birthdays/ Cake Winner(March)	

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

*Thurman Jordan will be program chair for next quarter, and is would appreciate any ideas or names of potential speakers that the members would like to hear from

PROGRAMS:

Buddy Acoach introduced this week's guest speaker, Jennifer Goodson, MLIS and Ft. Smith Public Library Director. Via her power point presentation, Jennifer shared with us the increase of activity at the "busiest place in town", with numbers up in all categories for the library. She reviewed how the library is funded, what their current challenges are, and ways for the community to contribute and get involved. After an almost year-long Centennial Celebration, including some new lighting during the holiday season, the Main and Windsor branch will be receiving new roofs, and Jennifer was able to share their new Polaris computer software and system with us. Employment resources, resume writing, classes, and future, downloadable texts, are amongst the items available. Great events will be happening in April and May, with the Black Tie Bingo "gig" set for November 14th this year. Enticing more high-profile guest speakers and possibly a Bristro Café are in the libraries future. After some Q & A, one member also inquired about a re-dedication of our Noon Exchange Freedom Shrine, which the board will pursue.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

March 20th Rick Foti, Executive Director Clearing House

March 27th Exchangeite, Larry Rath, "State of the Automobile Industry in Today's Economy"

HUMOR:

Joke 1

A blonde stormed up to the front desk of the library and said, "I have a complaint!" .

"Yes, Ma'am?" "I borrowed a book last week and it was horrible!"

"What was wrong with it?"

"It had way too many characters and there was no plot whatsoever!"

The librarian nodded and said,

"Ahh. So you must be the person who took our phone book."

Joke 2

The new school librarian decided that instead of checking out children's books by writing the names of borrowers on the book cards herself, she would have the youngsters sign their own names. She would then tell them they were signing a 'Contract' for returning the books on time.

Her first customer was a third grader who looked surprised to see a new librarian. He brought three books to the desk and shoved them across to the librarian, giving her his name as he did so.

The librarian pushed the books back and told him to sign them out. The boy laboriously printed his name on each book card and then handed them to her with a look of utter disgust.

Before the librarian could even start her speech, he said scornfully, "The other librarian we had knew how to write."

PARTING THOUGHT:

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

~Benjamin Franklin