



## **THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB**

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### **STATISTICS FOR MARCH 20, 2009:**

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Christy Vines
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	(Lindy Cotner) Rhonda Monroe
50/50 Tickets	Claude Legris and Bud Harper
50/50 Winner(\$62)	Don Ticker(\$31) donated to CS Clearinghouse
Birthdays/ Cake Winner(March)	

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP:** Currently at 122 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

\*Welcome to newest member, Carolyn Moore!

\*Haircuts at Chaffee by the son of Elvis' barber will be free and on next Wednesday, 3/25, from 1-4 pm

\*To order Zonta geraniums this year, see Delores McMillan

## **PROGRAMS:**

Buddy Acoach introduced this week's guest speaker, Rick Foti, Executive Director for the Ft. Smith Community Service Clearinghouse. Rick provided an overview of what the Clearinghouse offers to our community, with a particular focus on the impact of true poverty. CS Clearinghouse supports the needs of those afflicted by emergency, situational poverty, and always provides assistance to children, through their Backpack Program. This program places 12 individually contained food items in a backpack that is sent home with the recipients each weekend, from their school. The program covers 7 counties, costs approximately \$4 per backpack, and they currently send out 2417 backpacks each week. Monetary and food donations to the Food Pantry, along with volunteering, are great ways to give to this very active, community service.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

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

## **HUMOR:**

Emily Sue passed away, so Bubba called 911. The 911 operator told Bubba that she would send someone out right away. "Where do you live?", asked the operator.

Bubba replied, "At the end of Eucalyptus Drive.". The operator asked, "Can you spell that for me?".

There was a long pause and finally Bubba said, "How 'bout if I drag her over to Oak Street, and you can pick her up there?".

## **PARTING THOUGHT:**

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

~Mother Teresa of Calcutta