



THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB

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STATISTICS FOR APRIL 3, 2009:

Presiding	Tommy Fowler
Invocation	Bill Pitts
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	(Janie Glover) Maxie Walker, Al Whitson's father-in-law
50/50 Tickets	David Harris
50/50 Winner(\$57)	Ruth Pitts(\$28)
Birthdays/ Cake Winner(April)	

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 119 active members

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: Welcome Gene Graham and Carolyn Moore

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

*Secretary Lori Smith announced the use of new name badge boards; all badges now have Velcro on the back to simply stick to the board; a complete review of all badges and those missing will be done this quarter

*April's board meeting will be at Al Whitson's home, Monday, April 6th at 6:00 pm

*Jackie Krutsch's mother-in-law passed away

*Al Whitson's wife, Janine, had a light heart-attack, and is doing well

*Bill Moran is quite ill

PROGRAMS: Thurman Jordan introduced this week's guest speaker, Judge Jim Spears, with a full biography, most recently adding board member for the new U.S. Marshals' Museum, as well as, active in the Bass Reeves Legacy Initiative. A full-time history buff, Judge Spears gave a wonderful presentation about the Fort Smith Admirals, Admiral Walter Eberle and Admiral Charles Cook, their quiet beginnings and how they rose through the ranks, as they served our country in terrific form.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

April 10th NO MEETING – Good Friday
April 17th Bill Pitts – UFOs
April 24th TBA
May 1st NO MEETING – Fish Fry at Columbus Acres, 6:00 pm

HUMOR:

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea captain.

"What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?"

"Throw out an anchor, sir," the student replied.

"What would you do if another storm sprang up aft?"

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"And if another terrific storm sprang up forward, what would you do then?" asked the captain.

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"Hold on," said the captain. "Where are you getting all those anchors from?"

"From the same place you're getting your storms, sir."

PARTING THOUGHT:

“There are no extraordinary men...just extraordinary circumstances that ordinary men are forced to deal with.”

~Admiral William Frederick Halsey, Jr.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

[*Please remember to get your dues into Treasurer, Barbara Ulmschneider, in a timely manner. It is extremely important that you notify either Barbara, me, or any other board member, when you have a change in your club status or will be delayed in paying your dues. Our National dues and local expenditures are based on active membership, so it is very important that you stay in current, good standing to facilitate proper maintenance of our accounting.](#)