



THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB

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STATISTICS FOR JULY, 2009:

Presiding	Paul Rivaldo
Invocation	Travis Stephens, Herb Couvillion, Paul Rivaldo, Bud Harper
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	(Lori Smith, Iris Breed, Delores McMillian, Bill Engles) Larry Todd, Guest of Bud Harper
50/50 Tickets	Maurice Carter/Bob Gregg, George Fritz/Sam Landrum, Mike Richards/Kevin Lindsey
50/50 Winner	George Fritz(\$18 to Girl's, Inc.), Mike Richards(\$22 to Girl's, Inc.), Stacy Jones(\$26 Guest)
Birthdays/	(Larry Forsgren)
Cake Winner(July)	Happy Birthday Leo Faulkner('33)

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 112 active members

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *President Paul Rivaldo asks 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 be timely about sending in your quarterly dues and Girl's, Inc. donations
- *Bradley Martin announced the Trolley Museum Open House, Sunday, 10-5pm; excursion train, food, fun, silent auction
- *Paul thanked Gary Marcotte and Tommy Fowler for preparing meal for Girl's, Inc. meeting/presentation
- *Happy Birthday to Jack Green(7/10/09)
- *Girl's, Inc. camp visit will be Thursday, July 31st; we will meet at Miss Laura's at 5pm to car pool
- *Girl's, Inc. camp visited by 6 members; a good time was had by all
- *Amongst the many "double family" Presidencies our club has had, Tommy Fowler(Cotner Family) was a third generation President
- *Buddy Acoach gave a brief overview of the National Convention attended by him, Tommy Fowler, and Gary Marcotte; with approximately 950 attendees, and some outstanding presentations/events, more info will be shared at a later date; our club pins were a big hit
- *August board meeting on Monday, August 3rd at Barbara Ulmschneider's home

PROGRAMS:

10th – Girl's, Inc. Presentation: amongst a fabulous lunch and silly singing, our club was able to present \$7,500.00 to Monica McKinney for their camp this year

17th – Jayne Hughes, Downtown Economic Development Coordinator: a comprehensive overview of all of the positive changes that have come to our downtown and riverfront areas, as well as, what is yet to come, and how we can get involved in promoting our city; Live, Work, Play in Ft. Smith, Arkansas!

24th – Matt Pitsch, Western AR Planning & Development District: the regional approach to creating and improving our intermodal authority and freight management systems; how full infrastructures need to be in place, now, before businesses will even look at entering and developing in our area, and our continued push to update and create new opportunities for our region.

31st – Stacy Jones and Lindsey Loughmiller, UAFS: beyond beautiful opera performed by Miss UAFS, Lindsey Loughmiller, and a great overview of the upcoming Season of Entertainment from Stacy; the season will have a fantastic mix of University performances and touring performances not to be missed; season tickets now on sale

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

August 7 Paul Harvel, FS Regional Chamber President
August 14 Dr. J P Bell, Photographer-“My Life Through One Eye”
August 21 Dr. Benny Gooden, FS Public Schools Superintendent
August 28 TBA-Mena, AR storm recovery

September 4 NO MEETING – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

HUMOR:

A normally sweet Great Dane, named Phyllis, has one quirk: she hates United Parcel Service drivers.

While walking Phyllis one day, around the corner of a house came a UPS man.

Struggling to keep hold of her, the owner tried to ease the situation and said, "As you can see, she just loves UPS men."

"Don't you feed her anything else?" he responded.

PARTING THOUGHT:

“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.” ~James Dent

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.](#)