



THE FORT SMITH NOON EXCHANGE CLUB

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STATISTICS FOR AUGUST, 2009:

Presiding	Paul Rivaldo
Invocation	Buddy Acoach, Gary Marcotte, Cindy Long, and Barry McCormick
News	Jack Freeze
Guest Slips	(Julie Moncrief, Jack Green, George Beaty, and Don Smith) Judy Titsworth, guest of Janie Glover, Jim Shepherd, guest of Tommy Fowler, and Ronny Rogers, guest of Mike Richards
50/50 Tickets	Al Whitson/Buddy Acoach, Tommy Fowler, Sam Landrum/Homer Ellis, and Jim/Marlene Brown
50/50 Winner	Tommy Fowler(\$30 to Girl's, Inc.), Sam Landrum(\$23 to Girl's, Inc.), Jim Brown(\$24 to Girl's, Inc.), and Julie Moncrief(\$33)
Birthdays/	(Dick Litzinger) Tommy Fowler HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Cake Winner(August)	

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 112 active members; new member, Larry Todd, inducted... "WELCOME!!!"

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
- *20/20 food drive will be on Saturday, October 24th; please contact Tommy Fowler to volunteer to help
- *although National voted to increase dues by \$1.00 per month per member, our dues will not increase, as they were adjusted in July 2008
- *the board has drafted a delinquent dues policy letter which will be signed by the President; if dues are late, one reminder letter will be sent, and then if not paid, a second letter with options will be sent; this policy is to ensure that we cover the dues paid in advance to National
- *Al Whitson will represent our club at the first annual Fort Smith Chocolate Festival on Sunday, September 27th to benefit Friends of the Library from 2-4 pm; Claude Legris will be helping with the exhibit booth and promoting our club
- *our Steak Fry will be October 2nd and we will be honoring the Firemen of the Year
- *former Exchange Club member, Herb Sloat passed away this week
- *"Welcome Back, Paul Mahoney!!!"
- *Clifford Davis is at Sparks recovering from a stroke
- *Exchange music from National Convention, courtesy of Buddy Acoach; contact Buddy for copies of CDs for \$25.00
- *watch ABC Primetime on September 8th when they will report on Exchange CAP Centers
- *September board meeting will be on Monday, August 31st at the main branch of the Fort Smith Library at 6pm

PROGRAMS:

7th – Paul Harvel, Fort Smith Regional Chamber: with economic development as the focus, Mr. Harvel shared what steps and progress are being made in the chamber; networking for industry, organizational changes; executive committee restructuring, and improving member visibility

14th – Dr. J P Bell: native to Fort Smith and emergency room doctor; sharing his experiences and images from a full life and travels, as published in “A Photographic Life”

21st – Dr. Benny Gooden, Fort Smith Public School Superintendent: update of student enrollment and progress as the new school year begins for both Northside and Southside; overview of facility upgrades and the upcoming academic and athletic year

28th – Mayor George McKee and Fire Chief John Puckett of Mena, Arkansas: wonderful, uplifting stories of community, state, and federal support after the April 9th tornado this year, and the progress being made every day to rebuild their city and the surrounding area

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

September 4 NO MEETING – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 11 Kathy Watson of Congressman Boozman’s office, including a special Presentation, State Representative Stephanie Malone, PLUS, Col. Tom Anderson of the 188th

****START PLANNING ON ATTENDING OUR GOLDEN DEEDS BANQUET ON FEBRUARY 5TH, 2010****

HUMOR:

Young Larry stopped by the corner grocery store and read the following list to the clerk:

10 pounds sugar at \$1.25 a pound
4 pounds coffee at \$1.50 a pound
2 pounds butter at \$1.10 a pound
2 bars soap at \$.83 each

"How much does that come to?" asked Larry. "Twenty-two dollars and thirty-six cents."

"If I gave you three ten dollar bills, how much change would I get?" said the boy.

"Seven dollars and sixty-four cents," stated the clerk who appeared to be irritated by all the questions.

Larry said, as he disappeared through the door, "I don't want to buy the items...that's our arithmetic lesson for tomorrow, and I needed some help with it."

PARTING THOUGHT:

“The important thing is not to stop questioning.”

~Albert Einstein

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.**