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ATTENDANCE

Members attending the November 23 meeting were: **B & L BAUER, HOYLE, J & V KING, MILLS, MOORE, ROTH and WYLIE.** Guest was Jean Knowles.

NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

- Our **Christmas Guest night** will be held on December 14. Neil has arranged for the Lincoln Elementary Sunrise Singers to be with us.
- We received another check from the **Gumball** people! This time we got \$60. They show that since we started sponsoring the machines we have received \$6,745.75! It would be interesting to see how long we have been doing this. If you have suggestions on where machines could go, please let me know.
- We need a program for **January 11.** If you can help out, please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks for all the great programs that you have arranged!
- **Merry Christmas!**

MID-AMERICAN EXCHANGE

You should have received a copy of the MAX in the mail. Please take time to read it. Take time to read the front page article by **Debbie Redmond**, our **Regional Director.** Debbie has been very active this year. I have received many communications from her. Read about the different clubs in our Region and what they are doing. Please take time to read about the US Area Convention to be held in St. Louis July 7-10, 2011. Please let President Bones know if you would be interested in attending.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14 — **NEIL MILLS**
Christmas Guest Night—Sunrise Singers
January 11 — Program needed!
January 25 — **PAT HULTMAN**
February 8 — **VERNA KING**

OPERATION BACKPACK

Sheila Lukins introduced guest speaker, Jean Knowles. Jean is a counselor at Stewart Elementary. There are 478 students in Preschool thru third grade. She shared information about **Operation Backpack** — a program thru HACAP. This year, 36 backpack are being used. They are filled with food each week and sent home with children to provide food for them over the weekend. The 6th grade students at St. James pack the food into the bags, they are transported to Stewart. The food comes from the CR HACAP food reservoir. Due to the quantity of food, the cost is only \$5 per pack per week. Currently, church youth groups, and service clubs sponsor the bags at \$170 per bag per year. Currently, Stewart is the only school in Washington County that is involved in this program. Jean told us some stories about how excited the children get who receive the bags. If there are two or more children in a family in need, all children in the family receive a bag. The students return the bags on Monday to be refilled. We also heard that 180 Thanksgiving Dinners were donated by students, faculty and Fareway to families in need. If you would like to help the schools, they are always in need of Walmart Gift Cards (school counselors use them to purchase needed items for children), clothes for children and school supplies. Any of these items can be taken to the school offices. If you would like to help sponsor a back pack next year, please let Lori know. **Thanks, Sheila**, that was a great program!

2011 COUNTY FAIR

It is time for all club members to mark their 2011 calendars in red for the week of **July 16—22!** This is the week of the Washington County Fair. We are in need of **someone to grill** for us! Please give this some serious thought.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the village inn.”

Luke 2:6-7