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GOT HISTORY?

What do you mean there was no program?

Mr. George Kosack, one of the founding fathers of the Joliet Exchange Club and unofficial Club Historian, gave Exchangites a brief history lesson.

We learned that the meetings were held at the Woodruff Hotel in downtown Joliet. Members (who were all white males at that time), were given a "key" to the meeting room. George believed the lunches were around \$1.25, but had to be paid quarterly, in advance. This was to ensure attendance.

We also learned the history of the handshake

greeting and origin of the "free lunch". George claimed to have a hand in this (no pun intended), but there was no one around from then that could dispute that, so we all believed him. The handshake was to get to know everyone, and the free lunch was a "fun" thing that would get people to the meetings. However, it was done a little differently. Mr. X would be identified prior to the meeting, and he would pick a number, such as 10. Whoever was the "10th" person to shake his hand won the meal.

Doc Ingmire also added that for the fundraiser, they used to cook the spaghetti the night before

in a former restaurant on Jefferson Street and store it in containers (cleaned) that he would provide.

The presentation ended with jokes from **Rich Remko**, which I can not print. However, they were entertaining. George commented that this was a first, which says a lot!



This is not George Kosack

**AND THE
WINNER IS ...**

**George Kosack
won the FREE
LUNCH for
July 24, 2007!**

THE USUAL SUSPECTS ...

The meeting began with the **Pledge, led by Susan Murphy. The invocation was led by Doc Ingmire.**

Everyone enjoyed their lunches, but it was noted that there were many fruit and diet plates.

Mr. X was Bill Ferguson, AKA Monty Hall, who started by asking if anyone brought an umbrella. There were no takers. Before he got out of hand, he gave the meal to George Kosack, and I forgot why. The **X-tractor was Dan Ivanich**, who paid for the meal by charging \$.50 for those attending the Exchangite

Day at the Jackhammers game and \$1.00 for those not.

See everyone next week!!