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Investing program sandwiched in holiday party



Financial Advisor Sheila Smith (left) and Administrative Assistant Janet Minor pause for a photo opportunity after the informational program Thursday night (Dec. 14).

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CHIEFLAND -- Sheila Smith, a financial advisor with Edward Jones at the Chiefland office of this institution, hosted an investing informational program that was sandwiched in a holiday party format Thursday evening.

Her husband Chris Jones helped as did Administrative Assistant Janet Minor.

Held at a restaurant in Chiefland, the event included about 40 guests who enjoyed a chicken, beef or eggplant main entrée, as well as salad, various desserts and drink. The area of the restaurant said aside for the program was festively decorated for the Christmas holiday period. There were door prizes randomly awarded to people who had placed their names in a drawing for the prizes, and some of those prizes included gift bags, and the attractive centerpieces from the tables.

Sheila's and Chris' son Jake Smith, one of six of the Smith couple's children, heralded this as his first paid gig as a musician. Jake Smith, a Bell High School student is the lead guitar player and lead male vocalist with the band named *Musical Slaughter*.

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Joining Jake Smith from that band as this duo opened the festive event with music was *Musical Slaughter* drummer, bass guitar player and backup male vocalist Robert Mummaw – who sang and played on his drum set.

The two young gentlemen performed Christmas music before the presentation of information about investing in mutual funds was provided.

The whole band could not fit in the dining area, but other members of *Musical Slaughter* are lead female vocalist Morrigan Pinkston, and on keyboard -- Ty D'mont. All of the students are in the Bell High School Band.

Some members of the Turning Point Church of Chiefland mentioned before the start of the investment informational program that they have seen these two young men perform at their church as well.

As for the investment information, Financial Advisor Sheila Smith introduced her guest speaker Tom O'Neal of American Funds from Capital Group, who provided an insightful program titled "Disciplined investing in a changing world."

O'Neal of Ponte Vedra has in excess of 25 years in the profession of investment advising. He and his wife have five children.

He told the audience how investing by Americans has resulted in corporations having capital to keep those business interests growing and progressing. As part of the program, he spoke about products and services that result from investors providing compaies with capital for growth.

O'Neal showed that figures of past results in investment are not predictive of the future, as well as how investing money with a diversified portfolio can be a good general rule to consider. Using facts and truth rather than emotional reaction is also a good rule of thumb while investing, he said.

One investment firm that started in 1931 has grown into a company that has \$1.7 trillion under its management, and as one result from this large and diversified set of investments under its management that company has relatively lower fees.

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The informational program was very insightful for potential investors. Sheila Smith was a gracious host for the two score or so people invited to this program.

During the question and answer period, O'Neal was able to provide general information to people about investing and to remind them that Financial Advisor Sheila Smith at the Edward Jones office in Chiefland is an excellent person to schedule an appointment with for more specific counseling on particular investment questions, because every person will have different goals for the money they can put into investing.