



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

April 8, 2021



Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Stephen McDavid opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting via Zoom at 1:00 PM, welcoming all to the meeting.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by President Steve. There was no meal.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: President Steve reminded members that the Annual Fund raising Rotary Family Golf Tournament was scheduled for August 14, 2021. Secretary Drew reminded members of the various Rotary events throughout the month of April DG Dawn mentioned in her recent email.

Attendance & Guests: There were 19 present for the weekly meeting via zoom, 16 members and 3 guests, Bonnie and Jim Dawdy and Robert Van Geons, guest speaker.

Health and Happiness: President Steve, after the meeting invocation, gave the Secretary the mike for Health and Happiness. Secretary Drew reported that there were no birthday or anniversaries for the week. Dave Baggett reminded the membership that the Bill Lowdermilk Scholarship interviews will be held throughout the day on April 14, 2021. President Steve McDavid reminded the membership that Saturday from 9 to about noon the club was going to be cleaning up around the Care Clinic.

Club Program: Tim Richardson introduced Robert Van Geons, President and CEO of the Fayetteville Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation. Robert Van Geons came to FCEDC from the Charlotte Area to head up the FCEDC because he saw the opportunities here. FCEDC is a 501(c)6 public private partnership designed to enhance job growth across our community by attracting new industry and expanding existing industry. The Board includes 10 voting appointees from the City Council, County Commissioners and the Community Development Foundation. The team works daily to help strengthen our economy and diversify the community's tax base. They identify and prepare sites and buildings for expedited development and are endlessly promoting our community's best assets for industry decision-makers, site selectors and developers. They help existing companies by facilitating expansion, connecting them with resources and creating network groups. Robert sees room for Fayetteville and Cumberland County to improve their position by locating and preparing more industrial and business sites because we ready to expand and offer a strong diverse work force that is ready to work.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- April 14 – FRC all day Interviewing of Lowdermilk Awards nominees.
- April 15 – The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Chris Cauley, Interim Community Dev., Director.
- May 20 – The FRC has scheduled a Linear Park trail walk cleanup meeting & Food Truck for 5 PM.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. No 50/50 Raffle was held. President Steve thanked Robert Van Geons for his presentation, and all others for attending, and lead all in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, adjourning the meeting at 2:00 PM.