



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club
May 13, 2021



Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Stephen McDavid opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:00 PM, welcoming all to the meeting and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by President Steve. Our fourth meal meeting back at Highland Country Club was fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and a mixed salad with dressings.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: There were no birthdays but one wedding anniversary, Brandon Price's, on 17 May. Treasurer, Joe Running told members that the quarterly dues statements were emailed late last week but he had statements for those who asked for their statements to be mailed.

Attendance & Guests: There were 24 attending the weekly meeting, 15 members in person and 6 via Zoom; with 3 guests in person, Sabrina Brooks, Fred and the Guest Speaker, Mike Nagowski.

Health and Happiness: President Steve told the membership that three members stood up after last week's meeting to say they would work together to ensure the Club can run the Christmas Parade. He told members that next Thursday we would not meet at 1 PM but gather to collect trash along the river walk at 5 PM and then gather at the Rotary plaque to eat from a food truck. He then asked members to meet at the Care Clinic on Saturday 22 May at 10 AM for two hours to help put out mulch.

Club Program: Graham Blanton introduced our program guest speaker, Mike Nagowski, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center (CFMC) CEO, who spoke about the Hospital. Mike is a Buffalo, New York native who joined the Hospital as CEO 12 years ago. Cape Fear Valley Medical Center is a community owned Hospital. Mike, using a Power Point slide show, spoke about how, during his tenure, the Hospital has grown from 400 to over 1,000 doctors, and a total of 7,500 employees in 8 hospitals, 36 Primary Care facilities and 26 Specialty Care Offices covering four counties. The medical Center has also become a teaching Hospital with over 160 residents and a plan to grow to 300 residents. Cape Fear Valley has the busiest emergency department in the state at 258,483 in 2019 and one of the top 10 in the country. The hospital had 5,254 births in 2020. CFVHS has given COVID-19 vaccinations to over 140,000 from the community through April 2021, because it purchased vaccine trial freezers a year before the pandemic.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- May 20 - The FRC has scheduled a Linear Park trail walk cleanup meeting & Food Truck for 5 PM.
- May 27 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom, 1:00 PM. Program, Marty Cayton
- Jun 3 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom, 1:00 PM. Program TBD.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. A guest was the \$26 winner of the 50/50 Raffle. President Steve thanked Mike Nagowski for his presentation, and all others including guests 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.