



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

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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 thanked the 9 club members who gave of their time for the Blood drive on 21 January in Raeford, NC. President Steve also asked President elect Pau Johnson and Janice McFadyen, who attended the Zoom Pre-PETS to speak about their experience. Both said it was informative. President Steve also provided a rundown of upcoming programs, listed below.

Attendance & Guests: There were 18 present via zoom, 15 members and 3 guests; PWC CEO Elaina Ball, PWC Community Re3latind Officer Carolyn Justice-Hinson, and FSU Professor John Brooks.

Health and Happiness: President Steve, gave the meeting invocation, then gave the Secretary the floor for Health and Happiness. The Secretary Drew reported there were two members with birthdays, Charles Koonce on 2 January and Steve Driggers 3 January. Charles let the club know his birthday is 25 January, a date the Secretary updated in DACdb following the meeting.

Club Program: Steve McDavid turned the meeting over to Jim Sebring who introduced Elaina Ball, the new CEO of PWC. Elaina joined us from her home in El Paso, from where she is moving to Fayetteville. Elaina has been the CEO of El Paso Gas & Electric. She graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering and worked for a number of different Public Service Energy Companies throughout the state of Texas over the years. She has managed all manner of energy generation plants; coal fired, natural gas fired, diesel powered, nuclear powered, and solar and wind generating. She is very pragmatic about her position on energy generation. She looks at what works best from an economic and scale standpoint. Elaina is very excited to be the CEO of PWC, as she said PWC is a very respected public utility in the business. The last utility where she worked merged with another larger utility. Elaina has already purchased solar panels at the municipal community solar farm, an alternative to roof top solar panels. She will be heavily involved in the long range planning at PWC. Elaina Ball is also interested in growing Fayetteville so that businesses and manufacturers will come to the area.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- Feb 11 - The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM. The program speaker is Johnny Dawkins.
- Feb 18 - The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Then program speaker is Dr. McNeill on Covid-2.
- Feb 25 - The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM. The program is District Governor Dawn Rochelle.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. No 50/50 Raffle was held because of the Zoom meeting. President Steve again thanked all members for attending and then lead everyone in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, adjourning the meeting at 2:00 PM.

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