



The Combined Fayetteville Rotary Spoke

The Weekly Newsletter of the Newly Combining Fayetteville Rotary Clubs

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Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

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

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting/meal invocation was given by Steve Driggers. The meal was a London Broil and stir-fried vegetables, chicken and dumplings, small oven baked potatoes, collard greens, bread and bread sticks, mixed salad and choice of dressings, and ice water and choice of tea, coffee, soda or lemonade. The meal was tasty.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: Tim Richardson, after welcoming all, introduced Dave Baggett who introduced one of our RYLA students, Briana Soto, to talk about RYLA. Briana introduced her father and advisor, then spoke about her positive experiences at the Pine Knolls Shores RYLA.

Attendance & Guests: There were 26 present, 21 members of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and 5 guests. The guests included the RYLA student Briana Soto, her father Nelson Soto, her academic advisor Kenny Hoffman, guest of Janice McFadyen, Allison Jones, and Denise Giles from Family Promise.

Health and Happiness: Tim Richardson invited Matt Smith to talk about the Rotary Christmas Parade. Matt informed all that he and Pam, the person who managed the parade web site, entry database, Parade book, and parade to do list would be retiring next year so replacements would need to be selected. Club President Elect Steven McDavid was given time to talk about his President Elect Training and some of his goals for the next Rotary Year, including membership growth and projects.

Club Program: Gordon Johnson introduced Denise Giles to speak about the non-profit Family Promise. Denise spent much of her times peaking about the incongruities in the way homelessness is defined and expressing her frustration trying to help those in need. She said 62 percent of the actual homeless are families with the average age under 8 years. But, because of the way homelessness is defined families are left out. One has to be sleeping outside, seeking housing to be considered homeless. One has to have an address to get unemployment so a family staying in a hotel does not count as homeless.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- February 13 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club at 1 PM. Program, Peace Conference
- February 20 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club at 1 PM. Program Drew Young, CCRCs.
- February 27 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club at 1 PM. Program, Club Assembly

50-50 Raffle – John Herman's ticket was drawn this week. John won approximately 16 Dollars. Tim lead everyone in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, and our meeting at Highland Country Club was adjourned at 2:00 PM.