



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; District Governor Dawn Rochelle, DG Nominee Jeff Mount, 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 was one member birthday, Don Hudson, on 27 January, and no anniversaries. Treasurer Joe Running reminded members to pay their dues.

Club Program: Steve McDavid turned the meeting over to Mark Lynch, who had the program. Mark traded program dates with Dr. McNeill and gave the program on his heart transplant. Mark said his odyssey began in 1996 when his heart problems were diagnosed. He was told that he would eventually need a heart transplant but there was much that could be done before a transplant would be required. Between 1996 and 2014 when he went on the transplant list Mark had numerous interventions, including a heart muscle graft to improve blood flow, and an implant to reset his heart when it went into atrial fibrillation to extend the life of his heart, among others. By 2014 he started 8 months of testing and preparation to be ready for a heart transplant and then put on the watch list. Insurance proved to be an obstacle; and but for friends, devoted medical surgeon and staff, timing, a great match, and luck he would not have lived to get to a transplant. In the end, Mark's positive attitude, a great surgical team and an insurance company pushed to be willing to pay the millions finally lead to a new life for him.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- Feb 4 – The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM. The program, the CEO of Public Works Commission.
- 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.