



The Combined Fayetteville Rotary Spoke

The Weekly Newsletter of the Newly Combining Fayetteville Rotary Clubs

March 12, 2020



Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

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

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting/meal invocation was given by Stephen McDavid. The meal was chopped barbeque pork, chicken and dumplings, steamed spinach, corn and lima beans, bread, mixed salad and choice of dressings, and ice water and choice of tea, coffee, soda or lemonade. The meal was very good.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: Steve, after welcoming all to the Club meeting and introducing the guest turned the meeting over to Dave Baggett. Dave reminded members that the 2 April club meeting will be held at 6PM at Methodist University where the Club will celebrate Bill Lowdermilk night and give scholarships to up to 22 students recommended by faculty for the scholarships. Interviewing of nominees will take place on 18 March 2020.

Attendance & Guests: There were 22 present, 21 members of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and 1 guest. The guest was Rotarian Eric Grunwald from North Raleigh Rotary Club, District 7710.

Health and Happiness: Steve reminded members that on Monday evening, 9 March, 6PM, the Club Board met at Scrub Oaks. Tim will talk next week. Steve also reminded everyone that the Fayetteville Rotary Club was planning for its 100th Anniversary Party at Highland Country Club the evening of May 7, 2020. Steve then suggested possible new member growth opportunity social events on 5th Thursdays.

Club Program: Steve introduced Del Crawford who spoke about the history of the Fayetteville Rotary Christmas Parade. The Parade was run by the city until 1999 when the Fayetteville Rotary Clubs took on the role of Parade Organizers. After the first year when Greg Gunn oversaw Parade operations the Parade Organization was overseen by Johnson Chestnut and Matt Smith. In 2020 the parade Direction was passed to Pamela Chan. Those who have organized the Parade are thanked for all their efforts. The Parade is traditionally held the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. There were many photographs of past parades and floats shown during the program. It was interesting to see a visual history of the Parade.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- March 19 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club at 1 PM. Program, Drew Young
- March 26 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club at 1 PM. Club Assembly
- April 2 - The FRC will meet at Methodist University at 6 PM. Lowdermilk Scholarship Awards
- April 9 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club at 1 PM. Program, John Blackwell

50-50 Raffle. Mark Lynch's ticket was drawn this week. Mark won approximately 19 Dollars. Stephen 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.

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