



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

October 8, 2020



Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Stephen McDavid opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club's (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 PM, welcoming all to the weekly meeting.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by Stephen McDavid. There was a delicious meal for the thirteen club members at Highland Country Club.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: President Steve, after welcoming members and guests, gave the meeting invocation. President Steve plans for a Rotary Club Board meeting the evening of 19 October.

Attendance & Guests: There were 16 present, 15 members of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and 1 guest, the program speaker, Phil Harris from the American Red Cross.

Health and Happiness: There were no Happy Bucks, but President Steve did recognize Graham Banton who celebrated his birthday on 3 October. President Steve recognized Dave Baggett who directed everyone's attention to the recent article about a Polio free world in the Rotarian magazine.

Club Program: Janice McFadyen introduced Phil Harris, Executive Director of the Sandhills Region Office of the American Red Cross. The region includes a 10 county area including Fort Bragg. Phil is a native Fayetteville resident who graduated from Terry Sanford High School and Wake Forest University then worked in banking first for 30 years. The Red Cross in Fayetteville was started in 1918 with the Influenza pandemic and Fort Bragg becoming an Artillery Post. The Fayetteville Regional Office has 10 permanent employees and over 700 volunteers. The Red Cross began providing emergency messages to soldiers and their family members in 1918. The Red Cross provides disaster relief, aid such as sundry packages, food, blankets, short term housing, etc., to members of the local communities when they are affected by fire, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other disasters. The Red Cross teaches safety, lifesaving, CPR and swimming classes to members of the community. The local Red Cross also sends volunteer teams to disaster areas around the country and has two teams deployed for two week periods providing Hurricane and wildfires relief. The Red Cross also coordinates and hosts blood drives. The Red Cross receives its funding from donations directly from citizens like you or as part of the United Way and Combined Federal Campaigns. They gave \$100,000 to Habitat for Humanity to repair homes.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- Oct 15 - The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1PM, Program to be determined.
- Oct 22 - The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1PM, Program to be determined.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. There was no raffle. President Steve again thanked the guest speaker with a Rotary coaster and all for attending the meeting, then lead everyone in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, and adjourned our on-line meeting at 2:00 PM.

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