



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

September 10, 2020



## Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

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

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The meeting invocation was given by Bonnie Dawdy. There was no meal as the meeting was on-line.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** President Steve, after welcoming the members asked Bonnie to give the meeting invocation. District Governor Dawn Rochelle was able to make additional dollars available to award requested District Grant requests. Magda Baggett announced that our club received \$4,000 in grant money. That will allow us to give \$1,000 for Students that had to stay at Methodist U because of Covid-19, \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity for a neighborhood playground, \$1,000 to Cape Fear Botanical Garden for youth education programs, \$1,000 to The Care Clinic for much needed medical supplies for the economically disadvantaged, and \$1,000 to Better Health for needed supplies for those in need.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 17 present, 14 members of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and 3 guests; District Governor Dawn Rochelle, Area Assistant Governor Susan Reid and Fayetteville Police Chief and Guest Speaker Gena V. Hawkins.

**Health and Happiness:** Janice McFadyen gave a Happy Buck for Sheryl Casey's health. Chares Koonce gave \$1 for his Son, Tommy's birthday. Susan Reid gave \$1 for her upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Club Program:** Dave Baggett introduced Fayetteville Police Chief Gena Hawkins who said she was grateful for an opportunity to speak to our club. She has over 25 years of experience as a beat cop, in internal affairs and as trainer for the Atlanta Police Dept. She also was as an assistant police chief before coming to Fayetteville as Police Chief. She is continuing the work done by her predecessors to transition the police into a community policing department. The police department wants the community engaged and likes community involvement through community watch, citizen education about policing and the community following what is happening in their neighborhood via social media. The Police Dept is divided into 3 policing Districts; Campbellton, Cross Creek and Central Districts. The department reports quarterly to the City Council on the state of policing in the city. Chief Hawkins wants dialogue.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.**

- Sep 17- The FRC Zoom meeting at 1PM. Program, Assoc. Justice Mark Davis, NC Supreme Court.
- Sep 24 - The FRC Zoom meeting will be held at 1PM. Program, Club Assembly

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell.** There was no raffle. President Steve thanked our guest speaker for her program and all others 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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