Meeting Notes – Feb. 21, 2023

The LaFayette Rotary Club met on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, and was proud to have as its guest the Assistant District Governor, Paul Golden, and his wife, Patricia.  Paul and Patricia have been married for almost 12 years and reside in Sylacauga.  Both were previously married and widowed. Rev. Golden was married to his first wife for 40 years.  He met Patricia through ChristianMingle.com.  Paul Golden is Reverend Paul Golden and has led two small churches.

Rev. Golden worked in a paper mill for 36-1/2 years.  In his forties, he decided he wanted to go to college, and did so.  He ultimately attended and graduated from seminary as well.  He became a Rotary member around 1990-91 and has held most every position, Sergeant at Arms, Treasurer, Secretary and finally President of two different clubs.  He and his wife are missionaries through Evangelism Explosion (EE) and Alabama is their mission field.  EE teaches people how to share their faith without sounding like "religious nuts".

Rev. Golden shared some Rotary facts with us.

* Rotary was the only civic organization during World War II not to be banned in any foreign country.
* Through the efforts of Polio Plus, last year only 11 cases of the polio virus were reported worldwide.  So far this year, zero cases have been reported.
* Rotary changes leadership every year

Rev. Golden reminded us that Rotary is a service organization.  The theme this year, Imagine Rotary, encourages us to imagine what all Rotary can be.  He suggested that having club t-shirts was a good way to spread the word about Rotary in our community.

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