



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

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Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Paul Johnson opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:10 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by Joe Running. This week's meal was Fried Chicken, Potatoes, Greens, and Mixed Salad.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week we had no member birthdays or anniversaries.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 25 attending the weekly meeting, 11 members in person, 8 members via zoom and 6 guests in person – prospective member Gerome Banks, Jonathan Powell from Quality Sound, Patsy Holland, RYLA Awardee Emily Delgado, Jacob, and the guest Speaker Wakenia George.

Health and Happiness: President Paul went over our upcoming speakers and encouraged members to bring guests, provide programs and prospective members.

Club Program: Tim Richardson introduced our guest speaker, Wakenia George, the new CEO and Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Cumberland County. She has been a teacher, at Max Abbott Middle School in Fayetteville, and a community in Schools representative. Wakenia says what she has learned is that taking care of children is one of the best kept secrets. She said that the Boys and Girls Club in Cumberland County is located at 4 sites. They are located in Spring Lake, where there are two sites, and one each in Fayetteville and Hope Mills. The Boys and Girls Club provides after school programs for middle and senior school children up to graduation. With the pandemic the program was closed while schools were closed. The program now has over 175 participants who spend their afternoons from 3 to 6 PM, studying, in recreational activities and receiving a dinner meal. School athletes do not participate during their sport's season. It costs \$70 a month to participate. The military funds children of Military in the Spring Lake Club. That fee includes study hall, recreational activities, dinner & transportation from school and to their home. Boys and Girls Clubs partner with fraternities and sororities who provide mentorship for children. Boys and Girls Clubs have some funding sources but are always looking for donations & partners to fund their programs. Any support is always welcome.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Jan 27 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Prog., Chris Stevenson, DEI.
- Feb 3 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Prog., CC DA Billy West.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: The 50/50 Raffle of \$12 was won by Gerome Banks this week. President Paul welcomed guests to the club, thanked Wakenia George for her presentation, thanked guests and all members for attending, and then lead all in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say, and do**, adjourning at 2:00 PM.