



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 Tim Richardson. This week's meal was Chicken Croquette, Mashed Potatoes, String Beans, Mixed Salad and rolls.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week we had one member with a birthday and no anniversaries. Steve Driggers had his birthday on the 3 February.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 26 attending the weekly meeting, 19 members in person, 1 member via zoom and 5 guests in person and 1 via Zoom – Melvin Lewis from Fayetteville State University, Terry Baggett, Judge Caitlin Evans, Johnathan Powell from Quality Sound, Guest Speaker DA Billy Jr., and visiting Rotarian Lisa Raiche.

Health and Happiness: President Paul along with Sponsor Magda Baggett, and Secretary Drew Young reading the Rotary New Member document, inducted Gerome Banks into the Fayetteville Rotary Club. President Paul provided Gerome with a new member packet and Magda provided him with a pamphlet on Rotary history. Dave Baggett about the RYLA experience for the 12 students we sponsored and one Methodist University Student Counselor last weekend. Dave also mentioned how John Capps was honored at RYLA.

Club Program: President Paul introduced our guest speakers, Cumberland County District Attorney (DA) Billy West Jr and Fayetteville Rotary Club Family Golf Tournament Champion. DA West said that he has been in the DA's Office for over 20 years, working for Ed Grannis until he retired, then as DA. There are 43 NC District Attorneys in NC. Billy has been DA for 12 years, 4 terms. Caitlin Evans had been one of his ADAs. He has 30 attorneys and some 24 administrative personnel including up to 6 investigators. He says they handle over 100K cases a year. Eighty percent of all cases are lower-level District Court case infractions. The cases go from seat belt infractions, moving traffic violations, to drug offenses, assault, robbery, to murder. One hundred percent of all District court cases are resolved each year. Superior court handles the major crimes. The best part of the job is that he can help people, the victims and their families get justice, and those who have had minor infractions, paid their debt, and lived over 5 years without another violation, have their record expunged. Especially those with few economic resources.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Feb 10 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Prog., TBA
- Feb 17 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, Kelli Stewart.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Graham Blanton won \$18 in this week's 50/50 Raffle. President Paul welcomed guests to the club, thanked DA Billy West Jr. for his presentation, thanked all 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 the meeting at 2:00 PM.

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