



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

February 17, 2022

Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Paul Johnson opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:05 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by Steve McDavid. This week's meal was Pork Sausage in vegetable sauce, Rice, Green Beans, a Mixed Salad, and rolls.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week we had no member with a birthday and no anniversaries. President Paul thanked the RYLA students and their school counselors and parents for their attendance at our meeting and support of RYLA and representing our Club so well at RYLA.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 28 attending the weekly meeting, 14 members in person, 3 members via zoom and 11 guests in person – Jonathan Powell from Quality Sound, Guest Speaker Kelli Stewart, RYLA students Mikaela Burney, Kang Euyoung, Sandy Lin, Hannah Frowner and Jenna Hodges, and Parents/Counselors Kendra Burney, Michael Burney, Brandon Hodges, and Christopher Culley.

Health and Happiness: President Paul reminded the membership that Grant Training, a requirement for Clubs to apply for Grants for 2022-2023, will be held via Zoom at 6:30 on February 17th. President Paul also reminded the membership of Pre-President Elect Training (PETS) at Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home on 26 February.

Club Program: President Paul introduced each of the 5 RYLA students in attendance so they could speak about their experiences at RYLA. They each spoke about what impressed them. Each had something different to say. All agreed as did the group last week that the Culture Walk was the most impactful experience. President Paul then introduced Kelli Stewart, a Navy Shore Patrol and Army Chaplain's Assistant veteran, a divinity school graduate, a Clinical Social Worker, and Lead Oncology Social Worker for Cape Fear Valley Cancer Center who spoke about her development of the Veterans Cancer Program. The program focuses on the veteran's service and how that affects their life and may have influenced their cancer. To see what impact their service might have had, Kelli developed a veteran questionnaire that allows veterans to explain their experiences, traumatic and otherwise, and the types of chemicals they might have been exposed to. Kelli developed a distinctive lanyard that identifies those in the program and serves to introduce one veteran to another. And starts conversations. Kelli also has highlights veteran service through special events such as a food truck on a special wartime anniversary. Kelli used power point slides with photos of events and informational handouts.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Mar 3 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, TBD.
- Mar 10 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, TBD.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Jim Sebring won \$6 in this week's 50/50 Raffle. President Paul welcomed guests to the club, thanked Kelli Stewart and RYLA Students for their presentations, 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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