

Fayetteville Rotary Club Minutes

Date: 20 Jul 2023

(Regular meetings held Thursday at Highland Country Club, Fayetteville, NC and via Zoom at 1:00 PM with lunch served beginning at 12:45 PM) (50/50 raffle tickets are sold prior to opening of the meeting.)

Lunch Meal (if other than buffet): N/A

Opening: President [Gerome Banks]/ Paul Johnson opened the meeting at: 1325__ PM.

Prayer led by: Paul Johnson. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Paul Johnson.

Attendance:

Members in person: __9__

Virtual members: __0__ (Zoom locked out)

Guests: __1__

Visiting Rotarians: __0__

Health and Happiness: (Today in History, Birthdays/Anniversaries, Happy Bucks) July birthdays (MANY!) and anniversaries acknowledged (Tim). Dave shared the passing of longtime Rotarian honorary, Benny Pearce.

Program: Carolyn introduced the guest **Speaker: BIANCA SHONEMAN**

Topic: The link between Peace Corps, Rotary, and Downtown Fayetteville

Bianca shared with us how she was introduced to Rotary via her time in El Salvador as a member of the Peace Corps. They were working on a project to bring water to the community she lived in and Rotary International by way of grant helped make that possible. She now is the CEO of Cool Springs downtown and shared some of the initiatives; 4th Fridays, increased Christmas décor, area beautification and the addition of 2 trolleys.

Closing Announcements: Dave shared the passing of longtime honorary Rotarian, Benny Pearce. Reminder that District Grants are due end of month. Paul reminded us of Golf Tournament sponsors still needed and then conducted the drawing.

Raffle: Won by TOMMY. (Total: \$__, Club \$____, Winner \$4.00____)

Four Way Test: Led by: Paul Johnson. **Meeting Adjourned:** 2:00 PM.
