



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

March 10, 2022

Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

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

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by Ron Gunter. This week's meal was Beef in gravy, Rice, Green beans, Mixed Salad, and rolls.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week we have no member with a birthday or anniversary. President Paul reminded the membership of Carolina President Elect Training (PETS) on March 17th via Zoom.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 27 attending the weekly meeting, 18 members in person, 2 members via zoom and 7 guest in person, Jonathan Powell from Quality Sound, David Sgro, guest speaker, Ali Hussain, Jafraisy Vargas, Hannah Santeanez, Tahmuras Pirimov, and Mohammed Abdulzahra.

Health and Happiness: President Paul asked Dave Baggett to tell the Club about Mark Lynch. Dave said that he had seen Mark recently, after he returned home from the Hospital. Mark is suffering from a lung infection such as TB that will require time to overcome. We will not see him at a Club meeting because he cannot risk infection from Club members. President Paul asked the Club to provide \$500 for the Boys and Girls home for the upcoming Rotary Day event on Saturday March 26th. The Club approved the request for the funds to be delivered during Rotary Day.

Club Program: President Paul introduced David Sgro who spoke about his mission trips to Guatemala and the Philippines to improve their quality of life. He says poor people make bad decisions because they do not know better, they seek bad shortcuts. In Catechol, Guatemala where he has been going since 2010, he has been working to improve the indigenous families' lives. He goes back several times a year to take items for the families to improve their lives. He also is helping them create water wells so they will not have to carry water long distances, from rivers, streams, and ponds. He provides the technical advice so an outdoor latrine will not contaminate a water well. Most recently he provided coal stoves that direct the smoke away from the stove to the open air. Smoke from cook fires in the homes often contaminates the home affecting breathing. Breathing the smoke for years often kills. He realizes when what he provides breaks, they want him to fix or replace it. He has come up with ideas for micro businesses such as the making of jewelry. He takes the jewelry for sale in the US to get the best return. Dave obtains the money he needs to help the villages by running a Karate studio.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Mar 17 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, ASOM's, Renee Lane.
- Mar 24 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, TBD

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Matt Smith won \$19 in this week's 50/50 Raffle. President Paul welcomed guests to the club, thanked David Sgro for his presentation and all guests as well as the membership 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. Thanks for a great program, Dave.

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