



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

March 31, 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 Steve McDavid. This week's meal was Meatloaf, whipped potatoes, Lima Beans, Mixed Salad, and rolls.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week we have no member with a birthday, and no member with an anniversary. Secretary Drew reminded members that Friday and Saturday the 1st and 2nd of April, the District will hold its annual Conference in Wilmington, NC. Dave and Magda Baggett will be the Club's voting delegates and Gerome Banks will be the alternate.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 25 attending the weekly meeting, 19 members in person, 3 via Zoom, and 3 guest in person, Jonathan Powell from Quality Sound, David Sgro, and Mick Nolan, guest speaker.

Health and Happiness: President Paul asked the Club to support giving \$250 to potential member David Sgro to help him go to Guatemala to develop a project, we can submit for a Grant. The Club voted to support him.

Club Program: President Paul introduced Mick Nolan, CEO for Public Works Commission Water Resources Division who spoke about Cumberland County water availability and quality. He began by thanking Laura Tally for insisting that State laws be in place to ensure water Inter Basin Transfers (IBT) will not occur without a study explaining what amount of water will be taken, how much will be returned, and at what quality level. That is important for the assurance that there will be sufficient water at a high-quality level for the future. He thanked Tony Rand for insuring water quantities and quality in the Cape Fear River. With sufficient quantity of water assured, Mick concerned himself with water quality. He said there is PFAS in the water coming down the Haw River. The NC State Department of Environmental Quality says there are high 1,4 Dioxin levels. It is 27 times the health level, coming out of the sewer treatment facility in Greensboro. Chemours has been polluting the Cape Fear River below Fayetteville for years. PWC and the Southern Environmental Law Center have sued Chemours for the dumping of chemicals in the Cape Fear River. There is no national standard for PFAS in drinking water. PWC is going to have to spend for treating drinking water in Cumberland County. The solutions are reverse osmosis water treatment or granulated reactivated carbon. Pittsboro is spending \$50M for a reverse Osmosis system. Whichever method is used getting rid of the pollution will still be a problem.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Apr 7 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, Alan West, Horticulture.
- Apr 14 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, TBD

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Swain Hamlet won \$20 in this week's 50/50 Raffle. President Paul welcomed guests to the club, thanked Mick Nolan 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, Mick, for a very informative presentation, and Q&A.

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