



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

April 7, 2022

## **Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting**

**Welcome:** Club President Paul Johnson opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:08 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The meeting invocation was given by Bonnie Dawdy. This week's meal was Pork Chops, Mac & Cheese, Greens, Mixed Salad, and rolls.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** This week we have no member with a birthday, and no member with an anniversary. Acting Secretary Gerome spoke to the club about his experiences at the District Conference. He also reminded members that there was training available on the Rotary Website so members could learn more about Rotary. The Club voted, agreeing to admit David Sgro to the Club.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were a total of 25 attending the weekly meeting, 21 members in person, 2 via Zoom, and 2 guest in person, Jonathan Powell from Quality Sound, and Allen West, guest speaker.

**Health and Happiness:** President Paul asked Dave and Magda Baggett to talk about the Rotary District Conference. The Baggetts used a van provided by Jay Wyatt to take Rotaractors to the District Conference. They enjoyed their experience. Magda spoke about the Breakout Session a recently Methodist University graduate gave about a water project he executed with funds from a variety of sources back in his home country over a summer a couple years ago. Dave spoke briefly about the various Conference sessions.

**Club Program:** President Paul introduced Allen West, local Consumer Horticulturalist, with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service (NCCES) who spoke about gardening in the county, especially at your home. He explained that the NC Extension Service provides information to homeowners and others about the types of plants that grow best in the general area. But he explained how important it is to understand the local micro-environments around your home that fosters the growth of certain plants. Anyone who wished to learn more can get their soil tested. The NC Extension Service provides boxes for individuals who want to gather soil samples and have them tested. The state will evaluate the soil in cooperation with NC State U. That way you will better understand what nutrients you may need to add to the soil to prepare it to grow particular plants. The Service also provides literature about different grasses and local plant varieties a home gardener might consider growing at their home to achieve a successful garden. The Extension Service at times has wildflower seeds available for free that can be planted in your local gardens. Call NCCES if you have a question.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:**

- Apr 14 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, Grants, Finance & Training
- Apr 21 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, Club Assembly.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell:** Shawn Johnson won \$19 in this week's 50/50 Raffle. President Paul welcomed guests to the club, thanked Allen West for his presentation, and 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, Allen, for a very informative presentation, and Q&A.

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