



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

April 15, 2021



Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Stephen McDavid opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting via Zoom at 1:00 PM, welcoming all to the meeting.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by President Steve. There was no meal.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: President Steve told the membership that beginning April 22 the club would begin meetings at Highland Country Club and via Zoom. Treasurer, Joe Running let members know that they would be given the opportunity to choose between meeting in person or via Zoom.

Attendance & Guests: There were 14 present for the weekly meeting via zoom, 13 members and 1 guest, Christopher Cauley, guest speaker.

Health and Happiness: President Steve, after the meeting invocation, gave the Secretary the mike for Health and Happiness. Secretary Drew reported that there were no birthday or anniversaries for the week. President Steve noted that while the club had no member birthdays, Rotary International founder, Paul Harris was born on April 19, 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, the second of six children.

Club Program: Ron Gunter introduced Christopher Cauley, Assistant Director of the Fayetteville Economic & Community Development Department. Chris Cauley provided a bit of his background. He was from the area, went to UNC Pembroke, earned a Master in Public Administration degree and been married for 11 years. After graduation and before coming to Fayetteville Chris had several different jobs, the most recent was working for the Charlotte City Manager. Chris sought the position and was hired as Assistant Director of Fayetteville's Economic & Community Development Department because he saw potential in the job and much opportunity for the area. Several years after taking the Assistant Director position the Director left and Chris has been the de facto Director since that time. The Economic & Community Development Department receives much of its funding from the federal government through the Community Development Block Grant Program that plus million that benefits low and medium income communities like Fayetteville, NC. The funds currently equaling some three million dollars a year are used to covering a variety of requirements aimed at reducing slums and blight by supporting the building of homes for low income families and helping train individuals how to keep a home as well as open and run a small business. They provide funds for home revitalization and business improvement and the training of job skills. Chris noted that the department is operating short staffed.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- April 22 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 PM.
- April 29 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 PM.
- May 20 – The FRC has scheduled a Linear Park trail walk cleanup meeting & Food Truck for 5 PM.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. No 50/50 Raffle was held. President Steve thanked Chris Cauley for his presentation, and all others for attending, and 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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