



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

April 22, 2021



## Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

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

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The meeting invocation was given by President Steve. Our first meal meeting back at Highland Country Club was pork loin, rice, string beans and a mixed salad with dressings.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** President Steve told the membership that the Boys and Girls Home had sent us a letter thanking the Club and its membership for their contributions to the Boys and Girls Home. Treasurer, Joe Running reminded members that they would be sent their quarterly dues based on their decision whether they would meet in person or via Zoom. President Steve gave Paul Harris pins to Tommy Wooten, plus 1 sapphire pin and Maureen Running, plus 6 and plus 7 ruby pins.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 22 present for the weekly meeting, 16 members in person and 2 via Zoom, with 4 guests via zoom, Jim and Bonnie Dowdy, Monica Williams, and TC Berrien Principal Kim Robertson, guest speaker.

**Health and Happiness:** President Steve, after the meeting invocation, announced that the Club Challenge Coins had arrived and were available to Club members for \$6.00 each. He then moved on to Gordon Johnson, who explained that the Liberty Point Club was no longer going to oversee the Christmas Parade and we needed to decide if we were going to host the parade. We have a month or two to decide what we want to do, take on the challenge of running the parade or to pass it along.

**Club Program:** Magda Baggett introduced Kim Robertson, the new Principal at TC Berrien. Kim is the daughter-in-law of Nat Robertson Sr, a past Rotarian. She has been a Principal at Van Story Elementary, Howard Hall and at least one other school in Cumberland County over the last 15 years. TC Berrien is an under privileged Elementary School with approximately 227 students in grades K through 5. The School has fallen on hard times, because it has structural issues and had to consolidate at W.T. Brown Elementary, just outside Spring Lake. And, with the Pandemic it has been hit extra hard. Fayetteville Rotary Club began supporting the school several years ago. We funded an on-site astronomy experience with a visit by the UNC Morehead mobile Planetarium. We purchased and assembled large lockers for school clothing support. We supported teachers with gift cards & snacks to reward their efforts. This year we provided one hundred headphones for students learning remotely.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.**

- April 29 – The FRC will meet at HCC and via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Dr. Mark Sorrell FTCC Senior VP.
- May 6 - 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.** Ed Vaughn was the \$15 winner of the 50/50 Raffle. President Steve thanked Kim Robertson for her 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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