



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

April 28, 2022

Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: President Paul Johnson opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:05 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 Chicken, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, 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-Elect Gerome reminded members that there is Rotary District Officer Training this evening at 5:00 PM via Zoom. Several club members have signed up. The one-hour training session will include a 15-minute Introduction & Overview, and 45 minutes of individual breakout sessions covering all the various Club leadership positions including DEI, Membership, Grants, Treasurer, Secretary, Foundation, Polio Plus, and Public Image.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 19 attending the weekly meeting, 15 members in person, 2 via Zoom, and 2 guests in person, Jonathan Powell, our Zoom technician from Quality Sound and guest speaker Phil Harris, Executive Director of the Sandhills Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Health and Happiness: Tim Richardson spoke to the Club about the Fayetteville Rotary Club Walker Classic Family Golf Tournament in Mid-August. He reminded all he would be sending out at the beginning of May the forms for signing up sponsors. Magda noted the club has an inbound Exchange Student. Treasurer Shawn reminded members that she has just sent out member quarterly dues invoices, for April, May, and June 2022.

Club Program: President Paul introduced Phil Harris, Executive Director of our local Red Cross Branch, who spoke about our local branch of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross is a humanitarian Organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, providing relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The Sandhills Chapter provides training classes such as Life Saving, Water Safety, Lifeguard, AED, and CPR. The Red Cross does blood drives providing 40% of blood needed in US. In this area the Red Cross provides emergency notification to soldiers of family major emergencies. The Red Cross can provide emergency food and housing support in disasters such as Hurricanes, Tornadoes, house fires, flooding, etc. There are more than 600 local support chapters, responding to over 70,000 disasters nationwide, annually.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Apr 28 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, Phil Harris, Red Cross.
- May 6 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, TBD

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Magda Baggett won \$12 in the 50/50 Raffle this week. President Paul welcomed all to the club meeting, thanked Phil Harris for his presentation, and our guest 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, Phil, for a very informative presentation, and the Q&A.

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