



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

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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 Pork Loin, Mac & Cheese, String Beans, Mixed Salad, and rolls.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week we have one member with a birthday, Amy Navejas, May 18, and an anniversary, Brandon Price, May 17.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 29 attending the weekly meeting, 21 members in person, 2 via Zoom, and 6 guests in person, Jonathan Powell, our Zoom technician from Quality Sound; Ladiba Said Nafe a Nursing student from Methodist University, Ben Anthony, Matt Smith's Grandson; Lisa Raiche; and David Des Champs and Fritz Strehlow, both from PWC and past Rotarians.

Health and Happiness: PDG Dave Baggett spoke to the Club about the Methodist University Rotary Bill Lowdermilk Student Awards given to deserving Juniors at MU. This year the fund had \$35,000 in awards, a \$400 cash award and \$4,000 scholarship vouchers. Dave awarded one of the students, Ladiba Nafe, at our meeting. Ladi is a nursing student at Methodist University who will use her grant to take a course this summer.

Club Program: President Paul introduced Amy Navejas, Executive Director of the United Way of Cumberland County, UWCC. It was originally the Community Chest. Amy was the Executive Director of Better Health, a Partner Agency, before becoming ED of the United Way. The United Way's mission is to improve the quality of lives in Cumberland County by addressing critical human needs. UWCC is the primary funding arm for many nonprofit agencies. Funding accountability is an important critical concern for UWCC, training agencies. UWCC focuses on four core areas, Education, Financial Development, Health, Basic Critical Needs. UWCC raises funds through local company campaigns, and individual giving outside that framework. UWCC was a paper form agency that has now moved to digital and has also set up online giving. Donors are the life blood of UWCC Robert Short for example gave money to establish Youth Growth Stock Trust, a financial literacy program. This month YGST granted \$325,000 to local youth programs. Funding decisions are made by site panels from the community. The UWCC staffs the 211 Call Center, that provides basic information about where an individual can receive services in the community. Coming up next for UWCC is the Day of Caring and then a Blood Drive.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- May 19 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, Lisa Hughes, CCCOOA
- May 26 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, Salvation Army

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Tommy Wooten won \$28 in the 50/50 Raffle this week. President Paul welcomed all to the club meeting, thanked Amy Navejas for his presentation, and our 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 Amy for a very lively & informative presentation. Please Give!

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