



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

July 21, 2022



## **Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting**

**Welcome:** President Brandon Price opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:00 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The meeting invocation was given by Tim Richardson who read a Rotary prayer. This week's meal was Barbeque Chicken, Corn, Mac & Cheese, Mixed Salad, and rolls.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** Tim sent an email to all members about how they could obtain a sponsor's digital invoice. He also announced that we have now raised over \$23,000. President Brandon told the Club that he wanted two program meetings and two Club Assembly meetings a month for a couple months. Several members suggested having only one Club Assembly a month to maintain attendance. The Club Board should be doing the Club's organizational work and use meeting for announcements and programs.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were a total of 25 attending the weekly meeting, 20 members in person, 2 via Zoom, and 3 guests in person, Joseph White, Paul Rastrelli, and guest speaker Bevin Grice from PWC.

**Health and Happiness:** This week we had two members with birthdays, Tim Richardson on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Gerome Banks on the 25<sup>th</sup>; and one with anniversaries, Tim Richardson on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Gerome explained who the members of the Strategic Planning Committee were and showed the timeline for the SWAT Analysis that we all should participate in. He reiterated that plan for developing the Mission Vision and goals should take us out for the next 3 to 5 years. He also asked if there was anyone who wanted to take over the Zoom Tech. responsibilities, setting up and taking down the projector, computer, PA, and microphone.

**Club Program:** Swain Hamlet introduced Bevin Grice, the head of Customer Relations at Public Works Commission. Bevin was a member of our Rotary Club so felt at home. PWC is a County owned utility. He said PWC benchmarks against other top utility companies. Using an outage management system, they have cut outages significantly. They revamped the bill, color coding it so it is easier to read and understand. They are state of the art with payment options. From online payments to automatic debiting of accounts and charging credit cards. They have a water leak notification system to help customers save. Meters are read at the office and power can be turned on or off there. PWC reduced rates in 2020. PWC has an infrastructure replacement system to maintain and upgrade the utility. Many Club members believe a hometown owned utility it is best. With time of use rates watch your electrical consumption from 3 – 7 p.m. in summer when power costs most.

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

- July 27 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Program. Lisa Childers, NC
- Aug 4 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Program. Club Assembly

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell:** Graham Blanton won \$22 in the 50/50 Raffle this week. President Brandon welcomed all to the club meeting, thanked Bevin Grice for his presentation about PWC, 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 Bevin for an informative talk. It was nice to have you visit your old club.

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