



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club
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Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Stephen McDavid opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club's (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 for the 15 members and 1 guest as we were on Zoom.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: President Steve, after welcoming members and guests and giving the meeting invocation, gave the secretary the opportunity to announce member birthdays and anniversaries as well as remind members of upcoming meetings. President Steve reminded the club that there would be no club Christmas Party, and no meetings on Christmas eve 24 December & New Year's eve 31 December.

Attendance & Guests: There were 16 present via zoom, 15 members and 1 guest; Ebony Peterkin, guest of Mark Lynch.

Health and Happiness: There are 5 Club member birthdays in December but only one just after this meeting, John Hermann, on 5 December. President Steve announced that at the recent District Awards Ceremony the Fayetteville Rotary Club won several donation awards. The Club is only one of 7 District clubs with 100 percent participation, one of three top Polio Plus District per capita giving clubs, and the top giving club in Area 6 at \$855 per capita.

Club Program: Gordon Johnson introduced Ron Gunter as the Guest Speaker and meeting program. Ron Gunter, CEO of the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity started his talk by thanking the Fayetteville Rotary Club for their donation of \$4000 in support of the playground in a new Habitat neighborhood. Habitat has moved their offices from the CCF Building to Bragg Boulevard Restore location saving \$30,000 a year. Habitat mainly provides affordable housing for low wealth families in urban and rural settings, in Cumberland, Sampson and Bladen Counties. Habitat builds 25 to 30 homes a year paying \$2m just for construction materials. Owners put in 300 plus sweat equity hours and pay a mortgage. The bank collection rate on Habitat homes is 95 percent. Ron said Habitat also helps repair Hurricane damaged homes, 38 homes repaired since January, and five more to be completed soon.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- Dec 17 – The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Program TBD.
- Dec 24 – The FRC will not meet this week in deference to Christmas Eve.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. No 50/50 Raffle was held because of the Zoom meeting. President Steve again thanked all for attending and then lead everyone in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, adjourning the meeting at 2:00 PM.