



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

September 3, 2020



Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

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

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by Bonnie Dawdy. There was no meal as the meeting was on-line.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: President Steve, after welcoming the members asked Bonnie to give the meeting invocation.

Attendance & Guests: There were 17 present, 15 members of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and two guests, Chris Spears and Chuck Richardson, both of South River Electrical Cooperative & guest speakers.

Health and Happiness: There are two members with upcoming birthdays, Lucas Henry with a birthday on 6 September and Magda Baggett with a birthday on 8 September 2020. Tim Richardson gave a Happy Buck for his grandson's. Magda gave a Happy buck for the Methodist University Rotaract member who won the university mask contest. Drew Young gave Happy Buck for rural electrification. Dave Baggett, as a rural kid, gave a Happy Buck for the role rural electric cooperatives played in lighting his farm. Janice McFadyen gave a Happy Bucks for her local Lumbee River Electric coop and for a Rotary Women's outing. Paul Johnson gave a Happy Buck for Electric Cooperatives' role in providing rural high speed internet. Bonnie Dowdy gave a Happy Buck recognizing extinguishing fires in Colorado.

Club Program: President Steve introduced Chris Spears, VP and CEO of South River Electrical Cooperative (SREC) and Chuck Richardson VP of Engineering for SREC, our guest speakers. South River Electrical Cooperative is one of 900 electrical cooperatives nationwide. It has more than 46,000 customers. South River is the 106th largest electric cooperative. South River has 105 employees serving an average of 40 customers per mile. It generates electricity from 57% nuclear, 24% gas, 5% coal, 5% reprocessed material, 2% hydro, & 7% purchased sources. The Cooperative has an overall 91.5 per cent satisfaction rating. The highest satisfaction rating a municipal electrical utility has received is 78%. The electric cooperative has a six year station upgrade plan. The cooperative has reduced outage time from 161 minutes a year in 2014 to 57.6 minutes in 2019. Their goal is to reach zero net carbon by 2050.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- Sep 10 - The FRC Zoom meeting will be held at 1PM, Program, Fayetteville Police Chief Gina Hawkins
- Sep 17- The FRC Zoom meeting will be held at 1PM, The planned program is a Club Assembly

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. There was no raffle. President Steve thanked our guest speakers for the program and all others for attending the meeting, then lead everyone in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, and adjourned our on-line meeting at 2:00 PM.

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