



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes



The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club  
October 7, 2021

## **Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting**

**Welcome:** Club President Paul Johnson opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:15 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The meeting invocation was given by Ron Gunter. This week's meal at Highland Country Club was BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Collard Greens, and mixed salad.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** This week there were 2 members with birthdays, Graham Blanton on October 3rd, and Shawn Johnson on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October; and no members with an anniversary. President Paul announced there would be a Rotary Club Board meeting on 11 October at 7PM at Samios Restaurant. President Paul with the help of Ron Gunter set a Rotary workday at the Habitat Playground off Bunce Streety on Saturday, 16 October, from 9 AM TO 2 PM. This day is in support of our Grant to provide seed money for the playground.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 19 attending the weekly meeting, 17 members in person, 1 via Zoom, and 1 guest in person, Jonathon Powell from Quality Sound.

**Health and Happiness:** President Paul asked Graham Blanton to explain that Tommy Wooten was expected to return home today. President Paul then introduced Brandon Price who reviewed the upcoming Rotary Christmas Parade preparation. Brandon told the Club all was in order for the Parade. He explained that NC DOT had not yet approved the route on Russell Street. Brandon then said we will confirm School band participation before confirming the parade. Magda Baggett explained we did submit an Equity, Inclusion and Diversity project that is Autistic related, for grant money.

**Club Program:** President Paul introduced Matt Smith who gave a program on the Four Way Test. Matt explained that a Rotarian, Herb J. Taylor, owned a business in 1932 that was going bankrupt. The business owed \$200,000. After some thought Mr. Taylor determined he needed to bring a change to his business culture, by changing the business and employee attitude towards its competitors and customers. He adopted the Four Way test. After 20 years, in 1952, with this attitude the business had no debt & was worth 2 million dollars. He then presented the four-way test to Rotary who adopted it.

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

- Oct 14 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1:00PM. Program, PWC.
- Oct 21 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1:00PM. Program, COL Buccino.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell:** Paul Johnson again won the 50/50 Raffle, winning \$21. President Paul, thanked Matt Smith for his presentation, welcomed guests to the club, thanked them and all members for attending, and then lead all in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say, and do**, adjourning at 1:55 PM.