



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

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Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: Club President Paul Johnson opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:10 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by Stephan McDavid. This week's meal at Highland Country Club Pork medallions in tomato sauce, baked potato wedges, and mixed salad and dressings.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week there were no members with a birthday or anniversary. President Paul announced he would be out of town on November 11th and the club decided not to have a meeting on Thursday because of Veterans Day.

Attendance & Guests: There were 27 attending the weekly meeting, 23 members in person, 2 via Zoom, and 2 guests in person, Rotaract or and guest speaker Fred Kayitare, and Jonathon Powell from Quality Sound.

Health and Happiness: President Paul acknowledged the return of Mark Lynch and Tommy Wooten, both of whom had been absent from our weekly meetings for several weeks because of medical issues. President Paul also thanked members for their support of Alzheimer's event at Segre Stadium last weekend. The Club provided a check for \$1000.00 to Alzheimer's last week, and the Club collects CART fund weekly.

Club Program: President Paul introduced PDG Dave Baggett who introduced this week's program, Fred Kayitare, a graduate of Methodist University (MU). Growing up, Fred's family raised grazing animals in Ruanda, but they had to flee for a time to Uganda to avoid genocide as a Tutsi. As a foreign scholarship student from Ruanda, he received a degree in Accounting and Financial Management from MU and was awarded a Davis summer Peace Project grant to provide water wells in Ruanda. He came to the Club to speak about the summer well project process. Fred planned and executed the project and had several student assistants who helped him with the project in Ruanda. Fred was able to receive additional funds from Haymount United Methodist Church so that water could be provided to three villages. The project included building water lines to villages and cisterns to hold up to 30,000 gallons each.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Nov 11 – There will be no Rotary meeting because of the Veterans day holiday.
- Nov 18 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, City View News.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Mark Lynch won \$25 in the 50/50 Raffle this week. President Paul, thanked Fred Kayitare 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 2:00 PM.