



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes



The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club
August 5, 2021

Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

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

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by Steve McDavid. The meal at Highland Country Club was Beef and vegetables stir fry, dirty rice, chopped collards, and mixed salad.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week there were three members with birthdays, Janice McFadyen on the 6th and Ed Vaughn and Joe Running on the 7th, with no one having an anniversary. Secretary Drew reminded the membership of the upcoming 14 August Walker Classic Golf Championship. President Paul inducted Ion Cerga into the Club at the meeting. Welcome to new Rotarian Ion Cerga.

Attendance & Guests: There were 24 attending the weekly meeting, all in person, and 5 guests in person, Ion Cerga, Carolyn Justice Hinson, Derrick Scott, Melissa Whealton and Guest Speaker Dianna Juergens. Secretary Drew introduced the visitors.

Health and Happiness: President Paul reminded members the Club will meet at Kings Grant at 6 PM on the 13th to setup for the Walker Classic. Tim Richardson told members there is only one week to raise sponsorships before the golf tournament on August 14th. We have so far raised just over \$21K.

Club Program: President Paul introduced Dianna Juergens, the Executive Director of Rick's Place. Rick's Place, RHR is a purpose-built foundation, founded by mission driven warriors with one goal in mind; to strengthen relationships and build community for the warrior and military family through fun, and quality activities. It is a collaborative foundation that works with 30+ military service organizations to provide fun and quality programs for soldiers and their families. Rick's place was built to honor the memory of SFC Rick Herrema, killed in combat on April 25, 2006, during operation Iraqi Freedom. Rick spent his free time to bring fun into other's lives. Josh, Rick's friend, started to build Rick's Place, an interactive park, in 2014 on 50 acres, 5.5 miles from Fort Bragg. Many others joined in to realize the vision and build Rick's Place. The park includes a tree fort zipline, trails and challenges, cookout / picnic areas, meeting space, culinary space, fire pits, mud kitchen, gardens, camps, programs & educational events. The park is for active-duty warriors and their family along with veterans for re-energizing, renewal, relaxation & reintegration from deployments with family and friends. Come give of your time.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event

- Aug 12 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Club Assembly.
- Aug 14 - The FRC will hold its Golf Championship at King's Grant beginning at 7:30 AM.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. Sheryl Casey won the 50/50 Raffle, winning \$32. President Paul thanked Dianna Juergen with a FRC coin for her program and all for attending, and lead all in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say, and do**, adjourning the meeting at 2:00 PM.

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