



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes



The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club  
August 26, 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 Tim Richardson. The meal at Highland Country Club was Sliced beef in stir fry vegetables, dirty rice, string beans, and mixed salad.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** This week there was no member with a birthday and two members with anniversaries, Steve McDavid on the 28<sup>th</sup> and Drew Young on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 26 attending the weekly meeting, 20 members in person and 2 via Zoom, and 4 guests in person, Fred Cutter, Bill Bowman, Eric Sisco from Quality Sound and Video, and our Speaker Charles Davenport. President Paul introduced the visitors.

**Health and Happiness:** President Paul reminded all that the United Way kicked off its annual fund drive today. Several Rotarians attended the event. President Paul also told members that Rick's Place has several volunteer opportunities coming in the next several weeks. Volunteer days are the weekends of 4, 11&12, and 18 September. You can call and coordinate your volunteer opportunity or you can just show up. President Paul also told the club that 18 September is the Fayetteville Beautiful Clean-up day. Those who want to participate should show up at Segra Stadium at 8 AM on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Club Program:** Jim Sebring introduced Charles Davenport of Firm Foundation, a non-profit that focuses on helping children grow up with more opportunities. Mr. Davenport is a well-known Fayetteville native who went to Pine Forest High School, NC State University, was drafted and played professional football for several teams, then was a businessman before he found his calling, to help young children. He is married and has several nearly grown children of his own. Mr. Davenport noted that Cumberland County has as many or more children needing care than any other county in the state. He is a facilitator who matches requirements with those who wish to help children. He seeks those who wish to foster children or provide respite care for those who are full time foster parents. Charles also looks for programs that children needing help can benefit from, be it a scholarship, an apprenticeship or another opportunity. He began this work because he realized how many there were in need and how stability, consistency, growth experiences and opportunities could turn around these children's lives and make them productive. He was introduced to Rotary's efforts & the possible opportunities to help.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Event**

- Sep 2 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Rotary Fellowship.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell.** Steve McDavid won the 50/50 Raffle, winning \$22. President Paul thanked Charles Davenport for his presentation, welcomed guests to the club, thanked all for attending, and lead all in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say, and do**, adjourning at 2:00 PM.

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