



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

October 1, 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 members and guests asked Bonnie Dawdy to give the meeting invocation.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 19 present, 14 members of the Fayetteville Rotary Club and 5 guests including the guest speaker Fred Kayitare, and guests Dr. George Hendrix, Dr. Stan Warden, Catherine Spencer and Vicki Richardson.

**Health and Happiness:** There were no Happy Bucks, but President Steve did recognize Bonnie Dawdy for her birthday on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. Steve McDavid then introduced everyone to the idea of meeting in person at Highland Country Club, on the patio outside the main dining room with a plated meal. All seemed interested if it could be arranged. President Steve he would notify all via email. Gordon Johnson announced the 2020 Christmas Parade is cancelled.

**Club Program:** Dave Baggett introduced the guest speaker Fred Kayitare a foreign student at Methodist University. Mr. Kayitare is a senior Finance and accounting major from Rwanda. He is also the Student Government Association president and Dorm Resident Assistant. Fred arrived at Methodist University as a scholarship student from the United World College in Southern Africa. He did his high school at Kizigamo Catholic School Lycées de Kigali, Rwanda. He was born to Tutsi parents in Rwanda. His parents spent 35 years in a refugee camp in Uganda because of the 1997 to 2000 civil war, before being able to return home. Fred has developed a grant proposal to drill water wells in his hometown in Rwanda and hopes to be able to provide water for four villages. Currently the villages get their water from a river that does not provide clean water. Children currently spend hours fetching water for the day. The impure water cause diarrhea, cholera, and other diseases. With a well children can go to school instead of hauling water and recuperating from disease.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.**

- Oct 8 – The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1PM, Program, the Red Cross
- Oct 15 - The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1PM, Program to be determined.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell.** There was no raffle. President Steve again thanked the guest speaker and all 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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