



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 1:00 PM via Zoom as Highland Country Club was closed. President Paul welcomed everyone and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by Steve McDavid. This week's meeting was via Zoom so there was no meal.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: This week we recognized one member with a birthday - Drew Young on 9 January. There were no anniversaries.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 19 attending the weekly meeting. All members and guests participated via Zoom. The guest was prospective member Gerome Banks.

Health and Happiness: President Paul thanked the membership and especially Brandon Price and his Parade Committee for all their efforts that made the Rotary Christmas Parade a great success. He also thanked the members and guests that helped make the Rotary Christmas Party such an enjoyable and fun experience. President Paul especially thanked Joe Running for arranging the venue and providing the turkey and Ham for the meal, all the other attendees for their delicious sides and deserts, Magda Baggett and her committee for the great decorations, Steve McDavid for running the gift exchange, and Magda and Dave Baggett for arranging the entertainment for the evening, guitarist Fred Bittle. Paul then turned the podium over to Dave Baggett who announced that the Club interview committee had interviewed 13 of 14 candidates and was pleased to announce that they have 12 RYLA awardees and one counselor, a Methodist University Senior. One candidate did not show for the interview.

Club Program: President Paul introduced Brandon Price who discussed the annual Rotary Fayetteville Christmas Parade, held 11 December. It was clear to all that the Parade was a huge success especially after a year 2020, when we did not have a Parade due to Covid. There were 79 Parade entrants and 10 Bands that participated. Only 1 Band did not show because of Covid. There were 30 Fayetteville Police Officers providing crowd and vehicle control. While there were a couple of non-entrants who showed and a vehicle accident, not parade related, a block away the Parade went off without a hitch.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Jan 11 – The District will hold its Annual Foundation Dinner at the Mad Boar. RI President attending
- Jan 13 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Jay Reinstein, Asst. City Mgr.
- Jan 20 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Prog., Wakenia George.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: There was no 50/50 Raffle this week. President Paul welcomed our guest to the club, and thanked him 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.