



# 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 Tim Richardson. This week's meal was Beef, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Salad and rolls.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** This week we had one member with a birthday and no anniversaries. Don Hudson has his birthday on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were a total of 33 attending the weekly meeting, 16 members in person, 5 members via zoom and 12 guests in person – Jonathan Powell from Quality Sound; RYLA awardees Anita Amofah, Mary Ledford, Tinley Davis, Briyana Tillman, Shamar Curry; 2 parents, EE Smith HS SGA advisor Shannon Manley, and the guest Speakers Chris Stephenson and Andrea Young.

**Health and Happiness:** President Paul went over our upcoming speakers and encouraged members to bring guests, provide programs and prospective members. Mark Lynch rose to honor long time active Rotarian John T. Capps III. John was a Rotary institution who was present at all Rotary events from the Club, District, Zone and International levels. John will be greatly missed.

**Club Program:** President introduced our guest speakers Chris and Andrea Young who are from District 7730 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force. Chris began by saying that DEI is only a small part racial. It is about everyone that is not included or considered when a group is forming a selection is made whether it be about race, nationality, disability, culture, language or any other characteristic that people fear so do not include everyone. Chris spoke about his own upbringing. How he was the only black child in his newly integrated all white school in New Orleans in 1962. How he started at University of New Orleans, now LSU, then left to join the military. After a 20-year career there he used the GI Bill for school then went to work for FEDEX. As a supervisor he knew from the military he needed to recognize all his employees as important. FEDEX policy was that a supervisor needed to consider the employees working with him/her, and their families first, to insure all were taken care of, so employees could focus on the job. To learn more, go to Rotary.org, DEI for a short on-line training course.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:**

- Feb 3 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Prog., CC DA Billy West.
- Feb 10 – The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, TBA.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell:** There was no 50/50 Raffle this week. President Paul welcomed guests to the club, thanked Chris Stephenson and Andrea Young for their presentation, wished the RYLA awardees well at the RYLA experience, thanked all guests 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.