



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes



*The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club*  
**October 14, 2021**

## **Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting**

**Welcome:** Club President Paul Johnson opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:15 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The meeting invocation was given by Steve McDavid. This week's meal at Highland Country Club was Baked Chicken, Rice, String Beans with new Potatoes, and mixed salad.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** This week there is on members with birthdays, Shawn Johnson on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October; and no members with an anniversary. President Paul announced there was a Rotary Club Board meeting on 11 October at 7PM at Samios Restaurant. President Paul with the help of Ron Gunter reminded the membership of a Rotary workday at the Habitat Playground off Bunce Road on Saturday, 16 October, from 9 AM TO 2 PM. This day is in support of our Grant to provide seed money for the playground. Magda Baggett and President Paul presented a check for \$1000.00 to Matt Lynch for Rick's Place.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 24 attending the weekly meeting, 19 members in person, 1 via Zoom, and 4 guests in person, Matt Lynch CEO of Rick's Place, Elaina Ball and Mark Brown of PWC, and Jonathon Powell from Quality Sound.

**Health and Happiness:** President Paul let the club know that Tommy Wooten had return home from the Hospital. Brandon Price reviewed the upcoming Rotary Christmas Parade preparation.

**Club Program:** President Paul introduced Elaina Ball, CEO of PWC. Ms. Ball is an Engineer who became CEO for PWC on December 1, 2020. She has extensive experience managing both private and public utilities. PWC averages returning power in less than an hour after a power outage while Duke Power takes on average 150 minutes to return power. PWC power is on average 15% cheaper than a private utility. PWC has a strategic Plan with a new vision that includes 7 focus areas; customer focus, being a top performer, more community engagement, being a good partner, increase direct distribution philanthropy, more conservation, being an enabler, source locally, reinvest in the community, and providing operational excellence. PWC is also focusing on improving the water quality given recent Gen X issues from Chemours and PFAS. There is also a pledge from the commissioners not to go private.

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

- Oct 21 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1:00PM. Program, COL Buccino.
- Oct 28 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, District Governor.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell:** There was no 50/50 Raffle this week. President Paul, thanked Elaina Ball for her presentation, welcomed guests to the club, thanked them 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.