



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes



*The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club*  
**October 21, 2021**

## **Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting**

**Welcome:** Club President Paul Johnson opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:13 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The meeting invocation was given by Bonnie Dawdy. This week's meal at Highland Country Club was Beef stew, pasta, spinach, and mixed salad.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** This week there were no members with a birthday or anniversary. President Paul with the help of Ron Gunter thanked the membership for their efforts on the Rotary Workday at the Habitat Playground off Bunce Road on Saturday, 16 October, from 9 AM TO 2 PM. The day was in support of our Grant to provide seed money for the playground. The club gave a check for \$1000.00 to the local Autistic Society.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 22 attending the weekly meeting, 18 members in person, 2 via Zoom, and 2 guests in person, Colonel Joe Boccino, Fort Bragg Public Affairs Officer and Jonathon Powell from Quality Sound.

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

**Club Program:** President Paul Colonel introduced Joe Boccino, XVIIIth Airborne Corps Public Affairs Officer who spoke about the renaming of Fort Bragg. The acknowledgement by the US Congress that the naming of 10 Southern military installations after Civil War Confederate Generals was having a negative impact on descendants of slaves, who also faced segregation, Jim Crow laws and blatant racism ever since the civil war, has led to renaming legislation. While much has changed the renaming of those installations is one more way to recognize the problems racism has caused. The commission formed to recommend new installation names that would be more acceptable to all has to propose three names by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The commission has met with many interest groups to receive proposals for renaming the 10 installations including Fort Bragg. The proposed names for Fort Bragg range from Gen Braxton Bragg's cousin, who was a Union General, more recent popular generals and important enlisted soldiers, including those of color, and other popular non-military individuals.

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

- Oct 28 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, District Governor.
- Nov 4 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club & via Zoom at 1 PM. Program, Fred Kayitare, MU.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell:** Jim Sebring won \$38 in the 50/50 Raffle this week. President Paul, thanked Col Joe Boccino for his 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.