



# 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 Stephan McDavid. This week's meal was Beef Medallions in mushroom gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Mixed Salad.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** This week we recognized the member with birthdays - John Hermann on 5 December, Ion Cerga on 13 December, Jim Dawdy on 16 December, Matt Smith and Jim Sebring on 22 January, and Brandon Price on 31 December.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were a total of 24 attending the weekly meeting, 21 members in person, and 3 guests in person – prospective member Jerome Banks, Jonathan Powell from Quality Sound, and guest speaker Charles Evans.

**Health and Happiness:** President Paul reminded members of the Club Party at Holy Trinity Church on 16 December at 6 PM, in the place of our weekly meeting. Attending members were asked to sign up for the potluck and the sides they will bring. Magda Baggett said there would be entertainment and Steve McDavid will oversee the gift exchange. Anyone wanting to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20. Dave Baggett said that interviewing of 14 RYLA candidates will occur on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at the Baggett residence. Brandon Price spoke to the club about the requirements for the Parade on 11 December. There will be a Parade planning meeting on Friday night 7PM, 10 Dec at the local Habitat for Humanity. The Club will also have Parade assistance from a couple of local clubs.

**Club Program:** President Paul introduced our guest speaker Charles Evans, recent County Commissioner Chair and previous City Council Member. Charles is a Fayetteville native who said he had been on drugs that derailed his early life, he lost the good jobs he had with a regional airline, and he found himself facing jail time because of his bad choices. He has turned his life around and worked hard for the local community, elected for city and county elected positions. He feels that the city council and county commissioners have done much during his tenure.

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

- Dec 11 - The FRC will host the Fayetteville Rotary Christmas Parade from Court House parking lot.
- Dec 16 – The FRC Christmas Party, in lieu of meeting, at Holy Trinity Church beginning at 6 PM.
- Jan 6 – The FRC will meet via Zoom at 1 PM because of COVID. Program, Club Assembly.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell:** There was no 50/50 Raffle this week. President Paul thanked our guest speaker, Charles Evans, 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.