



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

September 22, 2022



Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: President Brandon Price opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:02 PM, welcoming everyone and leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Prayer and Meal: The meeting invocation was given by President Brandon. This week's meal was Breaded Chicken in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Salad and dressings, and rolls.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: Past District Governor Magda Baggett reminded the membership that the 21st of September was Rotary Peace Day. Secretary Gerome noted that Rotary had a Membership Summit on Saturday 17 September that was organized by District Membership Chair Andi Young. He talked about attrition, Attraction, and retention, as well as how to develop an action plan for recruiting new members.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 26 attending the weekly meeting, 22 members in person, 1 via Zoom, and 3 guests, Chris Nelson, Melanie Sgro and Angele Copel-McIver.

Health and Happiness: This week we had one member with a birthday, Bonnie Dawdy on September 24th, and an anniversary, Bonnie and Jim Dawdy on September 27th. Grants Committee Chair Magda Baggett notified the Club that we received funding for four grants for the Rotary Year. They include a Grant to replace the floor covering in the patient area at Better Health and to provide manpower to help move things to a storage unit. A Grant to help purchase solar panels for a Rotaract Solar Panel Project in Ruanda. A Grant to help fund a children's playground at Rick's Place. A Grant for a children's Playground at Rick's Place. And a Grant to help fund Rotary Exchange Students attending Rotary activities within our District.

Club Program: President Brandon introduced Secretary Gerome Banks who continued development of the Club Mission, Vision, and Values. Out of our discussion came the mission to attract a diverse network of community and business leaders, providing mutual social and economic support advancing service and peace in our regional and global communities. Then we agreed to a vision that is a local, national, and international community dedicated to serving one another and affecting lasting and positive change. Finally, we agreed to values of the Fayetteville Rotary Club to remain consistent with those of Rotary International, We underscore the importance of Club and District Fellowship, integrity in all we do, diversity that reflects the local business community, community and international service above self, and leadership in local community, particularly amongst our youth, as they are our future. Gerome went on addressing the four traits of Belonging, Collaboration, Purpose, and Branding that are the glue that hold us together and give us reason for being. Belonging – Increased Buy-in through education and engagement. Collaboration – Working together in Committees. Purpose-Attract new members through involvement. Branding- Increase Club visibility through activities showing Rotary symbols.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Sep 29 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 pm. Amy Canon, CC Manager
- Oct 6 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 pm. DG Nancy Carr Off. Visit
- Oct 13 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 pm. Club Business

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Ion Cerga won \$18 in the 50/50 Raffle this week. President Brandon welcomed all to the club meeting, thanked the guests for attending, and then lead all in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say, and do**, before adjourning at 2 PM. Thanks Gerome for all your effort.