



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

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Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

Welcome: President Brandon Price opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club at 1:00 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 Meat Balls, Rice and Lima Beans, Mixed Salad and dressings, and rolls.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: Secretary Gerome Banks reminded the membership that they needed to select one of the Committees on which to serve. The Committees include Membership, Administration, Image, Service, and Strategic. The membership will be announced at the October 6th meeting. The Club presented a \$2,000 check to Better Health as part of our Grants for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year. The Grant will be used to provide floor covering for the patient reception area. The Club will also be assisting making room for the floor repair by clearing the room of furniture and other items to a storage area. Christiana Adeyemi received the check.

Attendance & Guests: There were a total of 23 attending the weekly meeting, 15 members in person, 1 via Zoom, and 7 guests, Hall Powers, Dr. James Drury, Brian Haney, Rudy McMillan, Susan Blum- Malley, Christiana Adeyemi, Director of Better Health, and Amy Cannon.

Health and Happiness: This week we had one member with a birthday, Graham Blanton, and no anniversaries.

Club Program: President Brandon introduced Amy Cannon, County Manager. She is retiring as of 1 December 2022 after 32 years of public service. Amy is the first woman to hold the job of County Manager. She said that it has been a privilege to serve in the community where she was born and raised. She graduated for UNC Greensboro in accounting and worked for several years in a private accounting firm before she began her government service in 1990, when she joined the Budget Department. Over the years she was promoted to Finance Director, Assistant County Manager, and Deputy Director before being named County Manager in 2014. Throughout her career with the County, she said she tried to serve with loyalty and dedication. She left a career in public accounting because she recognized her heart was in public service. She said she had no regrets about her decision or her public service journey over the last 30 years. Amy said she made her decision to retire solely out of a desire to spend more quality time with her family. Amy recounted a number of special experiences throughout her career. She recounted counting chickens at a client's processing plan when she worked for a private accounting firm. She spoke about decisions that affected the County's bond rating during the 2008 market decline, the County's bond rating as very favorable in 2008. She retires with 32 years with the County.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Events:

- Oct 6 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 pm. Toni Dixon, Fay. Chamber
- Oct 13 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 pm. Club Business
- Oct 20 - The FRC will meet at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 pm. DG Nancy Carr's Visit

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell: Swayn Hamlet won \$18 in the 50/50 Raffle this week. President Brandon welcomed all to the club meeting, thanked the guests for attending, thanked Amy Cannon for her program and then lead all in the **Four Way Test of the things that we think, say, and do**, before adjourning at 2 PM. Thanks Amy Cannon for your service. The Club gave her a gift card to be able to buy a dinner out.