



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

December 10, 2018

## **Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting**

**Welcome:** Past President Joe Running opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC) meeting at 6:30 PM, welcoming all and leading the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The meeting/meal invocation was given by Drew Young. The meal was Spaghetti and meat balls, toasted bread and mixed salad with dressings.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** No song was sung and Tim Richardson said there was no noted Today in History. But, today in 1884 Huckleberry Finn was first published and in 1901 the first Nobel Prizes were awarded.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 9 members and 3 guests in attendance. The guests included Richard Bull and Jennifer Ramos's daughter Amalia and our speaker Tony Chavonne.

**Health and Happiness:** There were several Happy Bucks. Joe Running gave a Happy Buck for the successful Christmas Parade. The Christmas Parade was a great success. Joe also addressed the Club about the Holiday Party at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on 17 December at 6 PM. A signup sheet was provided for everyone who had not signed up to sign-up and to list what side or desert they would bring. Coins for Alzheimer's Research were also collected.

**Club Program:** Tim Richardson introduced our guest speaker Tony Chavonne from the Cool Spring Downtown District who spoke about the history of Downtown Fayetteville from its Cambelton Landing and Cross Creek days to today. He had slide photographs of the town from its earliest days when photography was in its infancy, up to today. He spoke about the growth of the town to a city and its evolution from the time when it truly was the center of activity for this part of the State, through its decline, and the efforts made to revitalize the town center up to today. Tony focused on the different efforts and how they had an impact on the growth of the downtown. His talk was most informative.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.**

- Dec 10 – FRC will meet at Scrub Oaks. Program is Tony Chavonne on Cool Spring Downtown District.
- Dec 17 – FRC Holiday Social at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Dec 24 – FRC will not meet due to Christmas Holiday
- Dec 31 – FRC will not meet due to New Year's Day.
- Jan 7 – FRC will meet at Scrub Oaks
- Jan 14 - FRC will meet at Scrub Oaks

**50-50 Raffle** – Jim Sebring's ticket was drawn this week. With \$107 in the pot, he did not draw the Queen of Diamonds from the deck. So, he did not win the pot. Joe lead everyone in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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