



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

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## Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting

**Welcome:** Club President Stephen McDavid opened this week's Fayetteville Rotary Club's (FRC) meeting at Highland Country Club and via Zoom at 1:00 PM, welcoming all to the weekly meeting.

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Steve McDavid and the meeting invocation was given by Bonnie Dawdy. There was a delicious meal for the eleven club members at Highland Country Club.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** President Steve, after welcoming members and guests and giving the Pledge of Allegiance, asked Bonnie to give the meeting invocation. President Steve reminded all of the upcoming Rotary Club Board meeting at 7 PM on the evening of October 19th.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 19 present, 16 members of the Fayetteville Rotary Club, 11 in person and 5 on Zoom, and 3 guests, program speakers, Angie Malave of the Wine Café, and Dianne and Hank Parfitt of the City Center Gallery.

**Health and Happiness:** There were no birthdays or anniversaries, and no Happy Bucks. President Steve presented Past President Tim Richardson a Rotary Clock, on behalf of the Club, for his service last year. Joe Running made available the new Name Tags for members.

**Club Program:** Tim Richardson introduced the guest speakers, Dr. Hank and Dianne Parfitt and Angie Malave who spoke about how downtown businesses are doing during the pandemic. Angie and her husband own the Wine café and the Coffee Place on Hay Street, near the Market House. Angie said that her businesses are surviving but only because of people who are ordering bottles and cases of wine for pickup. She said her coffee shop like the others downtown are not doing well because people are not frequenting those businesses. Some have closed but she kept their shop open to support her employees. She also said that the Coffee Shop had its window broken during the marches against Police Violence. The Wine Café was spared because she made it invisible and her husband stood out front. Hank and Dianne Parfitt said that their Book Store and Studio are surviving because people have been ordering books and things for pick-up. Dr Parfitt said that Ralph Huff and his wife's support of the Dickens Christmas and spreading out the carriage rides aim to help bring more customers downtown.

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

- Oct 22 - The FRC Meeting at Highland Country Club at 1PM, Program, Fayetteville Regional Airport.
- Oct 29 – The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1 PM, Bruce Dawes, on Ft. Bragg.

**50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell.** There was no raffle. President Steve again thanked the guest speakers with a Rotary coaster and all others for attending the meeting, then lead everyone in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.