



The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club

October 22, 2020



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 another 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.

Attendance & Guests: There were 26 present, 22 members of the Fayetteville Rotary Club, 17 in person and 5 on Zoom, and 4 guests, program speakers, Dr Tony Coleman, Fayetteville Regional Airport Director; Elsa Gafal; Allison; and Jackie McLean, a Drop-out Specialist and local NAACP President..

Health and Happiness: There were no birthdays or anniversaries ,and no Happy Bucks. President Steve talked about the Club Board meeting held on Monday evening 19 October.

Club Program: Mark Lynch, who is the Fayetteville Regional Airport Board President, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Tony Coleman, Airport Director, who spoke about what is happening at our Regional Airport. Delta and American Airlines are the regional carriers at Fayetteville. The airport draws passengers from an 11 county area. The airport can handle any size aircraft and does receive Air Force 1 regularly. There are 55 companies who use the airport for their aircraft. Phase one of the Airport renovation project including one of the two concourses and half the main building was recently completed. Phase 2 renovation is under way. When finished the Airport will look new. Phase two renovations include the major money makers, rental car areas and parking, airline counters, and terminal 2. January and February revenue and passenger travel were up 10% and 8% respectively but since March travel and revenue has been down because of COVID 19. Fayetteville is at 60% of past revenue while RDU is at 20%. The Fayetteville Regional Airport, owned by the City has been self supporting for the last 27 years, at no taxpayer expense. It attracts 860 jobs generating \$754 in revenue.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- Oct 29 – The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1 PM, Bruce Dawes, on Ft. Bragg.
- Nov 5 - The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1 PM, Program to be determined.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. The Club 50/50 raffle winner Tim Richardson won \$12 of the \$24 collected. President Steve again thanked the guest speaker 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.

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