



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 and meeting invocation were given by President Steve. There was another delicious meal for the 15 members present at Highland Country Club.

Rotary Song and Rotary Minute: President Steve, after welcoming members and guests and giving the Pledge of Allegiance, and invocation, gave the secretary a chance to give an update of upcoming November Rotary events. The Foundation Celebration Dinner will be at the Mad Boar in Wallace on the 14th of November. There is also a second Monday District Zoom meeting on 9 November.

Attendance & Guests: There were 25 present, 20 members, 15 in person and 5 on Zoom, and 5 guests; program speakers, Bruce Dawes, Fayetteville Historian, and Heidi and Catherine Linden from Bruce's office; Elsa Gafal, Janice McFadyen's guest; and Brandon, Ron Gunter's guest.

Health and Happiness: There were no birthdays or anniversaries, and no Happy Bucks.

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. It attracts 860 jobs generating \$754 in revenue.

Future Meetings and Upcoming Event.

- Nov 5 - The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1 PM, Program to be determined.
- Nov 12 - The FRC Meeting will be held at Highland Country Club at 1 PM, Dr. Jennifer Green, DDPH.

50-50 Raffle and Meeting Farewell. The Club 50/50 raffle winner Gordon Johnson won \$13 of the \$26 collected. President Steve again thanked the guest speaker 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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