



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

*The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club*  
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## **Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting**

**Welcome:** President Andy McBain opened this week's meeting at 6:30 PM, welcoming all to the Fayetteville Rotary Club (FRC), and Andy lead the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Meeting Prayer:** Drew Young gave the meeting/meal blessing. The meal was a grilled hamburger patty, mashed potatoes with a mushroom and onion gravy, string beans, mixed salad with dressings, and cherry cobbler. The food was satisfying and tasty.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** Tim Richardson provided today in history. He noted that today in 1790, the US Patent Office was opened. In 1975 Jimmy Hoffa disappeared. The club sang "Welcome Governor," to welcome the District Governor, RB Richey. Jim Sebring went over upcoming programs.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 11 members and 2 guests in attendance at the meeting. Guests included the District Governor, and the past President of the Methodist U. Rotaract Club, Jennifer Vazconsuelo.

**Health and Happiness:** There were several Happy Bucks given. Andy McBain gave a Happy Buck to welcome the District Governor. Dave Baggett gave a Happy Buck for his wife's safe return from PR.

**Club Program:** The District Governor was the scheduled club program. RB began his talk by presenting the Rotary International President's Theme for the year, "Making a Difference" through Rotary. He went on to talk about membership and while Rotary seems to be staying the same size, as one person joins another one leaves, the average age seems to be going up by three years each year. He asked that each club plant a tree to help offset the damage done by deforestation in the world. RB then focused on the importance of image, that Rotary is what people perceive that seems to matter. While we may do many great things unless we publicize it others will not know and that will adversely affect our recruiting ability. He noted that the generation entering the age to join Rotary wants to make a difference and that unless we let them know what we are doing they will not think to join Rotary. To help he has created another special District Chair position to add to Membership and Foundation chairs for each area. That position is Area Public Image Advocate Chairman. District Conference is in April.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Event**

- Aug 7 - FRC meeting at Kings Grant Golf Course pavilion to discuss the Golf Tournament.
- Aug 14 - FRC meeting at Scrub Oaks Restaurant

**50-50 Raffle** - This week, Mithu Chadhuri's ticket was drawn but Mithu did not draw the queen of spades from the deck. The pot has more than 107 dollars. Andy lead the FRC in the **Four Way Test, of the things that we think, say and do**, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.