



# The Fayetteville Rotary Spokes

*The Weekly Newsletter of the Fayetteville Rotary Club*

**January 8, 2018**

## **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) at Scrub Oaks, and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Andy passed the Cart bucket for change.

**Meeting Prayer and Meal:** Drew Young gave the meeting/meal blessing. The meal was a choice of either a hamburger, grilled chicken or fried chicken sandwich with fries or chips. The meal was tasty.

**Rotary Song and Rotary Minute:** The club sang America The Beautiful. Tim Richardson noted that today, in 1892 a major coalmine explosion in McAlister Oklahoma changed mine rules. In 1908 the Brooklyn-Manhattan subway line was opened. In 1979 the US advised the Sha of Iran to leave Iran.

**Attendance & Guests:** There were 10 members and 3 guests in attendance at the meeting. The guests included Ted Hasbrouck, Zach Parisian and Jessie Garner, the guest speaker.

**Health and Happiness:** There were several Happy Bucks given. Cristy Grady gave a Happy Buck for her husband's birthday. Dave Baggett gave a Happy Buck for successful Christmas Part by Kristen Patton.

**Club Program:** The program for the evening was a presentation by Jessie Garner on the Opioid Crisis. Dave Baggett introduced the speaker. Jessie Garner, a prior user, convicted drug dealer, attempts through the distribution of clean needles, Narcan (Naloxone), and understanding of the addicts in the community seeks to get addicts enrolled in programs to stop using drugs. North Carolina, 173 Law Enforcement Agencies in 73 counties support the program with the idea that addicts will come around if they can be kept alive long enough. The problem is that synthetic fentanyl is killing drug addicts at a high rate. The program in NC has passed out 53,346 Narcan kits to bring folks back when they overdose. Many lives have been saved as a result. The recently passed good Samaritan law protects individuals who call in to 911 a drug overdose. A person registered in the program will not be arrested if they are found with clean needles and Narcan on them. The program was very informative.

## **Future Meetings and Upcoming Event**

- January 15 – The Fayetteville Rotary Club meeting is cancelled because of the MLK National Holiday.
- January 12-13 – Rotary Leadership Institute Seminary in Cary.
- January 23 – Fayetteville Rotary Club Meeting at Scrub Oaks.

**50-50 Raffle** - This week, Jessie Garner's ticket was drawn but Jessie did not draw the queen of spades from the deck. The pot has more than \$280.00. 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.