



Club Meeting

Homestead
Meets at Capri
Restaurant - Gallery
Room
Capri Restaurant 935 N
Krome Ave
Florida City, FL 33040
Time: Wednesday at
12:15 PM



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Events and Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays

Anna Rita Alvarez
October 8th
Dennis Maytan
October 10th
Louis R. Melara
October 11th

Years of Service

Robert S. Harris
11-01-1979
41 Years
Michael J. Marcus
11-01-1988
32 Years
Erik D. Tietig
11-15-2000

Call to Order

September 23, 2020

President Roxanne Jeghers called the Rotary meeting to order, in person and on ZOOM at 12:15 pm. Eleven Rotarians in-person with one guest and the today's speaker and one Rotarian on ZOOM.



Rotary Club of Homestead Stone Crab and Seafood Festival

By Richard S. Glosser



4th ANNUAL HOMESTEAD (We're Hoping)
STONE CRAB &
SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Saturday February 27, 2021 11 am - 8 pm
Sunday February 28, 2021 11 am to 5 pm
Homestead Sports Complex
1601 SE 28th Ave, Homestead 33035

[Homestead Rotary Website Link](#)

[Homestead Rotary Facebook Page](#)

Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Louie Melara

PLEDGE led by Tom Witherell

11 members present + one on ZOOM; one guest and speaker Jim Sutton in person.

BIRTHDAYS: No Birthdays this week.

Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians



Sunnyhills Nusing Home crowd on August 19th visited by Rotarians!

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Copies of the Rotary Board meeting minutes of Sept 17 available today.

Plans for Prime Rib dinner at Harris Field Pavilion on Friday Nov 13 are going forward. Honorees to be chosen & types of tickets discussed. Final decision to proceed should be made soon.

Discussion of shelves for Rotary storage with a brief discussion of Club archives and history storage.

Speaker next week is Homestead Hospital CEO Ken Spell, by ZOOM. News is COVID admissions are down!

CITY NEWS:
Rotarian Mayor Steve Losner said the final budget hearing is this evening. A +1 mill increase is expected in order to pay for 10 new police officers plus \$777,000 for policy body cameras. Also a land use decision to be made on "a world-renown e-commerce distribution facility" coming to Homestead, promising 460 permanent jobs with an average salary of \$41,000. Details are pending.

Today's Speaker/Program

Jim Sutton directs the Florida National Parks Association (FNPA) a 501 (c)(3) authorized by Congress because "government employees are not allowed to take dollars". Known as

the Everglades Association, the group manages book stores in four national parks, 2 state parks and a NOA facility. Its a blended instituton balancing "free from fee". It oversees tours and some rentals that last year brought in \$1.4 million in fees; small gift shops/book stores bring in \$1.8 million more. All these are closed due to COVID. FNPA is now taking grants such as the most recent for \$600,000 to enhance educational programs in the parks. The big news is the recent approval of \$1.9 Billion over 5 years for deferred maintainance. The money comes from royalties on off-shore drilling and from fracking - the parks get 70% of that money. Future plans include a visitors center for Elliott Key to welcome boaters, something at the Jones family farm site and more boardwalks in the park. News on Flamingo development shows popularity of 24 eco-tents even opening in the summer; there is the hope to add ten more. The new visitors center, the largest in the Park, is to open in June of 2021, allowing venue rental and larger gatherings. Twenty-four cottages are planned to open in June 2021 and a restaurant with beer & wine service in November of 2021. Seasonal employees of the Parks required housing that cannot be provided, so the Association is looking to hire 140 local residents this year as guides and docents. Last Thursday, the Governor signed the bill creating specialty license tags for the parks with the money going to Florida Bay education programs like boating safety. Rotary's own Steve Shelley and Robert Chaplin took the picture that will be on the specialty plate.

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Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

Join the ZOOM Meeting with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83768715337?pwd=Zmdhb050TjBVWUJONiJ3U2ZxdWlpUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 6871 5337

Password: 457708

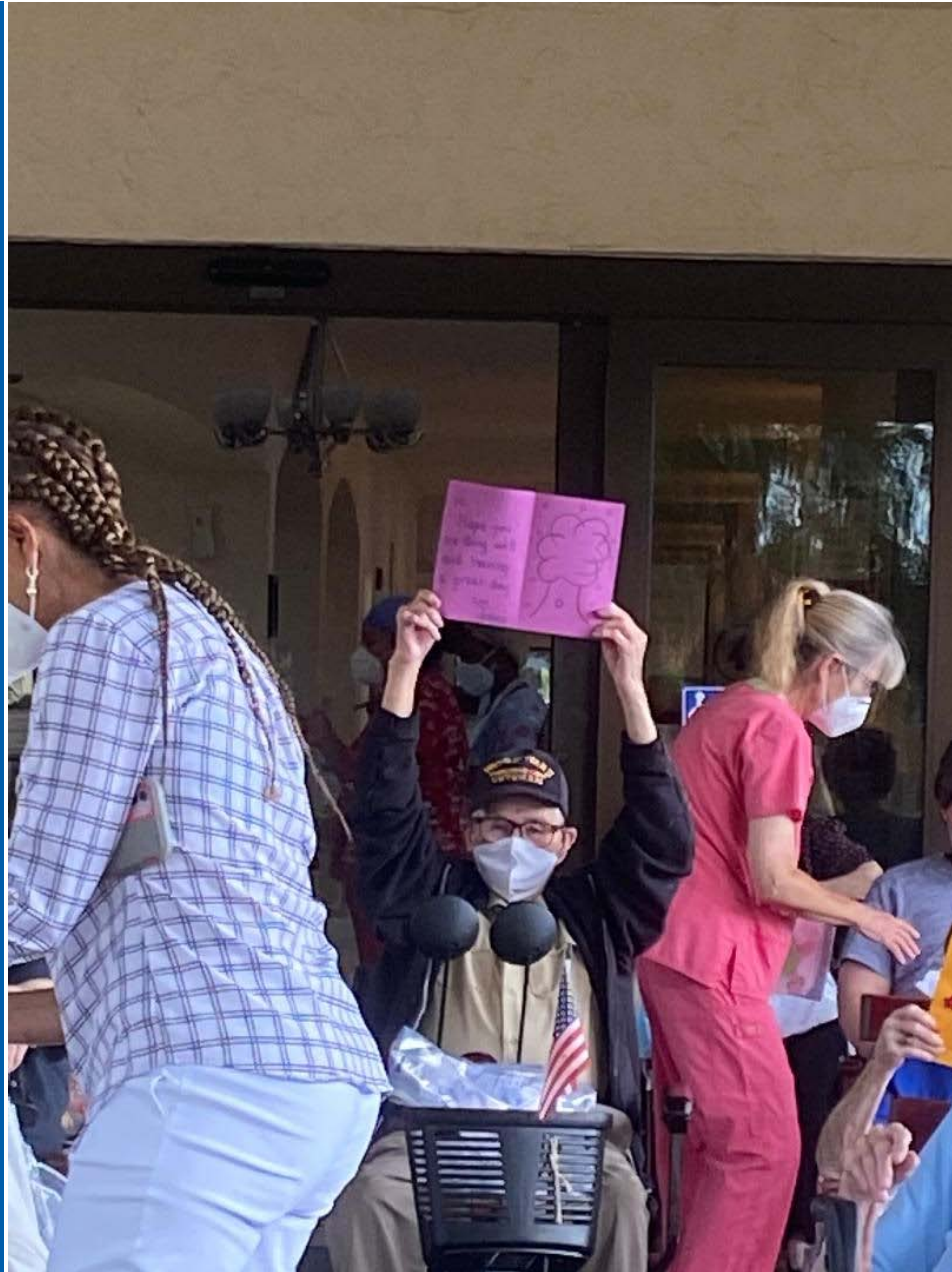
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Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:

President Roxanne asked for Happy Dollars; Phil Mazure, Dale Machesic, Ann Alvarez, Manny Romero, Roxanne and Phil Marraccini responded.

Rotarians can contribute to Club fellowship just by volunteering personal Good News!



Sunnyhills Nursing Home friend, age 101!

Today's Raffle

The Club held its first Raffle in months!
No one picked the joker, so there was an \$8 rollover.

Fines

Fines : Several fines today by Sgt. at Arms.



Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm with recitation of the Four Way Test.

Next meeting: Wednesday Sept 30 at 12:15 pm. Capri opened its indoor facilities and ZOOM still available.



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District 6990 Meetings updates at:
<http://rotary6990.org/index.php/club-locations/>

Also Worldwide Club Finder at Rotary International website for history, causes, programming, news, and membership issues (like Club Finder):
<https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/rotary-clubs>