



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

Jose Romero Sr.
February 11th
Katherine Rubio
February 16th
Steven D. Losner
March 2nd

Years of Service

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

Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Tom Witherell

PLEDGE led by Phil Mazure

BIRTHDAYS: Manny Romero on February 11

Call to Order

February 10, 2021

President Roxanne Jeghers called the Rotary meeting to order, in person and on ZOOM at 12:15 pm at the Capri. Sixteen Rotarians in-person + 1 guest by ZOOM and 2 guests in person.

Join the ZOOM Meeting with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83768715337?pwd=Zmdhb050TjBYVWUJQm1J3U2ZkdWlpUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 6871 5337

Password: 457708



Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

In anticipation of his presentation on Honduras next week, Louie Melara introduced Rotarian Linda Gilbert from Shelburne, Vermont by ZOOM. Linda works with Hands To Honduras, bringing supplies, water, bedding and food support to help people there recover from two hurricanes last year.

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Homestead Rotary member Marcel Zangger won third place in the District golf ball drop fundraiser! Prize was a fancy ladies' watch. Congratulations, Marcel!

The ROTARIAN magazine goes out to 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide belonging to over 35,000 Clubs. Imagine our surprise in

21 Years
Craig Pearce
10-01-2014
7 Years
M. Jeannette Varela
11-06-2019
2 Years
Marcel Zangger
10-07-2020
1 Year
Katherine Rubio
12-02-2020
1 Year

looking at events for February and seeing: Homestead Rotary Seafood Festival Feb 27-28! (pg. 57) This is an honor, even though we had to cancel this year. Homestead is well-positioned for 2022 already! (Dale says he sent the info to the magazine two years ago.)

Discount tickets to the Florida Panthers hockey game against the Detroit Redwings on Feb. 7 at 3 pm at the BB&T Center are available for Rotarians - discount code is ROTARY6990 - thanks to Michael Kesti. Check website at <https://offer.fevo.com/florida-panthers-corporate-advantage-program-558c2f17?fevoUri=florida-panthers-corporate-advantage-program-558c2f1%2F>

Tickets for the Million Dollar Rotary District dinner on April 17 now available for \$150 each, limit of 200 seats featuring Rotary's international stars. Substantial donors receive priority on seating. Check on DACdb to purchase through PayPal.

CITY NEWS:

City Council approved a business incentive grant from CRA to Sips Coffee Roasters on the edge of Losner Park - also featuring Drip & Drop donuts made on site. Partial food menu; business to open in six months!

In line development applications: Chick-Fila is to be built west of Dairy Queen on Campbell Drive. A Target store is coming on a five acre plot east of the Kohl's Shopping Center.

Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

Anna Alvarez gave the Rotary Minute, from the 1942 text from Paul Harris explaining what a giving Rotarian is and how service grows with them.

Last week's Paul Harris Fellow awards focus on how donations go to the District but some back to the Clubs in three years. Our Homestead Club matches member donations of \$500 with Club points for the required \$1000 donation to be a Paul Harris Fellow.

The goal is for every member to become a PHF; Homestead is about 4 members from that goal.

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Today's Speaker/Program

Phil & Patti Marracchini jointly presented the speaker, Nicole Vasconcellos of the Children's Alliance of Florida.

Nicole 'temporarily' ran her parents' school the Homestead Christian Academy and has been there for 12 years. There are 70 children enrolled, 80% are low-income.

In filling out a grant, Nicole thought about it and decided to create a non-profit to do more. When children (0 to 18) are removed from the home, there is a gap in service of a few hours to a day. Nicole welcomes the children at any hour, gets them cleaned up, has a cook on call for instant meals, has a "Closet" with gently used clothing for the kids to choose from, and networks for foster parents as caseworkers struggle with placements. Home removals usually happen at night. She also works with Farm Share to assist with food distributions. Nicole received a Children's Trust invocation grant to start and some CITRUS grants to help with placement. Clothing drop-offs (& toys, etc.) can help - the school is at 255 NE Second Drive in Homestead and accepts drop-offs from 10-4. Biggest immediate need is DIAPERS! Nicole says, Courts push for reunification with parents, but that's not always the best thing for the child. Her organization cares for children in the tricky 6 to 7 hour transition before placement so the child doesn't feel rejected.

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Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:

Happy dollars reasons are given by the Rotarian contributing - but in the hustle of lunch, its hard to hear. Come to lunch & share happy events!

The following members contributed:
Roxanne Jeghers, Julio Guzman, Richard Glosser, Phil (& Patti) Marraccini, Marcel Zangger, Jeannette Varela, Anna Alvarez, and Phil Mazure.

Today's Raffle

Raffle this week for over \$86. No one pulled the joker so the pot ROLLED OVER.

Fines

Fines :

Phone fines: Jeannette Varela and Larry Diehl



Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm with recitation of the Four Way Test.

Next meeting: Wednesday Feb. 17 at 12:15 pm. Capri has available seating in the King Richard Room and ZOOM is also 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>