



Club Meeting

Homestead
Meets at Homestead
Veterans of Foreign
Wars (VFW)
Homestead Veterans of
Foreign Wars (VFW)
601 NE 2nd Rd
Homestead, FL 33030
Time: Wednesday at
12:15 PM



Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Margie Zaid

PLEDGE led by Louie Melara

BIRTHDAYS: Tom Jones Birthday on September 1
Tom Witherell Birthday on September 2

Call to Order

September 1, 2021

Rotary Secretary Larry Diehl opened the meeting at 12:15 pm at the VFW, 12 Rotarians and four guests present.

Lunches at the VFW start serving at 11:30 AM. Rotary meetings start at 12:15. Please confirm attendance with Roxanne prior to Wednesday meetings, although accommodations will be made for guests. The VFW is known as the "friendly" club, located at 601 NE 2nd Road, on the point with 601 NE 6th Avenue - its behind the Homestead Power plant, next to Pioneer Park tennis courts, behind the old TIB bank on US1 and behind the old Keyes Realty shopping plaza offices - just off Campbell Drive. You can't miss it!

Club Officers



Roxanne Jeathers
President



Larry Diehl
President-Elect
Secretary
Club Director



Richard S. Glosser
Treasurer



Dale Machesic
Public Relations Chair
Rotary Foundation Board
Club Director



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Sergeant-at-Arms



Benito Robaina
Club Director



Julio C. Guzman
Membership Chair



Phil Marraccini
Rotary Foundation Chair
Past President



Marcel Zangger
Rotary Foundation Board



Dennis J. Callaghirone
Area Governor

Events and Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays

Thomas R. Jones Jr.
September 1st
Charles Thomas Witherell
September 2nd
Quinton L. Dobbins
September 10th
Margie Zaid
September 19th
Marcel Zangger
September 25th

Years of Service

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

Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

Rotary's guests today were Thomas Layman of Boy Scout Troup #418, the co-principals of Keys Gate Charter School, Dan Verdier and Corinne Baez and school activities Director Sarah Cordero.

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

See District 6990 newsletter emailed to members today. RLI training sessions are listed for ZOOM attendance as well



11-15-2000
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

as grants seminars and RYLI (Rotary Youth Leadership Institute) attendance.

Rotary needs speakers! Contact Julio Guzman or Roxanne Jones and connect new businesses and Homestead activists to Rotary resources!

Rotary District 6990 (ours!) is accepting donations for earthquake relief in Haiti. For Director contact through District 7020 (the 14 Caribbean countries) contact Liz Goggins at (340) 771-4420. A Homestead Rotarian suggested giving is easier thru a PayPal account.

Homestead Rotary is holding a raffle for a Yeti cooler filled with booze at \$20 a ticket/6 for \$100, drawing to be held in conjunction with Prime Rib dinner on November 12. Cooler to be displayed at Berry's Paint. Ticket sales have already reimbursed Club expenses with three months to go! Separate tickets sold for a 2 night Bimini trip, also as part of the Club's prime rib dinner November 12.

Rotary District conference is at the Naples FL Grande Beach Resort from Friday Sept. 10 to Sunday Sept. 12. Rooms are \$159 a night and registration Ocosts are \$350 per person,

NEW DATES FOR HOMESTEAD ROTARY 2022 Seafood Festival - March 12 & 13! Our vendors assure us plenty of fresh seafood will still be in season!

CITY NEWS:

Rotarian & Homestead Mayor Steve Losner said the City received only two proposals for its Old City Hall site when the five initial respondents were contacted with City Council's vision for the site. Asked about City taxes, the Mayor's prediction was that there probably would not be a millage rate increase but the higher assessments for property would cause people to see an increase in their City tax bill. Staff presented Council with a balanced budget including a few program increases that took all that into consideration.

Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

No formal presentations
Rotarian Quinton Dobbins continues to recover from an accident. He's back at his farm near Indianapolis while doing rehab twice a week.
Former Rotarian President Phil Marraccini is out of the hospital and recovering at home.

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Today's Speaker/Program

Rotarian Julio Guzman persuaded the co-principals of Keys Gate Charter school, Dan Verdier and Corinne Baez, to speak. The school has three buildings housing 3800 students in K-12 grades. They want to be an active part of the community, already having two graduates of the school as employees. Corinne is in her 19th year as principal, she introduced the school's Activities Director who can make note of school events. There are about 200 teachers employed. Curriculum is dictated by state standards, there is no additional tuition for attending, but Charter school parents are required to volunteer 20 hours to school programs (30 hours for 2 or more kids). There are 15 buses for students living 2 to 4 miles from campus, but an application process for the limited seats. The school takes parental surveys twice a year and pays attention to comments. There is an open house in October with discussion of the school's local engagement plan. School programs offer challenges needing community support to succeed.

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Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:

Happy (& sad) Dollars donated by:
Dale Machesic, Julio Guzman,
Margie Zaid and \$5 from Louie Melara.

Moe also collected additional dollar donations for the Soup Kitchen.

Homestead Rotary's Foundation received numerous donations in memory of Bill Losner. A final report on those generous donors will be made when a thank you note is prepared for Bill's family.

Fines

Fines : Not signing in: Phil Mazure & Tom Witherell.
Late: Tom Jones, Phil Mazure, Tom Witherell
Birthdays: Tom Jones, Tom Witherell



Today's Raffle

Raffle pot was \$122

No joker pulled so ROLLOVER.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm
with recitation of the Four Way Test.



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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>