



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



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Events and Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays

Marcel Zangger
September 25th
Anna Rita Alvarez
October 8th
Dennis Maytan
October 10th
Louis R. Melara
October 11th

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
21 Years
Craig Pearce

Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Phil Marraccini

PLEDGE led by Louie Melara

BIRTHDAYS: Margie Zaid Birthday was September 19.

Call to Order

September 22, 2021

Rotary President Roxanne Jeghers opened the meeting at 12:15 pm at the VFW. 12 Rotarians and 2 guests were 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 - it's 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!



Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

Rotary's guest today was Adolfo Pichardo a long-time Rotarian from long ago! He's decided to rejoin us on a regular basis!

Josh Marano, National Park Service Archaeologist, joined us again as an informal speaker. Welcome back Josh!

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Decision still pending on where to hold the Prime Rib dinner in November. New

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

announcement to be made very soon.

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. The cooler is displayed at Berry's Paints. Also, separate tickets sold for a 2 night Bimini trip. Both raffles will be held whether or not there is a November prime rib dinner.

Homestead Hospital is hosting the Second Annual Halloween Drive, a drive-thru event at the Homestead-Miami Speedway. There will be 25 themed booths hosted by "community partners". The Hospital expects 2000 cars to participate. Booths are free if you register with Margaret Sotham at the Hospital. Rotary Board has declined to sponsor the event to save money for our Seafood Festival in 2022. Sponsorships for the hospital event benefit "Healthy Homestead Coalition" to improve the health of South Dade.

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 City news is quiet now. Final budget hearing is Sept. 29. Discussion of closing of Red Lobster - building to be demolished for a WaWa service station and a Raising Kane chicken outlet. The American Rescue Plan monies are half paid of the \$19.1 million credited to Homestead. Final allocations depend on the budget and final Treasury Dept. (Federal) rules. Broad discussion of electric utility rates for new computer farm venture.

Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

No formal presentations

Former Rotarian President Phil Marraccini talked about his four hospital stays following COVID. He understands people will make their own choices but he focused on the organization of care and the lengthy recovery process. Asked if he'd vaccinate if he had it to do over, he said yes probably, however the decision was made in unity with his wife's immunodeficient concerns with the vaccination dose (Patty is a nurse). The Club was glad to have Phil back and looking healthy.

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Today's Speaker/Program

Speaker Josh Marano is the National Park Archaeologist who spoke last week. He briefly spoke about the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and their Recognition Day. Josh is helping train vets in diving through the volunteer adaptive aquatics program, many with disability challenges too. Biscayne Park's shallow water wreck sites and warm water are ideal for training. He's also teaching them to use an underwater induction dredge to identify artifacts and wrecks. Interesting speakers like Josh are always welcome at Rotary!
Check out
www.nps.gov/bisc/learn/historyculture/maritime-heritage-trail
and ask your questions of the Parks' Archaeologist at Joshua_Marano@nps.gov

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Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:

Happy (& sad) Dollars donated by:
Dale Machesic, Margie Zaid, Marcel Zangger, Roxanne Jeghers, Moe Hakssa, Richard Glosser and Phil Marraccini.

Moe also collected additional dollar donations for the Soup Kitchen.

Homestead Rotary's Foundation received \$5000 in donations in memory of Bill Losner. The Soup Kitchen reported donations of \$3925; Rotary's donation can yielded another \$500 matched donation to the Soup Kitchen plus seed money for further collection efforts.

Fines

Fines : No fines this week!



Today's Raffle

Raffle pot was \$162

No joker pulled so ROLLOVER.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm
with recitation of the Four Way Test.



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<http://rotary6990.org/index.php/club-locations/>

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