

Rotary



Club of Homestead

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



BE THE INSPIRATION

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Call to Order

June 19, 2019

Today's meeting at the Capri Restaurant Gallery Room was called to order by: Secretary Richard Glosser

Invocation/Pledge/Song

Invocation: Given by Rotarian Richard Glosser

Pledge: Led by Rotarian Bob Harris

Song: Larry Diehl led the group and in God Bless America

Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

Secretary Richard acknowledged today's guests:

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Today's Guests:

Justin Unger of the National Park Service - Guest Speaker

Announcements

Recent Birthdays:

None

Secretary Richard Glosser announced for President-Elect Phil Marraccini announced that our annual installation dinner will be held at the Redmond Hotel at lunchtime on June 26. We will begin at 12 rather than 12:15. If you haven't rsvp'd with your choice of beef, chicken, or fish; contact Phil

Sec. Richard reviewed the Baptist Health announcement that our club member Bill Duquette is being transferred to South Miami Hospital as administrator. A new administrator for Homestead Hospital is not yet named. This will be a great loss to our club.

City news:

Rotarian Steve Losner reviewed disappointment which she is had recently with a number of issues concerning the city. Many of these revolved around no-bid contracts for such things as traffic synchronization cameras. Also commented upon was a grant for \$300,000 for the cyber library as well as \$101,000 for elderly services. Steve however was bothered by the \$140,000 allotted for administration of these projects.

Rotarian Anna Alvarez related happy hour meetings at her former airport club at the 94th Aero squadron from 6 to 8 PM. Cost is \$10.

Sec. Richard related the Capri restaurant policy concerning our Rotary meals. Our meals



Michael Hart
Rotary Foundation
Chair
Club Programs Chair



Stephen DeGrave
Past President



Events and Speakers

June 19th

National Park Services - Flamingo

Speaker: Jim Sutton and Justin Unger

Subject: National Park Services - Flamingo

June 26th

Installation of Officers Luncheon

Speaker: Location: Redland Hotel

July 10th

Florida Legislative Update

Speaker: Rolly Raschein

Subject: Florida Legislative Update

Birthdays



Chris Doherty
June 20th



William Losner
June 21st



Robert S Harris
June 22nd

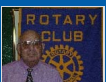


Richard S. Glosser
July 1st



Stephen DeGrave
July 12th

Years of Service



William Losner
05-01-1978
41 Years



Robert B. Houston
05-01-1985
34 Years

Michael Hart

are served buffet style and like most other restaurants take home boxes are not to be utilized. In addition spaghetti meat sauce is not to be requested from the kitchen as a substitute for other sauces at the pasta bar.

Susan Neuman reviewed the upcoming Military Affairs Committee Vegas night to be held at Redland Country Club on July 13, 2019.

The Military Affairs Committee
Vegas Night
A fundraiser for the Military Affairs Committee to continue their support of the Military and their families

Sat., July 13th • 7-10pm
Hors d'oeuvre from 6-7pm
Redland Golf and Country Club
24451 S.W. 177 Ave. • Homestead, Florida 33031

GIVE \$25.00 CASH

GET \$100.00 IN CHIPS

Suggested Donation
\$25 per Person
Includes:
Event Entry, \$100 in vouchers per person, raffle prizes & snacks.

Games are for entertainment purposes only.

SOUTH DADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Rotarian Peter Schnebly spoke briefly on the upcoming lychee summer celebration to be hosted at the winery on Saturday, June 29. Peter is hoping that with good weather that there may be 4-5 thousand attendees.

Schnebly
Redland's
WINERY

SATURDAY
JUNE 29TH



SOUTH DADE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The Backbone to Your Business



Lychee Summer CELEBRATION

12PM-10PM



Walmart



Homestead
Hospital

EVERGLADES
ALLIGATOR
FARM

ATLANTIC
SAPPHIRE

IMPACT
FOOD SERVICES

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OF FLORIDA

Florida City Gas

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Upcoming Club Programs and Events: See Sidebar to the left. Contact Rotarian Mike Hart concerning programming info and issues.

Today's Speaker/Program



06-01-1986
33 Years



Chris Doherty
05-19-2004
15 Years



Dale Machesic
05-01-2011
8 Years



Today's guest speaker was introduced by Rotarian Ron Dorris. He is Justin Unger of the National Park Service at Everglades national Park. Justin first reviewed number of his prior assignments before coming to Everglades national Park. These included stints at Yellowstone as well as Mount Rushmore and with the Washington Mall Park in Washington DC. Justin also reviewed that his wife Clarissa as a high school student had been sent to Brazil on a Rotary exchange scholarship.

Justin reviewed that he hoped to be a national park ranger since he was six years old and first visited Rocky Mountain national Park. He related dealing with some of the issues surrounding the hurricane which struck Washington DC and number of the Park service monuments about a decade ago. Also during his tenure there was the building in opening of the Martin Luther King Memorial as well is redesign of the mall itself.

In coming to Everglades national Park he was brought here by Dan Kimball 5 1/2 years ago. He serves as deputy superintendent. When he arrived he was disappointed at the appearance of the park particularly the conditions in Flamingo since the hurricane of 2005. Most notably was the loss of the restaurant in the hotel. He related difficulty obtaining new tenants because of the contracting program utilized by the National Park Service. This involves a leasehold and then surrender type contract spaced over 20 years. He relates that potential vendors find this a difficult system to work through.

Also noted was the new \$7 million road paving project. When asked by Rotarian if it would include a bike path he related that it would not because the widening would then bring them into a wetlands mitigation project which would greatly increase the price of the road resurfacing.

Also reviewed were number of projects for the hotel and Flamingo. New guest cottages are being built and these are being fabricated out of old shipping containers. Guest services Inc. is the private contractor managing a number of these facilities. It is hoped this will all be open by the 2020 ♦ 21 Park season. He hopes to keep people longer in the park. Perhaps 2 to 3 night stays. Also noted is that the new restaurant should have a nice view.

Boating education course which is now required can be viewed online. 2800 people take that thus far.

Rotarian Peter Schnebly brought up a number of issues concerning community involvement with the park. [Read More](#)

Presentations



Justin Unger was presented with our Certificate of Appreciation and our 4-Way Test Medallion by Secretary Richard.

[Read More](#)

Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:

Rotarians Tom Jones and Peter Schnebly for Justin today's speaker

Rotarian Dale Machesic gave a HD for perhaps Justin's wife coming to our Rotary

Fines

Fines by Sgts at Arms Moe and Dale. **NO FINES WERE LEVIED TODAY!!!!** (although it was noted that Peter was late to meeting, didn't sign in, and was advertising.

Advertising:

Late to Meeting:

Phone Fines:

Leaving early:

Not Signing in:

Not wearing their badge:

Today's Raffle

Today's raffle of only \$14 will be added to a future raffle

Adjournment

Rotarian Moe Haaksa passed around the can for donations to the Homestead Soup Kitchen.

As there was no other business, Secretary Richard adjourned today's meeting after leading a joint recital of the 4 WAY TEST.

Homestead Rotary Loves Your Business

Members of the Rotary Club of Homestead Listing Their Company Name, Website, and Company Phone. (Send me your info drmendbone@aol.com)

Rotarian Terri Ellis - Residential Mortgages tellis@centerstatebank.com (305)588-5348

Rotarian Richard Glosser-Orthopedic Surgery- www.Homesteadbones.com (305)248-6311

Rotarian Bill Thibault - Custom Auto www.greatpotentialautocenter.com

Rotarian Bill Duquette, C.E.O. - Homestead Hospital www.baptisthealth.net (786)243-8693

Rotarian Louis R Melara, CCIM, ALC - Commercial, Agricultural, and Residential Real Estate for The Keyes Company - www.louismelara.keyes.com - (305)281-9472

Rotarian Philippe Mazure, DC - Homestead Chiropractic Clinic - www.homesteadchiro.com - (305)247-2804

Rotarian Phil Marracchini, - Phil's Berry Farm, home of Red Barn Estates - www.philsberryfarm.com and www.redbarnestate.com - (305) 905-2284

Rotarian Anna R Alvarez - Private Spanish Tutoring - anna.r.alvarez@gmail.com (786) 280-2328)

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[Redland View](#)

[South Dade Chamber of Commerce](#)

New/Events From Our Interact Clubs

Where Clubs Meet in District 6990

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

Also Worldwide Club Finder for Rotary Internation: <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/rotary-clubs>
