



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



Rotary opens opportunities

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Events and Speakers

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March 2nd

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Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Phil Marraccini

PLEDGE led by Larry Diehl

BIRTHDAYS: Katherine Rubio on February 16

Our waitress Dora = February 18
Club collected an extra tip for her!

Call to Order

February 17, 2021

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

Join the ZOOM Meeting with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83768715337?pwd=Zmdhb050TjBvWUJQNUJ3U2ZxdWpUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 6871 5337
Password: 457708



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Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

No guests or visiting Rotarians this week.

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Rotary Executive Board meeting moved to Thursday February 25 at 8:30 am Redland Golf Club.

District sponsoring first of three Equality & Diversity lectures on Friday Feb. 26 at 1 pm. Guest speaker is former Rotary International President Barry Rassin. Contact District for logon information.

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

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.)

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:
Rotarian & Homestead Mayor Steve Losner said City Council meeting tonight has a short agenda - approving a new 7-11 on Campbell Drive. Also, City was approved for vaccination distribution site when vaccines are available. The Cybrarium is scheduled to open in mid-March.

Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:
Rotary Minute delayed until next week.

Paul Harris Fellow awards focus on how donations go to the District but some back to the Clubs in three years. 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

Louie Melara shared his background to explain his connection to Latin America. Its tied to the banana industry that his family managed for United Fruit. Louie's grandfather was running for President of Honduras when he was assassinated on April 14, 1928. He only found out recently he shared a birthday with his grandfather. Louie gave us a history of the banana business, starting with Samuel Zemilinski (later changed to Zamurray) who bought up old bananas and took them to the states, eventually buying a boat and expanding, ultimately owning 100 boats (which became supply transports in WWII). Louie's grandfather was Zamurray's lawyer in Honduras in 1923. Louie's father returned to Honduras from Bay St. Louis, MS at age 17, eventually moved the family to Panama where Louie was raised. They had a very good life, "Sort of a prime military base without the military" with goods brought in from the states on banana boats, even live Christmas trees in the refrigerated cargo. Louie came to Miami at age 13 enrolled as a 7 day boarder at Holy Cross, eventually graduated from LSU with a degree in anthropology and returned to Miami. He shared a corporate history of the banana industry - United Fruit to United Brands (hostile take over) to Chiquita which is currently a Brazilian company. The Club learned about banana diseases too!

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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:
Mayor Steve Losner, \$10 for his anniversary!
Roxanne Jeghers, Julio Guzman,
Richard Glosser, Marcel Zangger,
Quinton Dobbins and Manny Romero.

Today's Raffle

Raffle this week for over \$108.
No one pulled the joker so the pot ROLLED OVER.

Fines

Fines : Waived for this meeting!



Adjournment

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

Next meeting: Wednesday Feb. 24 at 12:15 pm. SPEAKER is Al Garcia from the Homestead-Miami Speedway.



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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>