

# Rotary



## Club of Homestead

### 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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### Club Officers



Roxanne Jeghers  
President



Marcel Zangger  
President-Elect



Larry Diehl  
Secretary  
Club Director



Richard S. Glosser  
Treasurer



Dale Machesic  
Public Relations Chair  
Rotary Foundation  
Board  
Club Director



Louis R. Melara  
Club Director  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Benito Robaina  
Club Director

Julio C. Guzman  
Membership Chair

### Call to Order

June 29, 2022

President Roxanne Jeghers opened the meeting at 12:12 with 12 members present. This was Roxanne's last regular meeting as Rotary President, after a two year term!

Rotary meetings usually start about 12:15. Please confirm attendance with Roxanne prior to Wednesday meetings, although accommodations will be made for guests. The VFW is 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.



### Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Tom Witherell

PLEDGE led by Dale Machesic

BIRTHDAYS: Richard Glosser's Birthday is Friday, July 1st

SONG: Songmeister Phil Mazure led us (slowly) in a rendition of the ROTARY song.

ROTARY MINUTE: No Rotary minute today.



**Phil Marraccini**  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair  
Past President



**Dennis J. Caltagirone**  
Area Governor

## Events and Speakers

No Events found

## Birthdays

Richard S. Glosser  
July 1st

M. Jeannette Varela  
July 14th

Mark Ben-Asher  
July 27th

## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found



Santiago de Compostela, end of pilgrimage 2022.

## Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

Lilianna Falcon was a guest of Julio Guzman  
Tom Witherell introduced our speaker, Barbara  
Quinones, Director of Homestead Energy Services.

**THERE IS NO MEETING NEXT WEEK!!!**  
This is the traditional 4th of July cancellation. The  
Club's installation lunch is July 13 at the Redland  
Golf Club.  
The Club meets back at the VFW on July 20th.

## Announcements

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
**NO MEETING NEXT WEEK!** This is the 4th of  
July cancellation.

Rotary Board meeting June minutes available  
upon request.

Rotary Club Installation luncheon is Wednesday  
July 13 at the Redland Golf Club - plus ones are  
invited and the choice is chicken or salmon.  
See Roxanne to confirm attendance and choices.

Rotary District conference moved to July 24-27 in  
Orlando, Florida. Details for reservations available  
upon request. This is the final meeting of the 2021-  
2022 Rotary year for District leadership.

Homestead's Race to the 4th for fireworks is July 4 from 6 to 10 pm. To join festivities at the Champions' Club, contact the City for tickets. Word is many food trucks will be present for the celebration.

Military Affairs Council's 10th annual Las Vegas night is at the Redland Golf Club on Friday July 29. Tickets are \$25 which buys \$100 in chips good for prize auctions. SEE Roxanne for more information.

#### **CITY NEWS:**

No City news today. The Speaker is from the City electric utility.



Rotary Scholarship winners at Racetrack ceremony  
June 15, 2022.

## **Presentations**

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

No presentations today.

Moe Hakssa received a Certificate of Appreciation from the VFW for the new awning over the entrance.





**NEW MEMBERS:**



Edgar Moscoso, June 1, 2022

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## Today's Speaker/Program

Barbara Quinones, Director of Homestead Energy, shared her overview of the City electric utility. She said prices are going up because of higher costs. Electric production is steady but demand is up also. U.S. energy prices are up 100% in the last year, globally up about 120 to 140%. Barbara was proud of the fact that Homestead Energy has the lowest residential rates of all Florida municipal and investor owned utilities. The City utility emphasizes energy efficiency, and practices 'economic dispatch' (using the lowest priced electric production first) on a daily basis. Barbara gave a quick tutorial on demand vs. nondemand rates (generally, use of 20 kilowatts over a fifteen minute period = demand), priced accordingly. Homestead Energy is a part owner of the St. Lucie nuclear power plant (considered renewal energy in Florida) that supplies electricity to the grid - Homestead withdraws that energy from the grid based on its needs. Barbara spoke about solar energy - around 150 residences and some businesses in the City use solar energy. Currently there is a delay in getting solar panels due to a tariff issue (are the panels from Vietnam or China?), but 15 Megawatts daily for solar is the utility's goal. The utility had 90 employees in 1990 for 13,831 customers, but now operates with 52 employees for 25,676 due to operational efficiencies. They recently received a \$2.2 million FEMA grant to harden its lines that includes burying lines and replacing wooden poles with concrete ones. (All new construction in Homestead must have electric lines underground.) Homestead Energy is investing in new technologies, like advance metering infrastructure, automated feeder switches and automates control. A new electric substation in the west is being built and the one to the east of town



is being expanded, as well as a new connection to the high-power grid that gives the utility proper redundancy.  
Club questions focused on utility services to member's businesses.

Barbara Quinones on right, Director of Homestead Energy, addressed the Club on Wednesday June 29, 2022.



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## 2021 Prime Rib Tribute Dinner





## Fines

Fines : Phone - Bob Houston  
Not signed in - Quinton Dobbins



## Today's Raffle

The new Raffle of \$15 had a Rollover.

The real winners:



# Rotary Club of Homestead

presents the 2022

## Scholarship Recipients



## The Sky's The Limit



### Happy Dollars

#### Happy Dollars:

Phil Mazure, Dale Machesic, Bob Houston, Tom Witherell, Quinton Dobbins, Richard Glosser, and \$5 from Roxanne Jeghers for conducting her last Club meeting for two years!

Rotary Club grant project 2021-2022, Food Forest at Avocado Elementary, January 2022.





## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm with the recitation of the Four Way Test.

The Club has a new Four Way Test banner!



## Homestead Rotary Loves Your Business

## New/Events From Our Interact Clubs

## South Dade Community Links

## Where Clubs Meet in District 6990

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>