

# Rotary



## Club of Homestead

### Club Meeting

Homestead  
Meets at Golden Corral Restaurant  
Florida City, Florida  
Golden Corral Restaurant 33525 S  
Dixie Hwy  
Florida City, FL 33034  
Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM

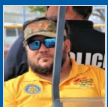


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### Club Officers



Marcel Zangger  
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Rotary Foundation  
Board



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iPast President  
Rotary Foundation

### Call to Order

October 12, 2022

**President Marcel Zangger opened the meeting at 12:15 with 16 members present and 4 guests (+ 2 Soroptomists).**

**Homestead Rotary meets at the GOLDEN CORRAL Buffet at 33525 S. Dixie Highway, Florida City, Florida 33034 across from the WalMart parking lot. Announce you are with Rotary when you enter - the private room is to the right of the dining room There are multiple buffets to choose from so please have your food and be seated by 12:15 so the meeting can begin on time.**





Chair



Louis R. Melara  
Rotary Foundation  
Board  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Richard S. Glosser  
Rotary Foundation  
Board  
Treasurer  
Webmaster  
Past President

## Events and Speakers

No Events found

## Birthdays

Demmetrious Knowles  
October 15th  
Craig Pearce  
November 10th

## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Invocation/Pledge/Song

**INVOCATION** by Tom Witherell

**PLEDGE** led by Louis Melara

**SONG:** Songmeister Phil Mazure led us in God Bless America! (Also in a chorus of Hapy Birthday)

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dennis Maytan on October 10  
Louis Melara on October 11  
Demmetrious Knowles on October 15

**ROTARY MINUTE:** No Rotary minute today.

## Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

Guests of Rotary today were Adrienne Griffiths and Jessica Ujaque from Soroptomists. Ken Ross returned for another visit, Patti Marraccini held a seat for her husband and James Wyatt announced interest in promoting a Youth Fishing Foundation event on Saturday December 17. Our speaker today was David Garcia who shared his impressions from his service in Kenya for the Peace Corps, 30 years ago.

## Announcements

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rotary Foundation & Executive Board meets  
Thursday October 13 at 8:30 am at Redland Golf Club.

Prime Rib dinner tentatively set for Friday December 2; asking the Club for suggestions for community leaders to honor who can provide sponsorships and help sell tickets. Contact President Marcel.

World Polio Day is October 24. Rotary District has scheduled an event Friday October 28 from 6 to 10 pm at Miami Club Rum Distillery at 7401 NW Miami Place (33150) to create the world record for largest rum & coke, goal is 348 gallons! Mark your calendars.

Rotarian Margie Zaid is Homestead Rotary's member on the District's "Empower Girls" committee. Stay tuned for info on the next presentation on how to help. Margie also agreed to decorate our float for Veterans' Day November 11, so please help her find the truck we need to be in the parade!!

Florida City Elementary asked for men to read to children as part of our joint literacy program and to serve as role models. An event is scheduled for November 16 (a Wednesday). More information provided soon!

The Soroptomist Club informed Rotarians about the three scholarship programs for the community and need help finding candidates. 1. the Violet Richardson Award of \$500 for girls 14-17 with \$500 to their sponsoring organization is given December 1. 2. Live Your Dream Award for single mothers returning to school is a \$1,000 award that can be used for any expenses, awarded November 15, and 3. the Memorial Scholarship program, winners announced Dec. 1 for young women going to college, awarded to one to three candidates from the Homestead community. Contact Adrienne Griffiths of Soroptomists 786-255-8580 with suggested awardees.

District Rotary has approved Homestead's grant application for a 50/50 match on the Thanksgiving turkey project! Volunteers will be needed Tuesday, November 22 to help with packing food bags and distribution.

Rotary District is participating in the RI's Coastal Clean-up program with local sites and events for volunteer cleanup of Biscayne Bay. Follow sign-up opportunities on Rotary District or at [volunteercleanup.org](http://volunteercleanup.org). Events are mostly on Saturdays from 9 to 1 and are open to all. Also as part of the new environmental sustainability committee, Rotary District started the 'Adopt a River' program for Club community action events.

The International Motorcycle Ride in India raised \$100,000 last year for the International Foundation. To join the cross-India ride, contact [www.rideforrotary.com](http://www.rideforrotary.com). Participation costs \$3540 including tax, for first 100 people. Airfare is extra. The January 13-28, 2023 ride features 3 star hotel stays, all meals, cultural activities, and exchanges with local Rotary Clubs. You are provided with motorcycle, fuel, jacket and gloves or a four-wheeler and a medical assistant and experienced mechanic are part of the crew.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL dates reserved for March 4 & 5, 2023.

#### CITY NEWS:

Mayor Steve Losner spoke about the City's disaster relief efforts with Farm Share for DeSoto County and the Arcadia area (wind & storm damage, not tidal surge). The City donated \$10,000, Councilmembers gave \$1000 each, Rotary Club donated \$5,000, Soroptomists \$1000, Kiwanis \$2500, \$1000 from Cultivating Dreams plus other gifts for a total of \$27,000. Steve suggested we pursue doing a trip to the west coast to roll up our sleeves and do some storm clearance and physical labor - more details after the Board meeting.

Mayor Losner said November 5 is the grand opening of Losner Park from 4-9 with music and food trucks and adult beverages from the Seminole Theatre window. The Mayor also announced his donation of his City event expense monies of \$3,500 for sponsorship of the Rotary Seafood Festival.



Rotary Scholarship winners at Racetrack ceremony June 15, 2022.

## Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:  
No formal presentations this week.





President Marcel Zangger treated the Club to ice cream and dressed for the occasion! August 10.

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## Today's Speaker/Program

David Garcia shared his experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in the deserts of Kenya thirty years ago. He said most natives speak Swahili as the official language but also English plus a tribal language. He taught in a trade school in the bush. Volunteers are supposed to develop their own projects. He talked to Danish engineers digging boreholes to identify water sources for the government. He asked them to come to their school and they did. There needs to be community involvement in these projects to succeed. He also helped the community hook up to electric when a line came through. Last year was Peace Corps 60th year. The U.S. government supports it but its a NGO, non-political, that focuses on the greater good for the grass roots. He answered questions about health care, accidents, crime and violence for volunteers. He was in his thirties when he served, after serving in the Marine Corps, so he was aware of issues before they became problems. Still, malaria was a big health problem and crime could be an issue. David said the U.S. pulls volunteers out if there is terrorism or political problems for the volunteers.



Rotary Club President Marcel Zangger thanks our speaker David Garcia on October 12, 2022 about his experiences in the U.S. Peace Corps in Kenya.

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## Fines

Fines : Jeannette Varela, phone use, late and no badge  
Margie Zaid, didn't sign in, no badge. **ROLLOVER FINE**  
(remember! Always carry a \$100 dollar bill!)  
Mark ben-Asher, didn't sign in, sleeping at meeting.  
Bob Harris, sleeping at meeting.  
Steve Losner, left badge in truck  
**NEW POLICY: Rotarians must take badges home and  
BRING THEM BACK to wear. If you leave it  
in the car, its a \$1 fine!**

Moe collected for the Soup Kitchen.



## Today's Raffle

The Raffle for \$64 was a ROLLOVER this week when no one pulled the joker.

The real winners:



# Rotary Club of Homestead

presents the 2022

# Scholarship Recipients



# The Sky's The Limit



## Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:  
\$5 Dale Machesic, Marcel Zangger, Phil Marraccini,  
Larry Diehl, Jeannette Varela, Margie Zaid, and  
Mark ben-Asher.

## Adjournment

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



**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>