

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



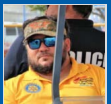
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Rotary Foundation

Call to Order

October 19, 2022

President Marcel Zangger opened the meeting at 12:15 with 19 members present and 2 guests.

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

Craig Pearce
November 10th

William Duquette
November 14th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Tom Witherell

PLEDGE led by Steve Losner

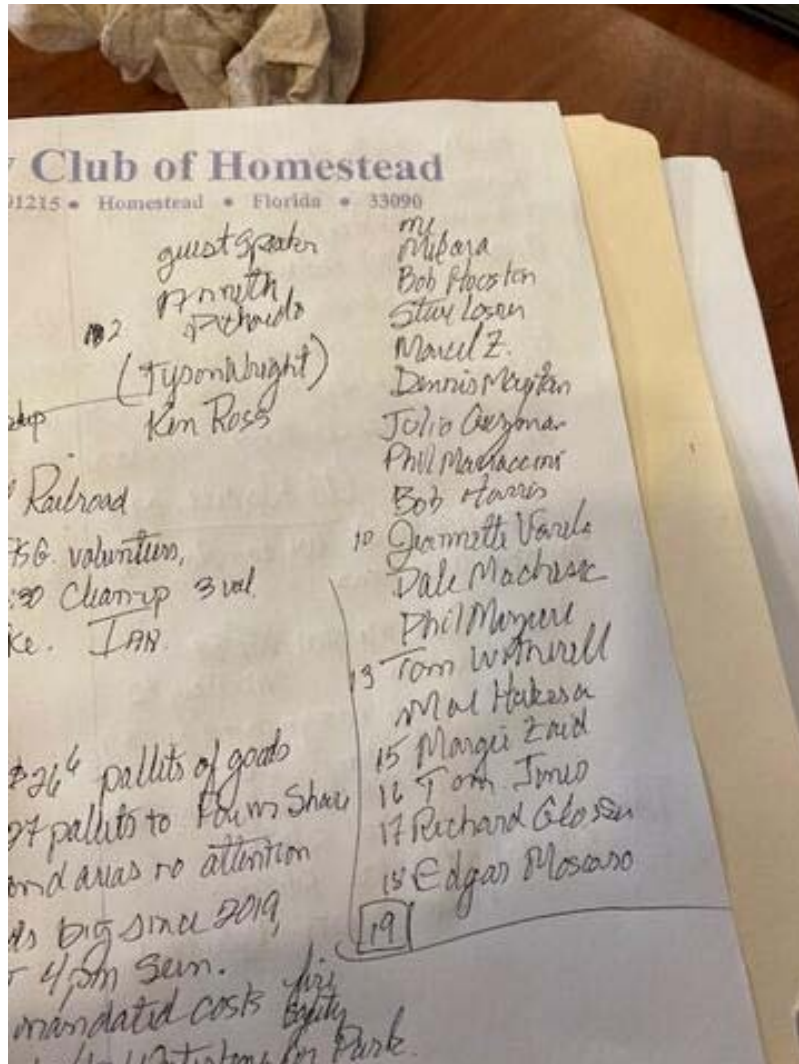
SONG: Songmeister Phil Mazure led us
in God Bless America!

BIRTHDAYS: No Homestead Rotarians this week.

ROTARY MINUTE: Anna referenced (by phone) the good news from RI - substantial increase in membership and Rotaract Clubs since July 1, 2022. The final seminar on membership is Wednesday November 16 at noon; register or watch old lessons on membership by logging in with Rotary International.

Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

Guests of Rotary today were the better -looking Mrs. Annette Picardo (sorry Alfredo - you said it first!) and Ken Ross for his third visit. Speaker today was by Zoom, a system we're still working on with Golden Corral management.



Better attendance as the weather turns cooler, Oct. 19, 2022.

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 Veterans' Day contact for the parade Friday November 11. Volunteers needed to decorate the truck and participate in the parade. Contact Margie.

Rotary Grants seminar by District on Saturday, November 19 from 9 to 11:30. Excellent presentations on finances and the Rotary Foundation if last year is any indication. IT IS REQUIRED that each Club participate in order to get a grant next year, so Homestead needs a volunteer!

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 on Saturday 8:30-12:30 at Bayfront Park; three people volunteered but there is always room for more for Saturday clean-ups. Contact MARCEL.

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). Local donations plus the City's totaled \$26,600. City officials drove to the area to participate in distributing 27 pallets of needed items to remote farming communities through use of Farm Share trucks. Future efforts will require more volunteers. SEE: Steve Losner

This is NASCAR race weekend, the biggest one here since 2019 because the race matters in the rankings. Races are 2 pm Saturday, 4 pm Sunday. The County actually contributed \$4 million over three years to help with costs of fire, safety and police efforts for the races.

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.

Halloween celebration at Harris Field Saturday Oct. 22 at 6 pm - candy and food items for the community.

Target opens Nov. 6. Raising Cane chicken franchise opens Nov. 8. Holiday event will be huge this year at the Park - Dec. 9 for the traditional Tree Lighting ceremony.



Rotary Scholarship winners at Racetrack ceremony June 15, 2022.

Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:
No formal presentations this week.

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Today's Speaker/Program

Tyson Wright is with the Underground Railroad organization. He joined us by Zoom from his home in Utah to talk about human trafficking. There are two types: either for labor or for sex. It occurs on every continent and in every country. Estimates are 40 million people are victims every year; 10 million are women and children with estimates of 4 million children a year trafficked for sex. The organization works globally but most of its work is international because law enforcement resources are better in the United States. They provide after-care for victims - whatever it takes... education for kids, medical needs, transportation, training, and all kinds of help. They just arrested their 5,000th individual for trafficking children. Tyson told the story of the pedophile who fled Ukraine, set up shop in Mexico, and celebrated the opportunity to 'recruit' Ukrainian women and girls. The group set-up a sting operation and got him arrested; a great result. In the U.S., they provide technology tools to help crack the computer systems and training for law enforcement in this area. It is estimated human trafficking of all kinds is a \$150 billion 'industry' per year. Learn more about the Underground Railroad at ourrescue.org The Club held a discussion on what can be done locally. Contact Margie Zaid to continue helping.

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Fines

Fines : Dale Machesic, not signing in and then arguing \$3
Bob Houston, Richard Glosser, failure to sign in
Phil Marraccini, failure to sign in plus sleeping at meeting.
Bob Harris, sleeping at meeting.
FINE FROM THE FLOOR: President Marcel Zangger, failure to introduce guests, use of phone, wearing the world's

ugliest pants!

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 \$86 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:
Dale Machesic, Phil Mazure and Phil Marraccini.
SAD DOLLAR: Margie Zaid

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 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>