

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



IMAGINE ROTARY

Club Officers



Marcel Zangger
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Julio C. Guzman
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Chair

Call to Order

November 2, 2022

President Marcel Zangger opened the meeting at 12:15 with 16 members present and 0 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.





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



Richard S. Glosser
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Board
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Events and Speakers

December 2nd
[Rotary Club of Homestead
Prime Rib Dinner](#)

Birthdays

Craig Pearce
November 10th
William Duquette
November 14th
Adolfo Pichardo
November 27th

Years of Service

Robert S. Harris
11-01-1979
43 Years
Michael J. Marcus
11-01-1988
34 Years
Craig Pearce
10-01-2014
8 Years
M. Jeannette Varela
11-06-2019
3 Years
Marcel Zangger
10-07-2020
2 Years
Katherine Rubio
12-02-2020
2 Years
Barry Burak
11-16-2021
1 Year
Mark Ben-Asher
11-16-2021
1 Year

Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Tom Witherell

PLEDGE led by Quinton Dobbins

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

BIRTHDAYS: No Homestead Rotarians this week.

ROTARY MINUTE: No Rotary Minute this week.

SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE:

11/02/2022 Tom Jones / Insight view concerning the Future of Home Insurance
11/09/2022 no speaker / Internal and 1st Prime Rib Dinner preparation talk
11/16/2022 Margie Zaid / let me know if Marilyn Viruet is available for this Date
11/23/2022 Thanksgiving, no Lunch Meeting
11/30/2022 no speaker / Internal and 2nd Prime Rib Dinner preparation talk
12/07/2022 Mark Ben Asher / please let me know asap
12/14/2022 Phil Mazure / please let me know asap
12/21/2022 Benny Robaina / please let me know asap

Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

No Guest Speaker this week,
Last week, the guests of Rotary were Ken Ross and from Zoo-
Miami, Ron Magill, the tallest Cuban American in Miami-
Dade County.



President Marcel Zangger welcomes Miami-Zoo Communications Director Ron Magill. Marcel thought Ron was standing on a box. Here's proof!

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Copies of the Rotary Board minutes from October 26 are available upon request.

This Friday, 11/4, Rotary needs Club members to participate on the first Fridays at Portofino for Homestead's non-profit clubs "Civic Happy Hour", The meeting is at 6:30 to socialize;

The Rotary District cruise is this weekend. Several club members are attending.

Thursday 11/10, volunteers needed to help decorate the truck and trailer for the Veterans Day Parade. Meeting at 6:00pm; location is TBD but either Julio's home or the truck owners home. Details to be advised. Rotarian Margie Zaid is Homestead Rotary's Veterans' Day contact for the parade Friday November 11. Contact Margie to help decorate the float and participate in the parade.

Next Friday 11/11 is the Veterans Day Parade.

Volunteers needed to prepare boxed Turkey dinners to give out to a local school. Meeting behind Publix 891 N. Homestead Blvd, Tuesday 11/15 at 10AM

Also, Julio Guzman advised that the Ctr for Medical Excellence on Krome has asked for volunteers to hand out turkeys. Details tbd.

Prime Rib dinner set for Friday December 2 at Harris Field; tickets are \$45. Club volunteers needed to help make this last fundraiser of 2022 a big success. Contact President Marcel for how you can help.

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) from 9:30 to 11:30. See Anna to join our Club volunteers.

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.

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

CITY NEWS:

Mayor Steve Losner spoke about a Special Call meeting on Tuesday November 1 at 6 pm with the Related Group, proposed developer of the Old City Hall site. Citiplace Homestead is still on the table according to Albert Milo, president of Related Group.

Saturday, 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.

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 presentations this week however, last week;

Club President Marcel presented a plaque to long-time member Larry Diehl, retiring as Club secretary after many years, who is moving to Pennsylvania.

Always doing the right thing, Marcel included two swell bottles of red wine. Picture of Larry proves he doesn't usually share his meals. Thanks to Homestead Rotary for all the years of good fellowship and community service.



Larry Diehl thanks President Marcel for indulging his drinking habit with excellent red wines. The new Secretary is Edgar Moscoso who agreed to assume the office through 2023.

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Today's Speaker/Program

No speaker due to a packed agenda this week, however, last week:

Ron Magill is famous for representing the Miami Zoo for the last 43 years, creating endowments for students for trips to Africa and preaching conservation of all species around the globe. Ron brought us fascinating pictures of the tragedy of bad nest-building by two bald eagles in Miami-Dade County that chose an Australian pine to build a huge nest. The nest collapsed throwing two hatchlings to the ground; one died and the other broke a wing. Lloyd Brown from Wildlife Rescue rushed the bird to vet Don Harris for his volunteer services. Doctor Harris did surgery on the wing and released the eaglet to Lloyd. Ron endowed the flight cage for Lloyd to use in teaching birds to fly. The young eagle learned to fly, learned to hunt, and the rescuers (staying in the background) taught the bird to hunt iguanas! She likes them as a tasty snack! Hopefully, she'll find her own mate and teach her young to feed on this invasive species. Check out the action on the live camera the rescuers installed after building a platform and structural feature for the new eagle's nest SEE <https://www.zoomiami.org/bald-eagle-cam> Ron says the latest feature is a microphone so you can hear the eagles talking to each other. (Check out dawn, about halfway through the feed.) Eagles live 35 to 45 years. It's a federal law to not come within 1000 feet of an eagle's nest for fear of disturbing the birds. The eagle-cam solves that problem. Thanks to Ron for all he does in resisting developmental pressures, UDB expansion, and habitat destruction to protect the animals of Miami-Dade County.

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Fines

Fines : Fines were given to several members for not wearing their badge.

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

No raffle today in the interest of time; next week \$96 at stake.

The real winners:

Rotary Club of Homestead

presents the 2022

Scholarship Recipients



The Sky's The Limit



Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars: \$ for the Philadelphia teams in the playoffs, for Dr. Burak and Quinton attendance finally after a long time.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Marcel attended PETS 1 training for Club President's-Elect and is supposed to attend #2 in Orlando in early March that conflicts with Seafood Festival. Since no one else stepped up as President-elect, perhaps Marcel will consent to be President for Life! (Seriously, thanks for representing Homestead Rotary.)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm with the recitation of the Four Way Test.



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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>