

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

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Call to Order

May 3rd, 2023

Club President Marcel Zangger, presiding, opened the meeting at 12:15.

20 total in attendance, 14 members and 6 guest(s).

Homestead Rotary meets at the GOLDEN CORRAL Buffet
33525 S. Dixie Highway, Florida City, Florida 33034.

Announce you are with Rotary when you enter
- the private room is to the right of the dining room.
Please select your meal(s) and be seated by 12:15.





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Events and Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays

Ken Spell
May 9th

Phil Marraccini
May 14th

Moe M. Hakssa
May 22nd

Robert B. Houston
May 24th

Years of Service

Robert S. Harris
11-01-1979
44 Years

Michael J. Marcus
11-01-1988
35 Years

Craig Pearce
10-01-2014
9 Years

M. Jeannette Varela
11-06-2019
4 Years

Marcel Zangger
10-07-2020
3 Years

Katherine Rubio
12-02-2020
3 Years

Barry Burak
11-16-2021
2 Years

Mark Ben-Asher

Invocation/Pledge/Song

INVOCATION by Demmetrius Knowles,

PLEDGE led by Dennis Maytan,

"God Bless America" was led by songmeister Lou Melara,

ROTARY MINUTE: DACDB.com is available to all members, it has great information and contact info for all club members.

SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE (Revised 03/27):

5/10/2023	Eco Works International, Henryka Manes	Marcel Zangger
5/17/2023	Lindsey Crews, Iconic Reefs, Coral restoration program	Marcel Zangger
5/24/2023	???	Knowles, Demmetrius
5/31/2023	Colonel JOSHUA G. PADGETT, Homestead Airbase	Bob Harris
6/7/2023	???	Machesic, Dale
6/14/2023	???	Marcus, Michael J.
6/21/2023	???	Marraccini, Phil
6/28/2023	???	Maytan, Dennis
7/5/2023	???	Mazure, Philippe E.

Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

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Dale introduced his guests, Eddy Alvarez and his children Logan and Maya Alvarez. Logan is a Homestead Rotary Scholarship recipient and was recently accepted into all the major Florida law schools but has accepted FIU for his law degree and his ability to stay and continue to volunteer locally. Maya has been accepted to the Miami Dade Honors college and starts this fall. Both have been active with Special Smiles, which supports the Special Olympics. They were introduced as young kids by their mother, a Special Education teacher. Their soccer club won first place in the ESPN Unified College tournament, beating out past multi-winner U of Florida.

Lou introduced his guest, Joshua Marano, M.A., RPA a Marine Architect with the National Parks Service. He is our guest speaker today. Also Juan Cueto outgoing Executive Director for the The Alliance for Florida's National Parks and incoming CEO, Jamie Diptee-Bay.

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rotary International District 6990 presents "NIGHT AT LOAN DEPOT PARK"
Saturday May 13, 1:00PM
contact Brad Johnson for tickets 305-480-1548, BRJohnson@Marlins.com

CITY NEWS:

Not "city news" but an opportunity to help one of our citizens. Julio Guzman had advised that there is an esteemed Homestead resident who has fallen on hard times and her neighbors have reached out to him to see if there is some assistance to be given. She needs work done around the house, roofing, fixing and some maintenance. If you know of or can assist, it is greatly appreciated. Please contact Julio about this.

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Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

Anniversaries:

Bob Harris 38 years,
Dale Machesic 12 years
and Demmetrius 1 year.

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Today's Speaker/Program

Speaker

"Josh" Marano is a National Park Ranger with a Marine Architect training. He is also a USCG Reserves Chief and a member of MAC.

He gave an extremely interesting clinic on the 3 major National Parks (Biscayne, Everglades and Dry Tortugas) and 1 National Preserve (Big Cypress) that we are lucky to have in South Florida and the importance of each.

There is so much interesting information I am going to capture some of it by bullet points.

*Recent news of an underwater graveyard at Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas was discovered by Josh and his team!! Josh stumbled across a fallen grave stone and it belonged to John Greer who passed in Nov. 5, 1861. Unknown cause of death, but because he was a contracted labor, it was probably a work accident. So far, only grave stones have been discovered. They are not being raised until further study can be conducted.

The fort housed a hospital, whose foundation has also recently been discovered underwater. Over 40 soldiers have gravestones and it is expected they have suffered from Yellow Fever. The fort was on a larger island at that time and it is suspected that storms, wind erosion and nature have claimed the vast majority of the park, thus why it is underwater.

Josh said of the graveyard, "This is the only post in the US where a deceased soldier cannot have a decent internment".

*Florida has had over 8000 years of human inhabitants. From the native Indians, to Spanish & English settlements to homesteaders and iconic industrialists who have shaped our south Florida as we know it today.

*Biscayne National Park is the largest underwater national park in the US, Boca Chita Key is the primary land mass of the park.

*Industrialists Carl G Fisher (Automotive industrialist, builder of Dixie Highway, Miami Beach and other south Florida iconic locales), Sieberling (co-founder of Goodyear tires) and another purchased Boca Chita key with hopes of developing it in 1919 and sold it in 1926. The new owner was the nephew of Mr. Sieberling who added to the development to include waterways thru the small island. * in 1937, he sold it to Mr. Honeywell (Founder of the Honeywell industries, think thermostat?) who wanted to turn it into a rich man's retreat. He built the lighthouse, chapel, barn and a wooden house. They even brought in a cannon from a famous shipwreck and would fire it when a yacht arrived to the key.

*Boca Chita Key is listed in the National Historic Places for its history of being emblematic of the transition of capitalism.

*Boca Chita and our parks systems need to be preserved. Why? The rich history and the revenue that it brings to the local community. Visitors spend \$50 Million annually in the local community.

*Minor maintenance and repair projects should be completed by August 2023.

*Major projects have a 5 year timeline of completion.

*All projects are being done by the Historic Preservation Society to maintain all original construction and architecture

*Funding comes from donations and from the National Parks Service. If the Homestead Rotary Club wanted to donate funds, there could be a chance to get a plaque placed at Boca Chita Key.

Marcel and Josh



Jamie, Lou, Josh, Juan and Marcel



Logan, Eddy & Maya Alvarez with Marcel



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Fines

Fines : Fines were charged for good reasons I am sure, including not wearing a badge, phone ringing and for looking a Lou the wrong way.

Moe collected for the Soup Kitchen.



Today's Raffle

RAFFLE
No winners this week, the pot rolls over

The real winners:

Rotary Club of Homestead

presents the 2022

Scholarship Recipients



The Sky's The Limit



Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:

Many Happy Dollars for various causes, including the very interesting speaker and guests. Thank you Rotarians for being awesome

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 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>