

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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Call to Order

April 17th, 2024

Presided by President Marcel Zangger who opened the meeting at 12:15.

34 total in attendance, with 11 guests and 0 visiting Rotarian(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.





Philippe E. Mazure
Sergeant-at-Arms
Past President



Kenneth Ross Jr.
Membership Chair



Margie Zaid
Rotary Foundation Board



Benito Robaina
Interact Club Liason at Mast Academy



Richard S. Glosser
Rotary Foundation Board
Treasurer
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Past President

Events and Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays

Julio C Guzman
April 28th
James Ford
May 7th
Ken Spell
May 9th
Phil Marraccini
May 14th

Years of Service

Robert S. Harris
11-01-1979
45 Years
Michael J. Marcus
11-01-1988
36 Years
M. Jeannette Varela
11-06-2019
5 Years
Marcel Zangger
10-07-2020
4 Years
Katherine Rubio
12-02-2020
4 Years
Barry Burak
11-16-2021
3 Years
Mark Ben-Asher
11-16-2021
3 Years
James Ford
11-16-2023
1 Year
Andres Saun Jr.
11-22-2023
1 Year
Ramon D Ortiz
11-24-2023
1 Year

Invocation/Pledge/Song

Invocation led by Phil Marraccini;

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Tom Jones** ,
"God Bless America" was our opening song, led by **Phillipe Mazure**.

ROTARY MINUTE:

No Rotary news update, but remember that Rotary has a global reach and we are doing great things around the world.

SPEAKER'S SCHEDULE (Reminder, you have a responsibility to bring a speaker, the schedule can be flexible, but we need you to speak up).

4/17/2024	New owners of the Newsleader/ Carlos & Silvia Batista	Phil Marraccini
4/24/2024		Zaid Margie
5/1/2024		Melara, Louis R.
5/8/2024		Burak, Barry
5/15/2024		Cronje, Mick
5/22/2024		Dobbins, Quinton L.

Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

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GUESTS:

Phil Marraccini's guests is Frank Navarro, an old friend. Also, our speakers, Carlos and Silvia Batista & son, owners of the South Dade News Leader.
Kevin Lewis, marketing director for the South Dade News Leader,
Julio Guzman's guest Sraih Polanco, of BWell,
Ken Ross's guest is Karin Mas, co-owner of the City Hall Bistro.
Ruanmen De La Rua and wife, candidate for sheriff of Miami Dade County.
Ariela Diaz and her friend, a member candidate.

VISITING ROTARIANS:

None today

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 20th - Rotary Party 2024 - at Casa Tranquila, 17175 SW 232 ST, Homestead, FL
guests are \$70 but worth the cost!!

- Board is meeting tomorrow - April 18th.

CLUB ACTIVITY - April 13th, The park clean up was a tremendous success with over 6 large black bags and possibly over 200 lbs of garbage was collected.

CITY NEWS: The new city manager is fixing the neglected items in the city. He has initiated cost saving initiatives and is reviewing city contracts to cut the fat and create a better city for us all.

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Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

Sraih Polanco - of BWell was on hand to promote her event at the Seminole Theater called RISE Empowerment. The goal is to bring awareness that over 800,000 people take their lives every year. The event is to remind us that joy is inside all of us, it will show us self love, positive, uplifting plays. the event is May 25th from 1 to 4pm

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Today's Speaker/Program

Speaker:

The speaker today is Carlos Batista, owner of The South Dade News Leader newspaper. The oldest local newspaper in our city. Carlos and his wife Silvia are not journalists but trained architects, psychologists and real estate investors. They simply needed a new challenge and buying a paper was what fit the bill. They want to meet the positive things in our community in order to promote the great city we live in. including its' history, he says of the 80,000 residents, Homestead is where they sleep. The work, dine, party and shop in places north of here. He has hopes the newspaper will change some of that with awareness of local happenings, events, upcoming events, keep the business here, etc.. In his words, "Reflect the positive things our community has to offer". A survey will be out soon on the paper to find out what the residents want to know about. Their offices are at the Best Studio Inn.

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Fines

Fines : Fines are back! The Sergeant at Arms made sure everyone was attentive. Fines were for being late, no name tags, phone ringing and for anything else he deemed "fineable"...Rotarians paid and had a good time with it.

Moe collected for the **Soup Kitchen**. Please be generous, for you may be feeding someone their only meal that day!



Today's Raffle

RAFFLE: NO winner this week... rolls over...over \$263! I may be a winner next week!

The real winners:



Rotary Club of Homestead
presents the 2022

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Scholarship Recipients



The Sky's The Limit



Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:

Members were generous with the Happy Dollars today, mostly for the great speaker, the fantastic crowd and for general good things happening!

Thank you Rotarians for being awesome!!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm with the recitation of the Four Way Test.



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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>