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 2:15 PM



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Call to Order

May 22nd, 2024

Presided by President Pres-Elect Dennis Maytan & Past Pres. Louie Melara who opened the meeting at 12:15.

13 total in attendance, with 1 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.







<u>Philippe E.</u> <u>Mazure</u> Sergeant-at-Arms Past President



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Events and Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays

Robert B. Houston May 24th Jeffrey Murray June 9th Chris Doherty June 20th Robert S. Harris June 22nd

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 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 Julio Guzman,
Pledge of Allegiance led by Louie,
"God Bless America" was our opening song, led by Moe Hakssa.

ROTARY MINUTE:

Did you know about MYROTARY.ORG?

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

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DATE	Speaker / Title of Program	Rotarian Responsible
05/22/2024		Quinton Dobbins
05/29/2024		Marcel Zangger
06/05/2024		TERRI ELLIS
06/12/2024		JAMES FORD
06/19/2024		RICHARD GLOSSER

Introductions/Guest/Visiting Rotarians

Introductions of Guest or Visiting Rotarians -

GUESTS:

Bob Houston's guest is Brett Geatner

VISITING ROTARIANS:

None today

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thursday May 30th, our club's Scholarship Ceremony at Homestead Speedway at 5:45! 40 students will
 each receive a scholarship to their school from funds raised at the Stone Crab and Seafood Festival!!
 \$100,000 will be awarded! ROTARIANS needed to assist at the event!
- Logan and Maya Alvarez, who presented to our lunch meeting back in April, competed as promised in the State Summer competition for the Miami-Dade Sharks Unified Special Olympics to defend their Gold Medal against the states best!! Additionally, back in April, they won the National Unified College Championship for the 2nd time in a row!! They topped 28 other teams!!

CLUB ACTIVITY - None to announce at this time

CITY NEWS: The new city manager has hired his assistant and is fixing the neglected items in the city. Only a few months on the job and there have been several process improvements established. Furthermore, several projects that seemed to be delayed were found to be not even initiated. Extremely frustrating for the city and its' residents.

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Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

None today

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Today's Speaker/Program

Speaker

The speaker today is our own Quinton Dobbins. Quinton is a farmer by trade and has a large farm in Indiana, where he and his wife Ponda visit for the summer. Quinton and Ponda sponsored 2 tables for the Patches Village Dinner event last week.

The event raised money to establish a new building where Patches can do its' magic. If you've never heard of them, you need to find out more...they do a service for those that can't. PATCHES offers families of seriously ill children daily care

12 hours a day, 5 days a week, from birth to 21 years old, *regardless of ability to pay or insurance coverage*. Children stricken with critical, long-term medical conditions need care every day. Survival takes time, energy, commitment, and resources, plus a costly emotional toll on parents. We were introduced to their first patient, a new born with a heart murmur, who at the age of 4 days had heart surgery. The baby's mother was an 18 year old single mother who had no way to pay for his care. But she is a success story of the ages! At 18, after attending High School she would work at Checkers, and at the end of the shift would ride the Metrobus for 2 hours to Jackson Memorial Hospital to spend time with her son, then rode the bus home another 2 hours. She did that everyday, without a break, without help and as we saw in pictures with a smile on her face. Well, Patches accepted him as his patient. She spent the time graduating with a GED, working to save money and eventually start studying to become a Nurse. After 4 years, the young man, pardon that i don't remember his name was able to graduate out of Patches and go home full time. He grew up, was accepted and graduated from an elite high school. He did get into college surprisingly on an athletic scholarship, but he knew that what he wanted to do didn't require a college degree. Today, that young man has his own real estate practice. His mother is a nurse. Imagine that trials they have gone thru and what Patches has meant to them.

Quinton also spoke about his own son, a military veteran and reservist who retired from the military after honorable duties at the White House, the Pentagon, overseas and at home. His son was at the Pentagon when the plane crashed into it on September 11. Quinton taught him how to shoot, but his son perfected it and is a highly qualified sniper. He had 10 deployments, 7 as a reservist and is now a State Police officer. Thank you for your service, young man. May you rest assured we are better because of you.

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Fines

Fines: Fines are back (next week)! The Sergeant at Arms was MIA! It was bedlam with his absence! pure bedlam.

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... EDGAR will win it next week!! No complaints from the peanut gallery. If you don't play you can't win! It rolls over...over \$400!

The real winners:











Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars:

Members were generous with the Happy Dollars today, mostly for the great speaker, the 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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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