

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

May 29th 2024

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

20 total in attendance, with 3 guests and 3 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.







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Events and Speakers

No Events found

Birthdays

Jeffrey Murray June 9th Chris Doherty June 20th

Robert S. Harris June 22nd

Years of Ser<u>vice</u>

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 <u>1 Year</u>

Andres Saun Jr. 11-22-2023 1 Year

Ramon D Ortiz 11-24-2023 1 Year

Invocation/Pledge/Song

Invocation led by Tom Witherell,
Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken Spell,
"God Bless America" was our opening song, led by Phil Mazure.

ROTARY MINUTE:

Do 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
05/29/2024	Denny Baldonado / WE OUT HERE	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

Marcel Zangger's guest is the speaker, Denny Baldonado and his wife, Niurka Returning guest Ariela Diaz.

VISITING ROTARIANS:

District Governor Elect Dennis Caltagarone and his wife Lee, District Assistant Governor Lisa Feliciano



Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please welcome Karin Mas, who was inducted into the club today. Karin is a businessman with 2
restaurants; City Bistro in Homestead and Sushi Sake in Cutler Bay. He is also a real estate broker and
has a gun club.

CLUB ACTIVITY - Tomorrow, 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!

CITY NEWS: None today

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Presentations

PRESENTATIONS:

The club presented the manager of Golden Corral a check for \$2,000 to the CAMP CORRAL. A go-away camp for youth of military families. It is a great cause that helps those with the issues known to military families.



Karin Mas was inducted as a new member today!



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Today's Speaker/Program

Speaker

Denny Baldonado and his family wanted to do something to help with the hungry and homeless. When he saw the repeat homelessness in our community he asked them, "what do you need the most/what will help the most" and the response was always, "Just something to eat". As a trained cook, Denny said that is something he could do! It became a calling to assist those less fortunate, as he said, "we are all just one sickness or injury away from loosing everything".

It's not the majority that are on drugs, most are good people on hard times and cant get into a shelter for numerous reasons.

He and his wife Niurka, with the help of their daughter, created "WE OUT HERE", feeding physically and spiritually.

They cook 300 meals and deliver them 3 days a week. Over 900 hot meals are delivered weekly. They cook in their home, drive their own car, and visit known encampments. He said you'd be surprised how many families live in their car, sometimes it's a single parent with 2 or more living in a sedan, parked somewhere in a parking lot to stay safe.

By getting to know them, he has also been able to assist many to get into Section 8 housing. Niurka is training to be a social therapist and she helps them as well. The spread the word of God to those who can listen. They are self funded. They drive and collect donations from restaurants of food that would have been tossed and repurposed it. They identify households in need and deliver them a hot meal. if you can help, they are a 501(3)(c) and any monetary donation can be tax deductible to you.

Denny is seeking help in connecting with facilities that can collaborate and take this to the next level.



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Fines

Fines : Fines are back! The Sergeant at Arms Dr. Phil Mazure was meticulous and precise in his fines! Simple things such as not wearing a badge, looking like Mikael Gorvachev (wtf!), phones ringing, etc.. All fines help pay for our annual party so be sure to pay and pay!

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 \$444!



The real winners:







Happy Dollars

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Members were generous with the Happy Dollars today, mostly for the inspirational speaker, the general good things happening, for our esteemed Rotarian guests!

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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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