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Rotary International President 2009-2010



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A message from Pres. Jon:

"Changing Of The Guard"

It's that time of year, when the Rotary leadership throughout the world will participate in the "changing of the guard". From Rotary Int'l Presi-

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dent John Kenny, to District Governors and Club Presidents, the old guard will hand over their responsibilities to the incoming regime, all in a very orderly manner.

Tomorrow, June 28, will be the end of my term as club President. I will open the club meeting, conduct the normal announcements, maybe give away a few remaining awards, install the last 2 new members for the year, and then I will turn over the meeting to incoming District Governor Sunny Sharma, who will conduct the installation of David Coney as President and the 2010-11 Officers and Directors.

Upon installation, the "changing of the guard" will be completed and David Coney will close the meeting. Be sure to make every effort to attend this meeting of celebration and show your support for our wonderful new club leaders.

I want to reiterate that I am truly honored to have served as your Club President. Thanks to each of you for your support as always Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010



John Kenny



Rotary District 5890 Governor 2009-2010 Ed Charlesworth

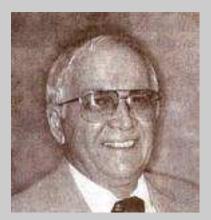


Chris Schneider Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center District Assistant Governor

#### **Past District Governors** From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze 1981-1982





**Billy Weseman** 1993-1994



Suzi Howe 2006-2007

Service Above Self

#### **Programs** — John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



Jun 28—Installation of New Officers & Directors District Governor Sunny Sharma

Jul 5—No Club Meeting (4th July Holiday)

Jul 12—John Jacob, Texas A&M Storm Surge Prevention Options

Jul 19

Jul 26—Commandor Chris Moss Role of Coast Guard Air Station—Houston

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| Say Happy Birthday to – |   |  |  |  |
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| Say                     | Chuck Jacobson<br>David Hamblin<br>John Lee<br>Alissa Sammons<br>Dan Weber<br>Jamie Scaffidi<br>Olive Murphy-Riker<br>Gene Tromblee<br>Hilmar Zeissig | June 2nd<br>June 2nd<br>June 13th<br>June 16th<br>June 18th<br>June 19th<br>June 20th<br>June 26th<br>June29th |  |  |
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#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.** WE WISH YOU MANY MORE.

## **JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP** MONTH

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#### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

| Endowment Foundation Board | 2nd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.       |
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| Club Board of Directors    | 3rd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.       |
| RNASA Committee            | . 3rd Thursday @ 5:30 p.m. |

#### **Thanks From The McKinnies**



This past year as your club president has truly been a "magic carpet ride". Twenty-one new members, along with 25 local community service projects and 12 int'l projects earned Space Center the "Mega Club of the Year", of which we can all be proud. But more importantly, we have made life altering improvements for so many individuals and communities, both locally and around the world.

I am so honored to have served as Club President of the magically named "Space Center" Rotary Club. The stars aligned for a "space filled" childhood

dream, driven by my Mother's emphasis on community service, to come to fruition for an entire year, the Golden Rotary Year of 2009-2010

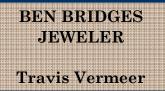
Kay & I will always cherish the relationships that we have built with each and everyone of you. Thank you so much for allowing us to become part of the Space Center community and enjoy this "magic carpet ride"

Yours in Rotary, as always

Jon R Mc Kinnie

#### **Expedition Special Event - Space Center Houston Crew Debrief July 1**

The Expedition 21/22/23 Crew Debrief, featuring crew members Jeff Williams, Max Suraev, Oleg Kotov, Soichi Noguchi and TJ Creamer will be held Thursday, July 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Space Center Houston Theater. The event will consist of an awards presentation, crew presentation with slides and video and question-and-answer session for the crew. This event is open to JSC employees, contractors, friends, family members and public guests.



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Sunny Sharma and Rashmi District 5890 Governor 2010-2011



Sunny Sharma received undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering in India, Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from Mississippi State University and MBA from the University of Houston.

In 1989, Sunny developed the concept for Sunbelt Medical Corporation (SMC) and founded the company as President and Chief Executive Officer. SMC offers equipment consultation, acquisition, installation and maintenance for healthcare facilities worldwide. SMC sells new and refurbished equipment to physician's offices, imaging centers and hospitals on a turn key basis.

Sunny is past president of the Greater Houston Hospital Management Systems Society and has many articles and publications to his credit. He was recognized as Outstanding Young Leader in South Southwestern Allied Health Forum. He is a founding member of

International Associations of Medical Equipment Remarketers. He is currently a member of Advisory Board for Houston Medicine Magazine and also serves on Houston District Export Council. He is a founding member of Indo American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston.

Sunny has served on the Supervisory Board of the World Trade Division of Greater Houston Partnership and has been Chairman of the Asia Business Forum, Middle East Committee, and India Business Forum. He has been on the Board of Houston Abu Dhabi Sister City, U. S. China People's Friendship Association, Fort Bend American Heart Association, Indo American Forum of Fort Bend, and Sister Cities of Houston. He served on Sugar Land's Mayor's Multicultural Committee, and leadership committee. He has been President of Fort Bend American Heart Association and was named Outstanding Board Member.

Sunny joined Rotary in 1985 as a charter member of Sugar Creek Rotary, now known as Fort Bend Rotary. He became president in 1996 and received an award for largest growth in membership for the district in the small clubs category. He was also honored by his club as "Rotarian of the Year".

Sunny has served on various district committees including GSE, Conference, Leadership, All Star, All Club, and Health and Hunger. He has also served on the faculty for Assistant Governor's training at PETS. He has been Assistant Governor three times and Lieutenant Governor once. He is a multiple Paul Harris fellow and a Bequest Society member. Sunny was honored as "Rotarian of the Year" for District 5890. Sunny and Rashmi also received the "Fort Bend Humanitarian of the Year" award.

Sunny and Rashmi have hosted GSE teams from India, Russia, East Germany, England, Belgium, Poland, Chile and France, including "Welcome" and "Going Away" parties. They have hosted a Youth Exchange student from Sweden, served as mentor for Ambassadorial Scholar from India, and hosted friendship exchange from Japan and Canada. They have attended several International conferences over the years.

Rashmi earned her Masters Degree in French and has been married to Sunny for 31 years. They have three sons, Sanjay, Rajan, and Roshan.

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#### Photo Gallery

President Jon McKinnie continued his year end awards presentations: Rookie of Year—John Branch Paul Harris Fellow—Slade Lewis Paul Harris Fellow—Marsene Boldt Membership—Kippy Caraway Pubic Relations—Mary Alys Cherry Foundation—David Coney Community Service—Dr Greg Smith Club Service—Jerrold DeWease

















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#### Last Week's Club Activities (Clockwise)

Jon continued with his awards presentations: Secretary—Mike Dennard Treasurer—Marilyn Musial Sgt-at-Arms—Sheryl Berg Service Above Self—Floyd Boze Service Above Self—Dick Meyer Service Above Self—Courtney Lindberg Service Above Self—Courtney Lindberg Service Above Self—Art Oswald Service Above Self—Roger Donnelly Service Above Self—Rodolfo Gonzales



















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#### Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities

#### Vocational Service

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) CCISD Teacher of the Year Awards Distinguished Public Service Awards Scholastic Scholarships to Local Students Drug Awareness Essay Scholarships to Local Students

#### **Community Service**

Armand Bayou Nature Center Trails Boy & Girl Scouts of America **Bay Area YMCA** Bay Area Turning Point – Star of Hope Camp Be an Angel **CCISD** Project Graduation Clear Lake Food Pantry **Communities in Schools** Extreme Makeover—Kemah Edition Health, Safety & Environmental Projects Interact & Rotaract **Interfaith Caring Ministries** Senior Citizens "Valentine Day" Shriner's Childrens Hospital (Galveston & Houston) St. Vincent's House—Galveston Still Water Sports Camp Volunteer Houston Commander Summer Camp Support for Space Center Rotary Foundation

#### **International Service**

Egyptian Shelter for Girls Water Project—Haiti Water Project Scholarship—Central America Water Purification Project—Bolivia Engineers Without Borders Clinics & Orphanage in Mexico

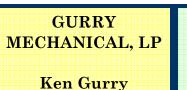
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Support for the Rotary Int'l Foundation

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