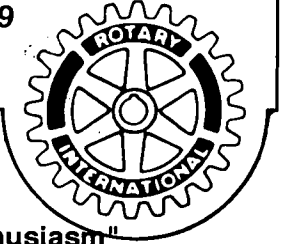


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

The Space Center Rotary Club
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.
at the Nassau Bay Hilton

Rotary International District 589



Rotary International President, Paul V.C. Costa
District 589 Governor, Tyler Baker
Club President, Billy R. Smith

"Put life into Rotary - your life"

"Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm"

October 1, 1990

Space Center Visited by Ken Hur

Kenny Carnes from Morningside, Maryland visited the Space Center Rotary Club Monday 9/24/90. This outstanding young man has worked and trained himself into an Olympic champion. He will be participating in the 1992 Summer Olympics to be held in Barcelona Spain.

We were fortunate to have Kenny participate in this year's Shrimporee 5k National Championship Wheelchair Race.



Kenny Carnes inspired us with his life's story. Kenny was a very athletic youth. He played football and was quite an accomplished Motocross driver. He was training and advancing his way up the national circuit to becoming the national champion. At seventeen, during one of his races, he wiped out at 65 MPH. This accident has left him confined to a wheelchair for the rest

Upcoming Birthdays

Bev Steadman	10/2
Frank Taylor	10/4
Austin Frame	10/5
Edward Winters	10/6
Michael Dennard	10/10
William Webb	10/10
Teresita Hernandez	10/12
Rishi Grover	10/17
Miguel Hernandez Jr.	10/19
Thomas Mc Elihinney	10/22
Joseph Henkel	10/23
Ray Graham	10/31

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Committee Activities

The Clear Lake High School Interact Club started off the school year by distributing 2500 Interact fliers to students in grades 9-12. The first meeting overflowed with more than 175 students. Several reports were given outlining the various projects the Interact Club will pursue this year.

Dr. Kyle Sprecher received Rotarian S. S. Rajashekar and arranged for him to be the guest speaker at the Interact Club meeting on Friday, September 7th. Rajashekar joined the Rotary Club of Madras East in 1986 and became its Vice President the same year. He served as its President for the year 1989-90 and the Governor's Group Representative. He is presently the District Chairman of International Service of R. I. District 323.

Rajashekar addressed the Interact Club concerning India's culture, economic status, and interest in developing pen-pal correspondence with the Clear Lake High School Interact Club. Discussion concerning future student exchanges highlighted the meeting. Rajashekar also met with Dr. Don Kyle to discuss Rotaract initiatives. In additions to these ac-

tivities, he was received by Vice-President Jack Lister in a personal tour of NASA, highlighted by viewing the Rotary trophy given to a distinguished American in the U. S. Space Program each year by RNASA Foundation, started by Space Center Rotary.

While in the United States, Rajashekar initiated a sister club arrangement with the Astrodome Club and attended meetings at the Galleria, River Oaks, Astrodome-Houston, Humble/Intercontinental, Gulfway/Hobby Airport, and Houston Rotary Clubs.

Rajashekar had meetings with Rotary District Governor Tyler Baker, Rotary District Governor nominee Bob Fitts and Rotarian John Howell, District Chairman-International Services during which several projects were discussed between District 589 and 323. Among these projects were Sister Club arrangements, Firendship Exchange, Youth Exchange, Cultural Exchange, and Pen Pal arrangements between Interact Clubs.

We all thoroughly enjoyed Rotary International in action once again!

Club Shorts

The YMCA had their ground breaking ceremony Wednesday 9/19/90. The YMCA donated a beautiful plaque to the Space Center Rotary Club.

The Rotary News Basket, R.I.'s computer-accessed weekly newsletter, is now being offered by mail subscription for \$20 a year, Pro-

duced in English only, this four-page newsletter provides current information on the activities, events, programs, and people of R.I. and the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary tops 25,000th club mark and adds four new countries: Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Mozambique, Pohnpei of Micronesia.

New Members



Maggie Adams (L) and Mike Cornet are Space Center Rotary's newest members. Each one of them are excellent additions to our club. Maggie has already joined our Blastoff staff and participated in the Shrimporee. Mike, that 'Saint' from heaven, got his bank, Harrisburg Bank, to donate the Shrimporee T-Shirts that we all wear with pride everyday!

Rotary Information

20 Million Children Targeted In India's First National Immunization Days

For the first time ever in India, non-governmental agencies and the Indian government are working together to fight childhood diseases in a nationwide campaign. As many as 100,000 Rotarians and other members of the "Rotary family" will work alongside Indian Medical Association (IMA), UNICEF and Indian government officials during three designated Baby Protection Days ("Shishu Suraksha Diwas").

It's expected that on Oct. 2, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2, some 20 million Indian

children will be immunized against polio and other childhood diseases. At thousands of medical posts, in all of India's 27 states, Rotary will provide polio vaccine and tens of thousands of volunteers to help make this campaign a success.

The Rotary Foundation has committed \$20 million for PolioPlus immunization efforts in India, where 44 percent of the world's polio cases are reported.

News Briefs

Federal Employees Can Give To Rotary Foundation By Payroll Deduction

Individuals employed by federal agencies will be able to make contributions to The Rotary Foundation through payroll deductions starting this fall. The Foundation has been notified that it was accepted for membership in Independent Charities of America, thus qualifying for participation in the 1990 Combined Federal Campaign. This allows federal government employees, including military personnel, to choose the payroll-deduction method of making gifts to the charities of their choice.

On the Lighter Side

"Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example."

--Mark Twain

A Year to Remember

In 1922-23, a movement started to encourage Rotarians to have business and trade associations adopt codes or standards of practice based on a model code suggested by Rotary. Three new nations--Brazil, Denmark and The Netherlands--joined the Rotary world. And U.S. President Warren G. Harding became the first head of state to address a Rotary convention. At the Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A., Harding said: "If I could plant a Rotary club in every town, village, and hamlet in the world, I could guarantee the future peace of the world."

A Simple Test

For a moment, imagine what our club would be like if you had never joined it. Would it be just as strong without you? Would we achieve the same level of service to the community? And what about are weekly meetings? Would they be marked by the same high degree of fellowship?

Isn't it easier to evaluate your contribution to our club by participating rather than by pretending that you never joined?

Rotary Quiz

1. How many Rotarians attended the first Rotary Convention in 1910 in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.?
2. Which was the first Rotary club admitted to the association from outside the U.S.A.?
3. Designed in 1905, the first Rotary emblem was a wagon wheel. When was the present emblem adopted?
4. (True or false) Six of the 13 trustees that govern the Rotary Foundation are always Past Presidents of R.I.

(Answers in last column)

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of his life.

The accident put Kenny into a tremendous fit of depression that resulted in him becoming an alcoholic and a user of drugs. His use in drugs and the subsequent selling of them caused him to go to prison. Therby making him the first wheelchair prisoner in the Maryland penal system.

After he got out of prison he returned to his chemical addictions and aquired several DWI convictions. After his third conviction and a possible second prison sentence, he by chance

came upon a paraplegic that changed the rest of his life.

It was this individual that led him to his present day advocation of wheelchair racing . It was the thrill and satisfaction of competition sports that brought him out of the depths of his despair to the triumphant man we see today.

A future world Olympic star, a future movie of his life, and best of all a participant in the Shrimporee 5K World Championship, this is a lifes story to be inspired by.

Good Luck Kenny Carnes!

Don't forget To Turn In Your Ticket Money!

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Answers to Quiz:

- (1) 60, (2) The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1911, (3) 1923, (4) True



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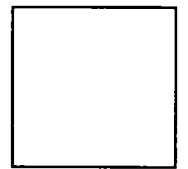
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