



# Oak Hills Rotary Ramblings

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**Club Information:** organized in **October 23, 1977** **Current Membership: 35**  
 Contributions to the Rotary Foundation **\$739,942.89** Foundation giving per member 2009-10: **\$118.7**  
 Paul Harris Fellows: **332** Current PHFs or Multiple PHFs: **32(91%)**  
 Benefactors: **43** Paul Harris Sustaining members 2009-10: **12(34%)** Benefactors: **22**

**June 4, 2010**

**Bruce Richter** called the meeting to order and gave the prayer and pledge. **Elaine Kovner** led the Texas pledge. Visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced by **Dan Comrie**.

## CLUB NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

**We have a new member.** Be sure to welcome **Clark Niblock** to the club. He was proposed by **Bruce Richter**. His classification will be Real Estate-Residential.

■ **Dues are DUE!** Remember that RI wants the dues to be paid very promptly in order to retain membership status.

■ Wine and book donors:

	Wine	Books
May	<b>Joe Montagna</b>	<b>Walt Sandison</b>
June	<b>Don Deal</b>	***
July	<b>Lee Parker</b>	
August	<b>Jim Walters</b>	
September	<b>Walt Sandison</b>	
October	<b>Gloria Duke Richter</b>	
November	<b>John Curran and Brett Ward</b>	

■ We are in good shape for books with a backlog of nearly 40 yet to be presented!

■ **INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & DIRECTORS** will be at our lunch meeting on July 9th. Be sure to plan on being there.

■ Monies collected during April and May were presented to the Boy Scouts. (Our speaker for the day was Ted Borcharding, Senior District Executive with the Alamo Area Boy Scouts). The check presented was for \$135.00. Money collected during June will go to the Northside Independent School District's School Age Parenting program.

■ Each year we are among the leaders in the District in giving to the Foundation. This year the preliminary numbers show that the Northwest Club is in first place with per capita giving of \$152. We are in second place with \$135 per capita giving. However, we are at less than 50% of our goal for giving. If you have not done your EREY giving, please do so.

## DISTRICT EVENTS:

The Installation party for Stephanie Macchia, our District Governor for 2010-11 will be at the San Antonio Zoo on June 19, 2010 at the Africa Live Exhibit. The party will run from 6-10 with dinner served at 7:30. Cost is \$40 per person (adult or child) which gets you the dinner and includes private zoo access. Attire is casual. RSVP by 5:00 pm on June 14th at <http://getwildonjune19th.eventbrite.com>

## PROGRAM:

Our speaker for the meeting was Ted Borcharding, Senior District Executive with the Alamo Area Council of the Boy Scouts. Scouting has a long history in San Antonio. The Boy Scouts were founded in England in 1907-08 by Lord Baden-Powell. Baden-Powell was one of the few heroes of the Boer War and he did his service in Reconnaissance--then called Scouting. Out of this military experience, he wrote a book called *Aids to Scouting*. This book became popular with boys as a help to their own outdoor activities. After this became plain to Baden-Powell, he began to think about how he could convert the concepts of military scouting into a peaceful scouting experience for boys. In 1907 he took several boys on what might be considered the very first boy

Will it be Beneficial to All?

Will it build Goodwill an Better Friendships?

Is it fair to All Concerned?

Is it the Truth?

THE FOUR WAY TEST

scout camp out to Brownsea Island. Based on this experience Baden-Powell rewrote his book, calling it *Scouting for Boys*. The concept spread rapidly. In 1910 Willaim Bryce, a newspaper publisher from Chicago got lost in London in the fog. He asked for directions from a young boy who then guided him to the location he was looking for and then refused any tips. The boy explained that he was a "Boy Scout" and this was his good deed for the day. Bryce decided that all his paper boys should be boy scouts and the idea of scouting spread rapidly in the U. S. The first Boy Scout Troop in San Antonio was formed that very year. Today there are scouting organizations in 185 independent countries.

The San Antonio Scouting program is very active. It is growing by about 2% each year. Last year 307 scouts achieved the rank of Eagle. There were 12,000 merit badges earned and 7,400 boys advanced by one rank. There are around 700 cub packs, boy scout troops and venture organizations in the city. The current effort is to expand the scouting outreach into the southside of the city. The Scouts own some land near the Toyota plant and are raising funds to develop the site. In addition, the Scout Law (the 12 points defining a Scout) is now being taught in schools around the city.

Scouting gets financial support from the United Way, by selling pop corn and from dues.

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

June 11	Air Evacuation Lifeteam
June 18	TBA
June 25	Blake Hasting with the Federal Reserves returns
July 2	TBA
July 9	New Officer Installation

#### **UMBRELLA:**

**Elaine Kovner and Doug Kruppa** jointly purchased the umbrella. Elaine reminded the club of how fortunate we are to have Doug in the club doing all the work his is doing with Early Act/First Knight. Doug then brought us up to date on what he is doing. He applied for a grant from the Pepsi Foundation. They give away about \$1.3 million each month to 1000 organizations. We did get this grant. However, he is working with Valero and HEB to get some money to support our Early Act/ First Knight activities.

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

**Roger Thompson** confessed to 41 years of marriage! **Brett Ward** noted that he is now a graduate of the Citizens Police Academy and got to ride on a patrol. It was very interesting and got real exciting when his escort disappeared while Brett was in the holding cell! **Jim Higdon** confessed to not know much about holding cells, but he had a grand time with the latest grand child.

**RAFFLE:** Last week **Bruce Richter** was put in the awkward position of drawing his own ticket as a potential raffle winner. This week he announced the winning ticket and it was for **Gloria Duke Richter**. Once again fortune smiled on the club and she got \$25 toward her next PHF. Wine was won by **Dave Ives** and **Bruce Richter(!)** who gave his bottle to the speaker. **Gloria Duke Richter** won the extra food.

We closed with the Four Way Test.