



Oak Hills Rotary Ramblings

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Club Information: organized in October 23, 1977	Current Membership: 35
Contributions to the Rotary Foundation \$741,382.89	Foundation giving per member 2009-10: \$148.43
Paul Harris Fellows: 334	Current PHFs or Multiple PHFs: 32(91%)
Benefactors: 43	Paul Harris Sustaining members 2009-10: 14(40%) Benefactors: 22

July 30, 2010

Bil Trodler called the meeting to order. **David Ratcliff** gave the prayer and pledge. **Clark Niblock** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

CLUB NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

■ Wine and book donors:

	Wine	Books
July	Lee Parker	
August	Jim Walters	Barry Abrams
September	Walt Sandison	Joe Montagna
October	Gloria Duke Richter	John Curran
November	John Curran and Brett Ward	Elaine Kovner
December		Doug Kruppa

■ Fish Bowl: Money collected during July will continue to go to the Northside Independent School District's School Age Parenting program. Money collected in August will go to International Ministries. They help the Karen refugees (and several other tribes) that have moved to San Antonio.

■ The Board has approved a measure to make it easier for us, the membership, to invite guests to lunch. You will pay for the first meal for your guest. The club will pay for the next two lunches. So bring a guest, make a future Rotarian!

■ Congratulations to our bowling team. They won the tournament put on by the Northwest Rotary Club. Team members were **Dave Ives, John Curran, Bruce Richter** and substitute D.R. Mills.

■ The multi club meeting with our new District Governor was attended by **Doug Kruppa, Jim Higdon, Don Deal, Rick Tarbell, Bubba Vollmer** and **Bil Trodler**. As a service project, members assisted in making box lunches for the elderly and working in the food garden.

■ **David Ratcliff** auctioned off the umbrella and **Roger Thompson** was the winner with a bid of \$35!

■ We got a Thank you note from Dave Kitrell's family for the flowers. Thanks to **Elaine Kovner** for arranging for flowers to be sent.

■ As you should know by now, we are working to win a grant from Pepsi for our Early Act/First Knight project. **Doug Kruppa** has sent out an e-mail asking that we: 1) vote everyday for the project. You can vote from every e-mail address you have. 2) pass on the e-mail to friends and customers so that they can vote as well. Winning this grant would give us \$50,000 to fund new programs at other schools. So vote and get others to vote as well.

■ EREY certificates were presented to **Herb Eastwood** and **Doug Kruppa**.

PROGRAM:

Our speaker, Mary Flannigan, was introduced by **Brett Ward**. She has worked with AmeriCorp serving first as a construction crew leader with Habitat for Humanity in San Antonio for two years and then as a VISTA member (volunteer manager) with Habitat for Humanity in Omaha. She now works for San Antonio Youth Literacy as the Community Development Director. Mary first showed a film clip summarizing some of the sad facts of life about literacy in San Antonio.

The literacy rate in the U.S. overall is 99%. However, in San Antonio it is 75%. Botswana and the

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

Congolese both have literacy rates better than our city. The only city in Texas with a worse literacy rate is El Paso. If you can't read by the third grade, your chances of success are much lower. 60% of the criminal population are not functionally literate. Beyond third grade you really have to be able to read to continue learning. San Antonio has the highest drop out rate of any major city in the U.S. (These are statistics on adults from major population centers. San Antonio is the seventh largest city in the U. S. but rates 60th in literacy.)

San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL) focuses on second and third graders reading below grade level. These are often the class clown or the shy, "never ask a question" students. SAYL provide volunteers to read to students and the results have shown more than a full grade level of improvement in reading skills. Last year there were 241 volunteers that provided about 2500 hours of reading time. This one on one time has three goals. First it is an opportunity for a guided reading experience. Second, it promotes the enjoyment of reading. Finally, the increased skill in reading increases self esteem.

Volunteers go to a nearby school for about one hour per week for eight weeks. This allows them to spend 30 minutes, one on one, with two students. The day and time is usually set by the school. Many volunteers go for the first eight weeks and ask to stay on for additional time. SAYL does not get any city, state or federal funding. They are funded by grants and by fund raisers.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Aug 6	CPS Energy
Aug 13	Alzheimer's Association
Aug 20	TBA
Aug 27	Rotary GSE Team: Philippines

UMBRELLA:

Doug Kruppa and **Elaine Kovner** were both out of ideas to share!

CONFESSIONS:

Visitor Ken Donoughue noted that the Medical Center Rotary Club is now meeting at the Outback located on IH10. Meetings are at 11:45 on Tuesdays and the cost is \$13.00 **Monica Gutierrez** thanked the club for its participation in the District Governors meeting. **Bil Trodlier** was proud to announced that daughter Elizabeth passed the State Pharmacy Tech test on her first attempt.

RAFFLE: **Doug Kruppa** got \$25 toward his next PHF. **David Ratcliff** gave his wine to the speaker. The other bottle was won by **Lee Parker**. **Walt Sandison** took home the extra food. We closed with the Four Way Test.

President	Bil Trodlier
President elect	Dave Ives
Vice President	Brett Ward
Treasurer	Neil Hager
Secretary	David Ratcliff
Sgt at Arms	Hou Chi Dung

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Barry Abrams (Youth)
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Gloria Duke-Richter (Club Service)
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