



# Oak Hills Rotary Ramblings

Club No. 1923 • Founded 1977 • District 5840  
P.O. Box 291069 • San Antonio, TX 78229



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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**

## August 6, 2010

We were called to order by **Brett Ward**. **Bruce Richter** gave the prayer and pledge. **Joe Montagna** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

### CLUB NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

■ **Doug Kruppa** reminded us to VOTE, VOTE, VOTE for the Early Act First Knight Pepsi Grant. Get friends and customers to vote as well. Everyone can cast one vote everyday for the month.

■ Wine and book donors:

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

■ **Dave Ives** reported that **Skip Allen** sends his regrets for not being at the Friday meetings. For some of the newer members, Skip is a long time member and Past President of our club. Take a minute and give him a call at 495-2676 or go by (or send a card to) 20450 Huebner Road, Apt 11112, SATX 78258. Dave also reported that Virginia Reed, wife of deceased member Don Reed died July 6.

■ Fish Bowl: 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!

■ Our bowling team was presented with their trophy. 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.

### OTHER DISTRICT EVENTS:

■ Amigos Internationales Rotary Club, the newest club in our district, is having a fund raiser on August 28th . . . it is the First Annual Rotary Rodeo in Bulverde, Texas! For more info, call 865-0084

■ The Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club will have its 14th annual Fair-way for kids benefit golf tournament on Monday, September 20th at Olympia Hills Golf Course in Universal City. For more information go to [radolphmetrocomrotary.org](http://radolphmetrocomrotary.org).

■ Chuck & Chad Steinmetz came by to remind us that the Med Center Rotary Club is now meeting at the Outback Steak House located near DeZavala & IH-10.

■ The District Conference to be held June 16-20 of 2011 will be a cruise! Alamo Travel can help you hold a room.

### PROGRAM:

**Brett Ward** introduced our speaker, Bob Nelson, with City Public Service. CPS's strategic plan is to provide for the future needs of San Antonio with reliable, affordable energy in an environmentally responsible manner. CPS is owned by the city. With the current emphasis on publicly owned

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

utilities it is important to note that rates charged by CPS are among the lowest in the nation. CPS has assets valued at about \$9.4 Billion and generates \$2 Billion a year in revenue. Fourteen percent of this revenue goes directly to the city coffers. It is the largest single source of revenue for the city.

One of the best ways to keep energy use down is to conserve. CPS offers an extensive rebate program to get people to replace old appliances and systems with newer, more efficient systems. This could eliminate about 771 MW of usage by 2020 at a cost of \$899 million. While this seems like a lot to pay for rebates, it would cost over \$1.3 billion to build a new coal fired plant that would generate about 750 MW. This plant would then be faced with ongoing fuel and maintenance costs and would generate additional pollution. Rebates are a one time cost.

In 1970 100% of San Antonio's power was generated by natural gas. Today that figure is 45% with the rest coming from coal, nuclear and renewable resources. Expanded use of renewable resources is difficult. Wind energy is not always reliable. Indeed, wind generation of electricity often falls toward evening when the West Texas wind dies down. This is just when increased demand occurs in the city. Solar is not very attractive for our city. Since we pay very low costs for energy the relative cost for solar is very high. (It can be more attractive for a city that already has a high base rate as the incremental cost is not that much more.) CPS still aims to get 20% of its energy from renewable resources by 2020. Much of this expansion will be on the coast where the wind does not die down in the evening. This is up from about 10% now. This will keep San Antonio as a leader in use of renewable resources.

Nuclear power is, in our speakers opinion, still a very viable source of future energy. The existing plant provides consistent energy at a very low cost. CPS retains the right to get back into the new nuclear plant.

On the environmental front, CPS has planted over 31,000 trees. It has reduced emissions by 33% and saves a huge amount of aquifer water by using recycled water at Lake Calaveras.

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

Aug 13	Alzheimer's Association
Aug 20	TBA
Aug 27	Rotary GSE Team: Philippines
Sept 3	Rebecca Creek Distillery (Come early, big attendance expected!)
Sept 10	TBA
Sept 17	Texas Forest Service
Sept 24	How to get involved (legally) with the SAPD

#### **UMBRELLA:**

**Roger Thompson** had the umbrella but, fortunately, had nothing to say. **Elaine Kovner** did though.

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

**Joe Montagna** biked 474 miles in Iowa and saw a lot of corn and soy. Several Rotary clubs along the route offered refreshments. **Dave Ives** got back from California and discovered that he had a vacation to Branson MO.

**RAFFLE:** **Bruce Richter** got the six of diamonds for his trouble. **Barry Abrams** and **Walt Sandison** took home the wine. **Neil Hager** took home the last salad! We closed with the Four Way Test.

President	<b>Bil Trodler</b>
President elect	<b>Dave Ives</b>
Vice President	<b>Brett Ward</b>
Treasurer	<b>Neil Hager</b>
Secretary	<b>David Ratcliff</b>
Sgt at Arms	<b>Hou Chi Dung</b>

Directors:

<b>Barry Abrams</b> (Youth)
<b>John Curran</b> (Community Service)
<b>Gloria Duke-Richter</b> (Club Service)
<b>Jim Higdon</b> (International Service)
<b>Dan Comrie</b> (Vocational)