



Oak Hills Rotary Ramblings

Club No. 1923 • Founded 1977 • District 5840
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www.oakhillsrotary.org

Club Information: organized in October 23, 1977	Current Membership: 35
Contributions to the Rotary Foundation \$742,012.89	Foundation giving per member 2009-10: \$16.91
Paul Harris Fellows: 334	Current PHFs or Multiple PHFs: 31(91%)
Benefactors: 43	Paul Harris Sustaining members 2009-10: 5(15%) Benefactors: 23

August 27, 2010

We were called to order by **Bil Trodler**. **Bruce Richter** gave the prayer and pledge. **Gayle Millard** introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

CLUB NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

- **Doug Kruppa** reminded us that the Tournament of Champions for the Early Act/First Knight program at Oak Hills Elementary is September 17 at 9:00 a.m.
- Here is our schedule for **Early Act / First Knight** for the coming school year at Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School. This is a great project. Please try to find the time to come and watch some of these events. It is really worth your while.

Tournament of Champions September 17 at 9:00 a.m. (Coming up soon!)

Award Ceremonies (first program starts at 8:30 and the second starts at 9:30):

October 22	November 19
January 7	February 4
April 8	May 6

- The club has sent some flowers to **Wayne Freiling**. He fell at home and sustained a deep bruise to his spine that resulted in paralysis. He is doing much better but still has some way to go for full recovery. Give him a call at 704-4943. He is in room 5213 at Christus Santa Rosa downtown at 333 N. Santa Rosa. **Wayne Lemoine** is out of the hospital. He would love to hear from you so give him a call.

- **Strategic Planning Sessions: Barry Abrams** has worked hard to put together a planning session on the future of our club. It will be two evenings from 7-9 p.m. The dates under consideration are September 12-13 or 20-21 or 27-28. Please let Barry and/or **David Ratcliff** know when you can attend. We want to make the time available to the most members possible. This is an important step toward building a stronger club.

- Wine and book donors:

	Wine	Books
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

Bruce Richter delivered some books to Oak Hills Terrace Elementary School and the librarian continues to be very appreciative. He will be getting books to the Haven for Hope soon.

- **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!
 - **Interact News:** Both **Rick Tarbell** and **Don Deal** will be stepping down from their duties as our representatives for the Clark and O'Conner Interact Clubs. We need someone who can step in at each school. Please let President Bil know if you can help.
- We got a "Thank You" note from Youth Literacy. It was a thank you for listening to the story of this organization and a thank you for the two books we donated to the group after her presentation.

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

OTHER DISTRICT EVENTS:

■ The District Conference will be held June 16-20 this coming year. The location will be on a Carnival cruise ship! You can hold your place for a (refundable) \$25 deposit. Deposit should be made by September 1. There may be an optional service project in Cozumel. \$695 per person includes accommodations, meals and entertainment. Carnival will donate \$40 per room to the Foundation!

■ The Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club will have their 14th Annual Fair-way for Kids Benefit Golf Tournament at Olympia Hills Golf Course in Universal City on Sept. 20th.
www.randolmetrocomrotary.org

PROGRAM:

Brett Ward introduced our GSE member, Leroy Alloway. He was on the recent trip to the Philippines. It was a remarkable trip. However, travel arrangements by Rotary call for starting very early. Here are some highlights. The Philippine society is a mix of the very wealthy and the very poor. Leroy got sick and was taken to a nice hospital where he had two nurses, several doctors and great treatment. (Cost \$85) In contrast, one of the GSE visits was to a hospital designed for 200 beds. This hospital was not really staffed for 200 patients but there were 800 patients there that day. The maternity ward contained up to four people assigned to each bed. The GSE team saw 12 medical and dental missions.

There were many city dignitaries everywhere they went. They want MORE Rotarians because they can see the things that really get done through Rotary. There are people everywhere. Metro Manila contains 17 million people in about 30 square miles. (San Antonio has 1.3 million people in over 500 square miles.) Schools target having one teacher for every 50 students but often one teacher has 65-75 students. Here Rotary food programs provide what is the only meal that many students get on that day. The GSE team saw left over Shelter Boxes that people were still using over one year after they were provided. Reconstruction and repairs are simply not being done.

Other interesting observations: A Rotary cock fight. Spam is a treat sold everywhere. Slums are built on any vacant land in Manila. The food was great. This included fried pigeon, jelly fish and "other things". You can see more at www.txgsetometromanilla.com. Thanks to us for supporting the Foundation. The GSE program and Ambassadorial scholarships are great programs.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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. **Dave Ives** auctioned it off. First bid was from **Rick Tarbell** for \$25 (he wasn't there!), then \$53 from **Joe Montagna** (birthday), \$57 from **Don Deal** (anniversary). \$63 from **Jim Higdon** for someone's birthday. But Joe finally prevailed with a bid for \$65!

CONFESSIONS:

Elaine Kovner confessed that her son was in Israel with Jordan and Egypt to come. **Jim Walters** just returned from a motorcycle trip to Tennessee. By the way, Jim does not recommend such a long trip by bike at this time of year (HOT). **Don Deal** has been mentoring at Oak Hills Terrace for 20 years. These kids are usually from broken homes and they really need an adult that is a stable person in their lives. Please consider joining him in this work.

RAFFLE: **Hou Chi Dung** got the four of spades. **Elaine Kovner** and **Neil Hager** won the wine. A stray bottle of tequila was won by visitor Ken Donoughue. **Gayle Millard** took home the extra food. We closed with the Four Way Test.

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Vice President	Brett Ward
Treasurer	Neil Hager
Secretary	David Ratcliff
Sgt at Arms	Hou Chi Dung

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