

# HOUSTON OBJECTIVISM SOCIETY

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## APRIL HOS MEETING

The third meeting of the Houston Objectivism Society was held at Rice University on April 29, 1988. About 30 people attended and watched the video "My 30 Years With Ayn Rand", a speech given by Leonard Peikoff at the Ford Hall Forum in 1987.

It was also announced that HOS members may bring one guest to HOS meetings.

## FORD HALL FORUM

On April 24, 1988 Dr. Peikoff spoke at Northeastern University in Boston. His lecture was titled "Why One Should Act on Principle"; in this lecture he sharply criticized those politicians who claim that "reality is negotiable". The lecture was videotaped and should be shown on CSPAN sometime in the future. The date and time will be announced in this newsletter as soon as it is available.

## NINE FOUNTAINHEAD SEMI-FINALISTS FROM HOUSTON

The Ayn Rand Institute's Fountainhead essay contest officially ended on April 30. By May 20, 140 semi-finalists had been chosen by the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, which screens the essays for ARI. Nine of the semi-finalists are from Houston. This is a high percentage from one city, and prompted ARI Executive Director Michael Berliner to call Warren Ross to congratulate Houston for providing "quality entries".

ARI will judge and rank the 140 semi-finalists. HOS will receive the rank ordering of the nine Houston semi-finalists, as well as copies of the nine essays. The following is a preliminary breakdown of Houston entries, as of May 6. It was subsequently discovered that other entries from Houston did not have the Dept. H address ARI used to designate Houston area entries.

<u>High School</u>	<u>Entries</u>		
	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Jersey Village	1	0	2
J. Frank Dobie	1	0	2
Spring Woods	2	0	8
Memorial	0	0	1
North Shore	0	0	1
H.S. for Health Prof.	0	0	2
Westfield	0	1	1
Clear Lake	8	0	5
Cypress-Fairbanks	0	0	1
Robert E. Lee	0	0	1
Bellaire	4	1	2
St. John's	0	2	2
Spring	0	5	9
John Foster Dulles	1	2	3
Totals	17	11	40

This is almost a four-fold increase over last year!



### UH CAMPUS CLUB

UH Students of Objectivism plan to meet once a month during the summer. The next meeting will be held on June 17, at 5:30 on the UH campus. An audiotape will be played. For more information, contact Dwayne Hicks at 521-0012.

### LENDING LIBRARY

There have been several additions to the HOS lending library. A separate list of the entire library contents are enclosed.

### STUDY GROUP

Several members of HOS have formed a study group. The next meeting is scheduled for June 26 at the home of Joe Blackburn. For more information, contact Joe at 688-0854.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

The June HOS meeting will be held at the University Center on the UH campus (map enclosed). The meeting will be held on June 24th, at 8pm. The program will consist of two ½ hour interviews from the Raymond Newman talk shows. The interviewees and topics are: Edith Packer, "The Psychological Requirements of a Free Society"; and, George Reisman, "Our \$2 Trillion Deficit".

The August HOS meeting will be the awards dinner for the local scholarship winner of the Fountainhead essay contest. There will be a fee (for dinner). HOS members are encouraged to attend the awards dinner. The place, date, and time will be announced in the next newsletter.

### LECTURE COURSES

Dr. Peikoff's lecture course, "Modern Philosophy: Kant to the Present", is being offered this summer at the home of Brian Phillips. The first lecture was held on June 5. For more information, call Brian Phillips (896-9707) or Warren Ross (468-2256).

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations for Objectivist professionals have been formed:

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