



HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST - CASH PRIZES!

DISTRICT WINNER RECEIVES \$1,750 & RUNNER-UP \$1,500

2025-2026 Speech Contest Topic:

Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo suggested that peace begins by knowing and caring for your neighbor.

How can we be instruments of peace?

Prepare & deliver a five-minute speech, which relates this topic to your life, school, neighbors, and Rotary Values.

High school age students only. Memorization not required. Details at www.Rotary7850.org

CLUB ROUND 1 - PRIZE \$200

South Burlington Rotary Club – February 19, 2026, 7:00 pm at the SBHS library

AREA ROUND 2 - PRIZE \$300

Date, Time and Place TBD, but no later than March 28, 2026

DISTRICT ROUND 3 - PRIZE \$500 for the Two Finalists

Up to eleven contestants from Round 2 Area Contests will participate.
Round 3 Contest held on Sat., April 18, 2026, at Northern VT University, Lyndonville, VT.
Est. contest time: 10 am-2 pm.

DISTRICT ROUND 4 - PRIZE \$750 WINNER & \$500 RUNNER-UP

Two contestants from Round 3 will speak at District 7850 Conference held on Sat., June 13, 2026 at Hotel Estrimont, Orford (Quebec), Canada.
Est. contest time: 11 am-2 pm. Must have required documents for border.

Speech Contest Rules, Registration Form, Judge & Time Sheets online at www.Rotary7850.org under Youth Services: Speech Contest.

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