

Rotary Four Way Test Speech Competition
March 28th 2018

Each year the **Bennington and Catamount Rotary Clubs** sponsor a speech competition for high school students based on the **Rotary Four Way Test**. The 2018 competition is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 with a snow date of March 29, 2018. The competition will be held in the CDC Assembly Room at 7:00 P.M.

We invite and urge students to participate. There's never been a more urgent time or need for skilled speakers who can articulate ideas, especially showing how ethical behaviors contribute to a productive civil life, and a representative democracy. Students will benefit from this experience (organizing ideas and presenting them to an audience) as they plan for post-secondary experiences and develop into successful adults.

The contest is open to all high school aged students in the Southshire and Arlington, including home-schoolers and exchange students. Students are asked to deliver an unwritten speech, no less than 5 minutes and no longer than 7 minutes. The speech must identify how **all** of the Four-Way Test questions apply to the student's personal experience.

Rotary Four Way Test for all we think, say, and do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Is it BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

District 7870 Rules for 4 Way Test Speech Competitions

1. Subject: the speech must be original in content and apply the Rotary Four-Way Test (ALL FOUR QUESTIONS) in our everyday relationships with other people
2. Delivery: the speech must be given from memory. It should not be read, though adequate notes are acceptable
3. Length: the speech shall be no less than five (5) minutes nor more than seven (7) minutes in length or it is automatically disqualified

A panel of judges from the community will determine the winners and award prizes. Judges will consider content, organization, and delivery. Decision of the judges is final. Cash Prizes include: First prize is \$500, second is \$200, and third is \$100. All participants receive a certificate of participation. All contestants may be invited to participate in a WBTV and/or a CAT TV interview following the competition. The top contestant is invited to the Rotary district semi-finals to present his/her speech at the Rotary District Conference, where the winner receives \$700, with awards of \$500 for second, \$300 for third and \$200 for fourth. This competition is scheduled for May 8th in Henniker, New Hampshire.

This is a unique opportunity for student voices. An application/entry form, helpful hints, and the judges' scoring sheet are attached. Please feel free to copy and distribute. Documents can also be found at BenningtonRotary.com and CatamountRotary.com. **Applications (Entry Forms) must be submitted by end of day March 15th either by hand at the Hawkins House, or E-mailed.**

Kristen Kimball at Mt Anthony Union High School, Doug Krause of the Bennington Rotary Club or Ron Haushor of the Catamount Rotary Club. Please email or call if you have any questions.

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