



CHICKASHA ROTARY CLUB

District 5770

Club 650

December 3, 2018

To: Grady County High School Students

RE: Chickasha Rotary Club 4-Way Speech Contest

The Chickasha Rotary Club is hosting a speech contest for high school students (Grades 9 to 12) who live in Grady County. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top 3 places in the amounts of \$300, \$200, and \$100. The contest will be held on Thursday, January 24th, during the regular weekly meeting of the Chickasha Rotary Club held at noon in the basement of the First Christian Church, 202 South 6th Street, Chickasha, OK 73018. Students who wish to enter the contest must submit the enclosed entry form to be received no later than Wednesday, January 16th, 2019.

The topic for this year's contest is "***How does adhering to the Rotary Four-Way Test inspire change in the world and in each other?***" The speeches will be video recorded, and the first place winner's video will be entered in the District contest for a chance to win an additional \$500, \$250, or \$100. I have enclosed a copy of the rules & procedures, and entry form. Copies of this letter are being sent via email to Counselors, Speech Teachers, and Ag. Teachers in Grady County.

For more information on this contest or the Chickasha Rotary Club, visit www.chickasharotary.org, or contact Cody White, 4-Way Speech Contest Chairman, at codywhite@gmail.com or 405-219-0176.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cody J. White".

Cody J. White
Chickasha Rotary Club



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2019 4-Way Speech Contest Entry Form

Contestant Name: _____

Contestant Address: _____

Contestant Telephone: _____

Contestant (or parent) e-mail (List email you check): _____

High School & Class: _____

Speech Teacher/ Ag. Teacher: _____

Contestant Hobbies/Interests/Activities: _____

This Form can be returned via Text, Email, or Postal Mail, as long as it is received by the end of the day, 1/16/2019. Contact info is listed below:

Cody J. White
PO Box 1928
Chickasha, OK 73023

Mobile Phone: 405-219-0176
codywhite@gmail.com

Form must be received no later than Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Each School is allowed one advisor to attend the lunch with the student(s), which will be provided by the Chickasha Rotary Club. Additional advisers/parents are encouraged to attend at a cost of \$10 per plate, and must be reserved in advance. Please list the number of additional sponsors below and include a check payable to the **Chickasha Rotary Club**.

Number of additional meals to order (not counting the Contestant & one adviser): _____

District Level Rules and Procedures:

The District 5770 Champion will receive \$500 after presenting the winning speech at the Saturday luncheon of the District Conference. Second place will receive \$250 and third place \$150 following the District Contest. All awards will be presented to representatives of sponsoring clubs at the District Conference Saturday luncheon.

Each club may submit a video of one contestant's speech to the District Contest. The video should be recorded in one continuous "take" (without edits). **The videos should be in .MOV or .MP4 format, and can be submitted via DVD, thumb drive, dropbox, or other cloud service.** You will receive confirmation once the videos have been received. If you don't receive confirmation, it means we haven't received it.

To be fair to all contestants, the following rules will be strictly enforced.

- The speech shall be five to seven minutes in length, and should focus on the topic for the contest. Penalty: Five points will be deducted from the total score for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under five minutes or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over seven minutes.
- Timing shall start when the speech begins. A timekeeper may signal the speaker at regular intervals throughout the presentation.
- Note cards (but not a manuscript) will be permitted. Cards should be no larger than 5"X8" so as not to detract from the effectiveness of the speech. If a contestant uses notes, they should be submitted with the video entry. Teleprompters are prohibited.
- Contestants may not refer to their high school, home town, or sponsoring club by name. (That means no backdrop or banner with the club name, no subtitles on the video, etc.) Including such references will result in disqualification from the contest.
- Contestants shall be evaluated according to the official judges rating sheet.
- Insofar as possible, Judges shall not know the contestants' names or affiliations prior to completion of the contest. We want to be fair to all concerned.
- Rotarians may be judges. Non-Rotarians are also encouraged as judges, preferably with a background in public address or speech communication.

- The District Contest Champion must be available to speak at the noon luncheon of the District Conference on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in Sulphur, OK. Meals for the champion and parents or guardians accompanying the contestant will be provided by District 5770. If the champion is unable to attend the District Contest due to unavoidable circumstances, the video will be shown at the District Conference.

