

## Purpose

The Rotary Clubs of District 5170 sponsor the Richard D. King Annual Youth Speech Contest each year with three goals in mind for the club members and each contest participant:

To increase personal knowledge and awareness of the importance of being able to speak effectively before a group.

To increase public knowledge of what Rotary is and does throughout the world, especially among young people. Through this knowledge, we hope that they will learn, as we have in the past, "He who profits most serves best."

To increase participation in the contest and to provide all high school contestants with an opportunity to win prizes as top public speaker, or runner up, in District 5170.

## Prizes

<u>Club</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>District</u>
1st: \$200	1st: \$300	Top 2: \$700	1st: \$3,000
2nd: \$100	2nd: \$150	Participants: \$300	2nd: \$1,500
3rd: \$50	Participants: \$50		Finalists: \$750

The prizes are awarded with "no strings attached." However, it is hoped that the award might be used to further the students' education. Our goal as Rotarians is to recognize and support these young people, who are tomorrow's leaders.

## Judging

Judging criteria and a copy of a Judge's Ballot will be supplied to every contestant for review. These references are provided to ensure that students understand how their speeches will be evaluated and scored. Please note that it is required that all four of the principles of Rotary's Four Way Test be integrated into the speech.



# CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



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District 5170



## RICHARD D. KING ANNUAL YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

Hung Wei  
District Governor  
2023-2024



## Levels of Competition

### Club Level

Each of the 62 clubs in Rotary District 5170 is eligible to hold a speech contest, drawing contestants from the high schools in the club's local area. At least club, the **first place winner** will participate in the Area Level competition. **Capitola - Aptos speech contest is scheduled for Feb. 29, 5pm at Seascape Golf.**

### Area Level

Within the district, clubs are grouped into nine areas, with four to seven clubs in each area. Every Club Level winner will compete with the winners from the others clubs in that area. The **first place winner** will be selected as the finalist to participate in the Regional level competition. The area level contests are to be held between **March 25 and April 5 2024** at a designated Rotary club.

### Regional Level

The district sponsors two regional competitions. The two regions are the Northwest Region (Areas 1 through 5) and the Southwest Region (Areas 6 through 9). The **top two finalists** from each regional competition will go on to the final competition at the District Training Assembly. The regional level competitions will be held between **April 8 to April 19, 2024.**

### District Finals

The four Regional Finalists, with parents/guardians, will be Rotary's guests at the District 5170 Conference. The speech contest will be a virtual event held on at the

**Hayes Mansion in San Jose on  
Sunday, April 28, 2021.**



## Rules of Competition

### Eligibility

Contests are open to student speakers in grades 9 through 12 who attend a local public or private high school within District 5170. Student speakers are to enter only **one** contest.

### Original Work of Student

The speech must be the original work of the contestant.

### Theme

The theme for the speech shall be **"Create Hope in the World"**. The theme must be clearly identified in the speech and need not be the topic for the speech.

### Topic

Each student may choose any topic they is timely and of interest, as long as the content of the speech relates to the theme of **"Create Hope in the World"** and incorporates ALL four principles of **The Four Way Test**.

### The Four Way Test Principles

Each speaker must clearly relate, apply, or interweave the four principles of the **Four Way Test** into their speech. These principles, which Rotarians have adopted as a guide for everyday living, are as follows:

#### The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Is it **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### Time Limitations

Speeches are between **four and five minutes** in length. Timing will begin when the contestant first speaks, not after the student's salutation to the chairperson or audience. A penalty of 2% shall be deducted from each judge's score for each 30 seconds (or fraction thereof) the contestant speaks under four or over five minutes.

### Use of Props, Prompters, and Notes

At the **club level only**, a speaker make use a smart device to **glance** at their notes, or **one** 3" x 5" notecard. At other levels, the speaker shall **NOT** use a smart device, props, displays, or prompters of any kind. Notes may be used if they are on one 3" x 5" card.

### Identification of Speaker or School

There shall be **NO** implicit or explicit identification of the speaker or of the speaker's school in the content or title of the speech, the attire of the contestant, or by other means whatsoever.

EACH CONTESTANT IS EXPECTED TO KNOW AND FOLLOW EACH OF THESE RULES AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE CONTEST. VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE SPEAKER.

Contestants may only compete once at the club level. The final decision, whether or not a violation has taken place, will be made by the District Youth Speech Contest Chairperson.