**ROTARY CLUB OF MANHATTAN KANSAS POLICY: Rotary Position on Political Speeches at Organized Meetings and Events.**

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Rotary’s founding tenets do not accommodate politicization. Political presentations or ad-hoc commentary when members are gathered in a Club organized event will not be allowed. In that regard, during an election year, candidates seeking any elected office or those representing a political party will not be allowed to speak at Manhattan Rotary Club meetings or events. Office holders may be invited to speak at our Club meetings during nonelection years but will only be allowed to speak on issues related to the entity they represent--not to campaign or denigrate their opponent or the other party. Candidates for elected positions are always welcome as members or guests of members.

*Elected Officials and Candidates making a presentation at a Rotary program shall be given a copy of this policy prior to their presentation.*