

Rotary District 6670

**Four-Way Test
Speech Contest**

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**Documents and Information
For Club Chairs**

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GUIDELINES FOR CLUB CHAIRS

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DEADLINE:

It is important for you to begin NOW to recruit student contestants from your public and private high schools, and other places in your community. **Please indicate your club's participation to the District Chair by January 9, 2015.** (See enclosed Registration Form.)

LOCATION:

The District Contest will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2015 at Millett Hall on the campus of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.**

CLUB WINNER:

The first-place winner from the District Competition will again present their winning speech on April 18, 2015 at Hope Hotel – Dayton Ohio. If the first place winner cannot participate, the second or third place winner may represent the club.

RULES OF COMPETITION:

- A. **Topic:** Leadership, Service and the Four-Way Test
The contestant *must* apply the Rotary Four-Way Test to the concepts of leadership, service to others and life experience.
- B. **Delivery:** The speech is to be presented from memory without the aid of podium, notes, displays or props.
- C. **Length:** The speech must be no less than four minutes and no more than six minutes. Any speech that falls outside either of these limits will be disqualified.
- D. **Content:** The speech given by each contestant must be the work of the contestant alone. No more than 75 words may be quoted.

PROCEDURE:

- A. Each contestant will receive a copy of Guidelines for Contestants and will prepare a four to six minute speech based on the guidelines.
- B. It is suggested that contestants draw numbers to determine the order in which their speeches will be presented at the club contest.
- C. The local club competition may be held in one round. Subsequent rounds may be held at the club's option. Presentation before a live audience is essential in preparing the contestant who is selected for the District competition.
- D. The District competition will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2015, 12 Noon, at Wright State University, Millett Hall, Dayton, Ohio.**
- E. It is required and expected that the District winner be present at the District Conference on April 18th, at Hope Hotel Dayton Ohio to present his or her winning speech.
- F. The first place award prize will be awarded at the District Conference.
- G. The District contest is conducted using the format of forensic speech competitions. Each student will give his/her speech at least twice to different judges. The judges will be non-Rotarians and will be faculty and students from Wright State University who have been trained in the concepts of the Rotary Four-Way Test. The four contestants with the highest scores will give their speeches in the final round. **Contestants will be judged on content and delivery in applying the concepts of the Rotary Four-Way Test.**
- H. In order to encourage your winning participant to attend the District Competition, it is recommended that your Club hold off on giving the dollar prizes to their winners until after the district Competition. Also, it may allow you to substitute the second or third place winner should you know the first place winner is unable to participate on April 18th.

PRIZES: Four District prizes will be awarded:

First Place:	\$400
Second Place	\$300
Third Place	\$200
Fourth Place:	\$100