



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5790 2011 - 2012 Four-Way Test Speech Contest

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To: Marcus High School Teachers and Counselors

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Subject: Four Way Test Speech Contest

The Highland Village Rotary Club has scheduled our annual Four Way Test Speech Contest for February 23, 2012. The contest is designed to:

- Acquaint a large number of youth with Rotary and the 4 Way Test.
- Demonstrate and enhance Rotary's commitment to youth.
- Heighten awareness of Rotary among youth, parents, schools and community.
- Recognize, encourage and reward hard work and accomplishment of youth.

Highland Village Rotary Club will award three prizes, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$200; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$50. The first place winner will advance to the Rotary Area Competition scheduled for March 31, 2012 location TBD. The final competitions will be held at the District 5790 Conference on May 19, 2012 in Fort Worth.

Contest rules are:

- Public, private and continuation high school students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to enter the contest.
- Speeches must be between 5 and 7 minutes in length.
- The theme for 2011-2012 Rotary International is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" which can also be the theme for this year's Speech Contest. **The topic of the speech must be specifically subjected to the Four-Way Test.** This must be done in the body of the speech and is not to be reserved for concluding statements only.
- Contestants will be judged on February 23, 2012 at Johnny G's American Grill in Lewisville.

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do:

FIRST - Is it the **TRUTH**?

SECOND - Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

THIRD - Will it build **GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

FOURTH - Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

The Highland Village Rotary Club meets Thursdays at 5pm at Johnny G's American Grill. Contestants are invited to bring a guest for the competition. I have enclosed a copy of the ballot sheet detailing the judging criteria as well as an entry packet.

Contestant # \_\_\_\_\_

Judge # \_\_\_\_\_

## FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST JUDGES SCORE SHEET

A. General Comments

1. Speaker may use 3 x 5 prompt cards, but no written scripts
2. Speeches are limited to 5 minutes; deduct 1 point for going over time
3. No props allowed

B. Judging Criteria

10= Superior      8=Excellent      6= Good      4= Average      2=Fair      1=Poor

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1. **Content** – Speaker addresses the topic “What The Four-Way Test Means To Me”

10    9    8    7    6    5    4    3    2    1

2. **Delivery** – Speaker uses eye contact and gestures effectively. Rate of delivery, volume and pronunciation appropriate

10    9    8    7    6    5    4    3    2    1

3. **Organization** – Speaker introduces subject well, brings out the main points and concludes effectively.

10    9    8    7    6    5    4    3    2    1

Penalty Deduction \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

**SPRING 2012**  
**Rotary District 5790**  
**FOUR-WAY SPEECH CONTEST RULES**

1. Contestants must be students from the 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (public, private or home school)
2. The subject of “What the 4-Way Test Means to Me” should be closely followed.

Material must be original in content and be about applying the Rotary Four Way Test to an important issue in our everyday relationships with other people. Contestants should write a speech with facts, statistics, stories, examples, and quotations. Add some humor and personal touches, but do not mention your name, school or city or the location of your sponsoring Rotary Club. For important information about the 4-Way Test, go to [www.rotary5790.org](http://www.rotary5790.org) and click on “4-Way Contest”.

3. Written Scripts are not allowed; 3 x 5 cards may be used;
4. No props of any kind will be allowed.
5. A Five-minute time limit for each speech will be strictly enforced.
6. Speeches will be judged as follows:
  - **Content – Counts as 1/3 of total score**
    - The speaker addressed the topic “What the 4-Way Test Means to Me”
  - **Delivery – Counts as 1/3 of total score**
    - Vocal delivery including rate, volume, pronunciation, and variety; effective eye contact and gestures
  - **Organization – Counts as 1/3 of total score**
    - Introduction of subject, main points, and conclusions

THE ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

**Is it the TRUTH?**

**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



Highland Village Rotary Club

**Win over \$1,000**

**Compete in the Rotary International District 5790**

**4 Way Speech Contest**

**Freshmen through Seniors are Eligible for Cash Prizes!**

The clubs of Rotary District 5790 are holding speech contests at the Club, Region, and District levels starting February 23, 2012. The Club winners will compete in a regional contest, and the Regional winners will compete in the Finals at the District Conference in Fort Worth. The District winner will receive \$1,000. The Highland Village Club winner will win \$200. For details and application, go to [www.hvrotary.org](http://www.hvrotary.org)

The Club contest will be held on February 23, 2012 at 4:30pm.

Location:

Johnny G's American Grill  
1301 Justin Rd, Lewisville, TX 75077

**Contestants must sign up no later than February 9, 2012**



Highland Village Rotary Club

## ***Student Speech Contest Entry Form***

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Coach (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN ALL APPLICATIONS BY FEBRUARY 9, 2012 TO:**

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214-497-9585

or

P.O. Box 271238  
Flower Mound, TX 75028

**ALL SPEECH CONTESTANTS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT BOTH THE REGIONAL AND DISTRICT CONTESTS IN ORDER TO ENTER THE CLUB CONTEST.**

- I will be available for the Highland Village Rotary Club contest on February 23, 2011 at 4:30pm in Lewisville.
- If selected as the Club winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the Regional Contest on March 31, 2012, location TBD.
- If selected as the Regional winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the District 5790 Speech Contest in on May 19, 2012 in Fort Worth.
- I agree to abide by the rules of the Rotary International District 5790 Four-Way Test Speech Contest. I certify that the speech is my original work.

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Student Signature

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Date