

To our speaker/guests:

We ask that you read the following information carefully and we thank you for agreeing to speak to our Stow-Munroe Falls Rotary Club. Please be in attendance by 7:25 am on the Wednesday that you are scheduled to speak at Silver Lake Country Club. We invite you to share breakfast with us at our expense.

If audio-visual equipment is needed, please let Christina Gary (330.607.3003 or (christinamgary@gmail.com) know as early as possible (four days minimum notice). Please be aware that our meeting room is lined with windows and on most days a slide presentation is not viable. Therefore, please ensure that your talk can “stand alone” if the audience is unable to see the screen due to the lighting conditions. We will allow approximately 20-25 minutes for your presentation. Please be aware that our meeting officially ends at 8:30 am, therefore we ask that you end your presentation by 8:30 am.

For those not familiar with our club and Rotary International, we would like to introduce you to one of our guiding principles, **The Four Way Test**:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Is it beneficial to all concerned?

Will it promote good will and better friendship?

Our club has agreed to ask you to join with us in promoting the ideals embodied in The Four Way Test by tailoring your remarks in a manner consistent with all its tenants. We offer the following suggestions to help you understand our interpretation of The Four Way Test.

Controversial Subjects

It is our view that intelligent, ethical, and reasonable people can radically differ in their opinions regarding controversial subjects. Since our goal is to bring good citizens *together* to reach our goal of *Service Above Self*, regardless of their race, religion, political persuasion, or gender; controversial topics should be avoided. There are no exceptions.

Commercial Appeals

Speakers may not present information that would constitute an appeal to sell their product or service to members of the club. If a talk relates to an individual’s profession, it must be presented in a manner that does not advance the commercial interests of the speaker.

Appeals for Donations

Speakers may not make an appeal for donations. Our club is certainly interested in hearing about the worthwhile activities of various civic, educational, and charitable groups. However, if your group wishes to ask our club for funds, we welcome you to approach our Board of Directors with your request.

Political Subjects

Our club will not endorse any political candidate. While we welcome presentations from our elected officials, at no point may any official or candidate for office present information that could be construed as an appeal for votes. In addition, we cannot entertain candidates for office to speak on *any* subject within four months of an election. While the club does not take any official stand regarding any political matter, we do allow presentations designed to inform our membership regarding political issues unrelated to a candidate.

Religious or Spiritual Presentations

Our club is comprised of individuals of many different faiths or no faith at all. We ask that our speakers remain respectful of this fact, and present information and views that are of a positive nature, and refrain from comments that condemn or degrade others. Controversial religious topics should be avoided as well as any presentation that could be construed as religious sermonizing.

Health and other Sciences

Our club is bound by our charter to continually answer the first question in The Four Way Test: “Is it the Truth?” Our standard for this is Science and the Scientific Method. In the area of health, we ask that presentations be made within the framework of the scientific method, and talks that rely solely on presenting anecdotal cures as evidence are not acceptable, as are those not based on accepted research methods. We recognize that some scientific subjects may be surrounded by a controversy of which our members may not be aware. Therefore, to better inform our membership, we ask that you endeavor to construct a balanced presentation regarding your subject.