

Rotary Club of Castro Valley Meeting Highlights – February 14, 2017

Richard D. King Annual Youth Speech Contest



The meeting today was devoted to the Club Level contest of the the Richard D. King Annual Speech Contest, which is always a great opportunity to witness the talented students at Castro Valley and Redwood Christian High Schools. The theme of the speech contest this year was “Rotary Serving Humanity.” Speakers needed to address the theme and speak to at least one idea in the Four Way Test. The winner moves on to the District 5170 Area 2 Speech Contest in March. The winners from the nine areas in District 5170 will compete at the District Conference in May. Thank to Jeff Moore (pictured to the left) for serving as the Speech Contest Chair this year and to the members who served as judges, timers, and tellers.

Pictured below are the participants in the Speech Contest with their school and speech topic (left to right): Hayley Martinez (RCHS – “Rotary Serving Humanity”); Annie Coon (RCHS – “Serving Humanity that are without a Home”); Hannah Ceremony (RCHS – “Rotary Serving Humanity”); Monet Khanyahl (CVHS – “Act in Humanity”); Esther Smith (CVHS – “Restorative Justice is Key”); and Jeanne Trang (CVHS – “Meeting Those Around You for a Reason”).



The speech contest winners are pictured below (left to right): Hannah Ceremony - 2nd place (\$50); Hayley Martinez – 1st place (\$100); and Annie Coon – 3rd place (\$25). Congratulation to all of the participants. The Club wishes Hadley great success at the District 5170 Area 2 Speech Contest.



Presentations and Announcements



- Membership Chair Ceta Dochterman (left) and President Carol Wilke (right) present Bill Nott (center) with a Paul Harris pin for his Service Above Self to the Club and Community.
- President-Elect Jim Negri is still recruiting volunteers to serve the Youth to Youth Dinner on March 4th at Castro Valley High School. Details will follow, but the times will be approximately 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Margie Ramos announced that she will be collecting gently used clothes, especially men's clothes, for the homeless. Bring donations to the lunch meetings. Margie will have boxes at the meeting.
- President-Elect Jim Negri request that all members submit their 2017-2018 planning sheet to him by February 28. He would like to have all positions filled by March 31st.

Breathing for Life (BFL) Project

President Carol announced the BFL has reached and exceeded the \$355,000 fundraising target and expressed thanks to everyone who has been involved, especially new mother Obse Lubo, and donated. The committee is finishing the grant to submit. Since the project is over \$200,000, Rotary International Foundation must approve the grant. Keep the good thoughts flowing.

Poker Tournament

The Club's first fundraiser of the year is scheduled for March 18th. Ken O'Donnell is chairing the event and needs everyone to recruit players and sponsors. Go to the Club website, www.castrovalleyrotary.org, to sign up. Mark Poniatowski and Dawn Ortiz are collecting prizes. Contact them to donate.

February Speakers

February 21st - Ryan Clausnitzer, General Manager Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District

February 28th - Mona Palacios, Executive Officer Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission