**Judging**

Three judges, a teller and one timekeeper will be used at each level of competition. Judging will be on a 100 point system, broken down into three categories as follows:

**1. CONTENT (0-44points)**

**Application of the 4-Way Test, use of**

**examples, language and vocabulary**

**2. ORGANIZATION (0-24 points)**

**Introduction, development,**

**Conclusion**

**3. DELIVERY (0-32 points)**

**Enunciation, projection,**

**expressiveness, rapport with the**

**audience**

***Penalty Points*** – Any penalty points

incurred will be deducted from the point total on each judges score card. (See the **Rules** section)

**HOW TO ENTER: Contact your**

**high school speech teacher, principal,**

**or Terri Pfennig** [**tpfennig1@comcast.net**](mailto:tpfennig1@comcast.net)

**at your local Rotary Club or contact the District Chair, Al Engel at (973)216-1469 or**

[**alengel007@aol.com**](mailto:alengel007@aol.com)

**Levels of Competition**

1. **Local Club Level** – Contests will be held in all participating Rotary clubs in the month of March, 2018. Participants will receive recognition and/or cash awards at each club’s discretion. (contact Rotary Club of Muhlenberg for details) Winners of local contests

will advance to the Regional Level.

2. **Regional Level** –Regional competitions will be held in April 13, 2019. All Participants will receive recognition certificates and the top three participants will receive cash awards. The First Place winners in each Regional contest will advance to the District Finals. The first runner-up in each Regional contest will be the alternate in case the winner is unable to compete at the District competition.

3. **District Level (Finals)** – The Regional winners will compete at the District Conference on May 4, 2019 at the Renaissance Allentown Hotel, Allentown, PA. In recognition of their accomplishments, the Final contestants will receive cash prizes. The District Champion will receive a $1,000 cash award. The District Champion may also be invited to speak at other Rotary District events.

**For further information contact:**

**Al Engel - 4WTSC Committee Chair**

**alengel007@aol.com**

**Or (973) 216-1469**

**4-Way Test**

**Speech Contest**

**2018-2019**

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**Rotary District 7430**



**What’s in it for me?**

What are you passionate about? Could you persuade others by giving a speech?

Are you willing to challenge yourself

and others while improving on your

critical thinking and ethical decision

making skills?

Take a step toward becoming someone

who inspires and motivates others to

have a positive influence upon their

friends, their community and the world

at large.

While competing in a supportive, non-threatening environment you will also

have a chance to earn significant prize

money as well as recognition and awards which could enhance your college resume.

**Eligibility**

Public and private high school students in Grades 9 through 12 are eligible to enter the contest. No student may be a contestant in more than one local club speech contest in any one year.

The champion of the Final District competition is ineligible to compete in subsequent years.

**Topics and Theme**

Each contestant chooses the topic of his/her speech. The purpose of the speech is to persuade others while applying the principles of the Rotary 4-Way Test. The issue to be addressed should be from the

speaker’s personal experience or general

knowledge.

There are no restrictions regarding the choice of topic as long as it is not blatantly offensive. If a contestant or coach is in doubt about the appropriateness of a topic, he or she should check with the Club Contest Chair. The decision of the Contest Chair will be final.

**The 4-Way Test**

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?

2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

**3.** Will it build **GOODWILL**

**and BETTER**

**FRIENDSHIPS**?

**4.** Will it be **BENEFICIAL**

to all concerned?

**Rules**

Length of Speech – Speeches must be no less than 5 minutes in length and no more than 7 minutes in length. Penalty points will be subtracted for time infractions at the rate of 2 points for every 15 seconds over or under the minimum or maximum.

Props – No props are to be used. Audience participation will be considered a prop. Penalty points will be subtracted for use of props at the rate of two points per infraction.

Speaker Aids – Contestants may use notes at the club level. At the regional level a single 3 x 5 card may be used. Notes may not be used at the District competition. Infractions will result in disqualification.

Order of presentation – Determined by

lottery. Contestants who arrive after the

competition has begun will be disqualified

