



Old Mission Rotary

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4-Way Test Speech Sub Regional Contest

On March 11th, Old Mission Rotary hosted the Sub Regional Four Way Test Speech contest. Two of the five high school students that participated will move on to the Regional Finals and perhaps even on to the District Finals. The judges for our contest were Bill Turnquist, Barry Williamson, Tyler Silva, Bob James and Lydia Stewart. Eric Benink served as our Four Way Test Speech chairman. Katherine Willey once again served as our lively and entertaining master of ceremonies. In between speakers Katherine delivered light hearted examples of how not to give a speech! The five students that participated were impressive! Lindsay Stall representing the Fallbrook club asked if the financial irresponsibility of the federal government complies with the Four Way Test. Her conclusion was a resounding no. She compared our nation's inability to balance a budget with the reckless spending habits of a teenage girl. Tina Mellor representing the Coronado Rotary Club and discussed ethics as a function of rapidly expanding communications technologies. She warned all of us to carefully consider what we say online especially in social media.

Tina focused on the phenomenon of cyber bullying. Bridget Kelley represented the Brawley Club and related the tragic story of the closure of the National Beef Plant in her home town. A hedge fund determined that operations were no longer viable particularly with regards to environmental regulations. When the plant closed, 1300 jobs were lost in Imperial County where the unemployment rate is a shocking 23%. Yuri Gomez represented Downtown Rotary Club 33. She related the heart breaking story of the arrest and deportation of her parents on the streets of City Heights as she and her family were walking out of church. Her personal experience as a Mexican American made her a compelling advocate for immigration reform. Jeffrey Lee represented the Carlsbad Evening Club and delivered a powerful talk about standing by one's principles no matter what the personal cost. He stated that the Four Way Test inspires us to focus not on ourselves but on the greater good. Our judges had the unenviable task of ranking our contestants. Juri Gomez and Bridget Kelley tied for Fourth Place, Lindsay Stall was awarded Third and Tina Mellor Second. Our First Place winner was Jeffrey Lee. Jeffrey and Tina will go on to compete at the next level in the regional contest.



Our Four Way Test Speech Sub Regional Contestants (L-R) Bad guys beware because Jeffrey Lee of Carlsbad High School plans to be a prosecuting attorney one day! Yuri Gomez from Hoover High School wants to study business, Bridget Kelley of Brawley plans to pursue political science. Tina Mellor of Jamul attends the Coronado School of the Arts and plans to study music in college. Lindsay Stall from Fallbrook would like to study economics in college.



We so love and appreciate the music of Vesta Young at our meetings! Vesta received a rousing round of applause for her music from a jam packed house at our March 11th Four Way Test Speech contest.



Katherine Willey did an extraordinary job as the master of ceremonies at our Four Way Test Speech Sub Regional Contest on March 11th. She instructed us on how not to give a speech with some funny examples!



A Navy-Marine Corps Team of Vietnam Veterans at Old Mission Rotary! (L-R) Larry Edwards fought as a young Marine at Fire Base Ross near the DMZ, Fallbrook Rotarian Richard Goodlake retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Marine Corps. Richard serves as the coordinator of the District 5340 Four Way Speech Test Contest. Brian Dempsey flew in Navy F-14 Tomcats fighter jets off aircraft carriers in Yankee Station. Missing in the photo is Navy Riverine veteran Fred Cutler who has taken a leave of absence from the club.

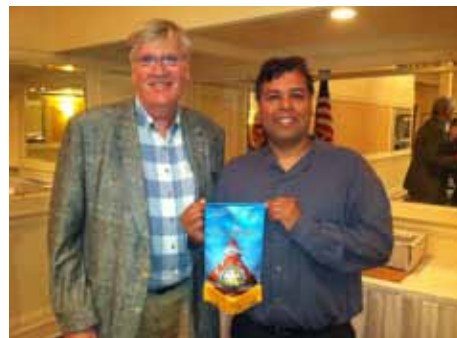
As a vessel is known by the sound, whether it be cracked or not; so men are proved, by their speeches, whether they be wise or foolish.

-Demosthenes

(Greek Statesman and Orator 384 BC - 324 BC)



Our host for March 11th was Michelle Malin. Tyler Silva volunteered as a Four Way Test Speech contest judge and announced to the crowd that he had never seen such a collection of brilliant candidates.



Rob Taylor of the Coronado club exchanged club banners with President Steve Nuñez. Rob is the Four Way Test Speech Chair for the Coronado Club. The Coronado club sponsored contestant, Tina Mellor, finished second at our sub region and is off to the next round.

Program Schedule

- March 18- **Can We Save American Manufacturing?** by Michele Nash-Hoff
- March 25 **The Irony of the Island (Presentation on Cuba)** by Richard Trefflich
- April 1 **Mission Valley and Copley YMCA Grants given by the Old Mission Rotary Foundation** by Omar Calleros and Rick Wilson

Rotary Calendar

- Saturday, March 22
District Training Assembly
Joan Kroc Institute at USD
8am-Noon
Matching Grants Seminar
Joan Kroc Institute at USD
1pm-3pm
- Tuesday, April 1
Got Talent Gala Committee
Rotary District Office in Old Town
5:30-6:30pm
- Friday,-Sunday, April 4-6
RYLA
Idyllwild, CA
- Saturday, April 12
Rotarian of the Year Dinner at Casa Castro in Bonita starting at 6pm
- Saturday & Sunday, April 12-13
Model UN
Joan Kroc Institute at USD
- Monday, April 21
Projects Committee Meeting
Mission Valley YMCA at 2pm
- Friday-Sunday, April 25-27
VIDAII Team to Baja
San Quentin Mexico
- Saturday, May 17
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