

# The Old Mission Bell of Old Mission Rotary

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## Four Way Test Speech Contest Sub-Regional Round



Old Mission Rotary Hosted a Sub-Regional Round of the Rotary District 5340 Four Way Test Speech Contest. (L-R) Chase Bergener, Yen Lam, Kylie Womack, Angel Aquino and Rishab Bora.

On March 15th, Old Mission Rotary served as host for a Sub-Regional Round of the Four Way Speech contest for our Rotary District 5340. We look forward to this important and impressive event every year and this was wonderful to once again have the contest live and not on ZOOM! Old Mission Rotary is one of several clubs across our Rotary District 5340 to sponsor sub-regional rounds. The rules are all the same throughout the district and students have between five and seven minutes to deliver a talk that is judged on content, organization, delivery and application of the of the Rotary Four Way Test.

Year after year, this event has been flawlessly organized and executed at Old Mission Rotary by Eric Benink. The District 5340 Four Way Test Speech Chair is Nancy Vaughan of the Downtown Breakfast Club. Our club judges were Shari Stauder, Don Krupp, Lee Kaminetz and Charlotte Cofield. **Chase Bergener** 

Speaker A is a passionate BMX bike rider and was frustrated by the lack of places to ride in his native Coronado. Chase took matters into his own hands and convinced the Coronado City council to allow BMX bikes into the existing mu-

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# The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in the 1940s and remains today a central part of the permanent Rotary structure throughout the world, It is held as the standard by which all behavior should be measured.

- 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?

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### Dr. Kristine Reese Celebration of Life



There will be a Celebration for Dr. Kristine Reese's Amazing Life on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 3pm. The Celebration will take place at Christ Presbyterian Church at 7807 Centella Street in Carlsbad

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nicipal Skate Board Park. Chase attends Coronado High School and was sponsored by the Coronado Rotary Club. He enjoys his business and math classes and his after school passions are BMX bikes, skateboarding and surfing. He would like to stay local in college and plans to study business. Angel Aquino

Speaker B delivered a passionate argument for free markets and railed against government interference in business. Angel is inspired by political economist Adam Smith and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Angel attends Cambridge Academy and was sponsored by the Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club. He enjoys history and literature an in his spare time he devours books on economics and politics. He plans to study Pre-Law at Baylor.

#### **Rishab Bora**

Speaker C confronted poverty while on a family trip to India that included charitable service in a rural area. The experience inspired him to embrace the art of giving and public service. He believes in Karma.

Rishab attends Carlsbad High School and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carlsbad. His favorite subjects are math and computer science. He plays tennis competitively and enjoys movies. He is looking ahead at UCLA or UC Berkeley and plans to study computer science.

#### Yen Lam

Speaker D stressed that kids need to be kids and that pressure to perform is destructive and can even lead to suicide.

Yen was sponsored by Downtown San Diego Club 33 and attends

#### Hoover High School. She enjoys literature and theater and would like to be a Therapist one day. Kylie Womack:

Speaker E discussed mental illness as a result of the pandemic and its isolation. She urged the audience to seek professional help if suffering depression or to support and comfort those people you know who are suffering.

Kylie is sponsored by the La Mesa Rotary Club and attends Santana High School. Her favorite subject is art and she is passionate about playing volleyball and wrestling. She would like to study law enforcement and become a police officer.

As always, it was very difficult to rank the speeches as the students were all well prepared and passionate.

#### **Contest Results:** -First Place: Rishab Bora won first place and a \$150 Prize and will go to the Regional Round of the District 5340 competition. -Second Place: Kylie Womack won second place and a \$100 prize and will also go to the Regional Round of the District 5340 competition. -Third Place: Angel Aquino won third place and a \$75 prize -Fourth Place: Chase Bergener won a \$75 prize.

-Fifth Place: Yen Lam won a \$75 prize.



Eric Benink once again organized and executed a flawless Four Way Test Speech competition.

### District Training Assembly

Once again Rotary District 5340 conducted an amazing Saturday morning of training for next year's incoming Rotary leadership. District Governor Dan Gensler and **District Governor Elect Chuck** Pretto opened the event that took place at the Liberty Station Conference Center. After opening remarks, there was a series of breakout sessions on different topics, Matt Risi of Old Mission Rotary conducted a class of Fundraising. Don Krupp represented the club as our President-Elect. Rotary District 5340 has 1790 Rotarians in 60 Clubs.



Stan Vogelsang (C) and Bob Chalfa (R) staffed a Thousand Smiles information table at the District Training Assemby on Saturday, March 19th. Ron Vernetti of Coronado (L) is a passionate supporter of Thousand Smiles.

".... According to most studies, people's number-one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. Death is number two! Now this means to the average person, if you have to go to a funeral, you're better off in the casket than doing the eulogy." Jerry Seinfeld