**DISTRICT 5580 4-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST 2024 – 2025**

**September 2024**

**To: Club Presidents and Secretaries (copy to Assistant District Governors)
From: Paul Burnett, District 5580 Essay Contest Chair**

The annual District 5580 4-Way Test Essay Contest is now underway. The contest is open to students who are in their final 2 years of high school. Its purpose is to help your club educate youth concerning the Rotary 4-Way Test and how they can apply it to their lives.

The District winner of the contest will receive a cash award of $1,250 (includes $150 as Regional Winner). The District will also provide cash awards of $150 to each of the winners in the 6 regions of the District. I also suggest that your club offer a prize to your local winner in an amount that your club determines. **A Club may submit only one (1) essay to the District**. It will be up to your club to judge your local entries before submitting your winner to the District. We would suggest that you set a deadline of November 30, 2024, to receive your local entries so that you have time to judge them and submit your winning entry to the District Chair by deadline.

**Entries must be electronically submitted to the District Chair on or before December 31, 2024. You can download all of the following materials from the District Website,** **[www.rotary5580.org](http://www.rotary5580.org).** Simply go to the YOUTH menu located on the right side of the **HOME** Page and click on the **4- WAY ESSAY SITE PAGE** from the dropdown. Materials for download include: (**bolded items** are delivered to the **school)**

✓ Club Guidelines (this document)

✓ **Student Guidelines**

✓ **Student Entry Form**

✓ Sample News Release

✓ **Poster**

✓ **A previous Winning Essay**

***\*Note: You might encourage schools to have students submit materials (essay and Entry Form) to a school-sponsored dropbox or google drive and have the school sponsor email the link to you vs. students emailing directly to you***

Please make sure your 4-Way Essay Chairperson delivers the **Student Guidelines, Student Entry Form, Poster and a copy of last year’s winning essay** to your local high school(s) soon. He/She should read and be familiar with both the Student Guidelines and Club Guidelines in case there are questions from schools, students or club members. ***EACH CLUB’S ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION MUST INCLUDE THE STUDENT ENTRY FORM, CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION AND STUDENT ESSAY PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER 31 2024 DEADLINE. NO LATE ENTRIES, PAPER COPIES OR ENTRIES WITHOUT THE STUDENT INFORMATION FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL ENTRIES MUST COME FROM D5580 CLUBS, NO STUDENT SUBMITTED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.***  Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

In Rotary Service,

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