



# **HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST - CASH PRIZES!**

**DISTRICT WINNER RECEIVES \$1,750 & RUNNER-UP \$1,500**

## **2025-2026 Speech Contest Topic:**

Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo suggested that peace begins by knowing and caring for your neighbor.

### **How can we be instruments of peace?**

*Prepare & deliver a five-minute speech, which relates this topic to your life, school, neighbors, and Rotary Values.*

*High school age students only. Memorization not required. Details at [www.Rotary7850.org](http://www.Rotary7850.org)*

## **CLUB ROUND 1 - PRIZE \$200**

Club date, time, location & contact info:

## **AREA ROUND 2 - PRIZE \$300**

Area date, time, location & contact info:

## **DISTRICT ROUND 3 - PRIZE \$500 for the Two Finalists**

Up to eleven contestants from Round 2 Area Contests will participate.  
Round 3 Contest held on Sat., April 18, 2026, at Northern VT University, Lyndonville, VT.  
Est. contest time: 10 am-2 pm.

## **DISTRICT ROUND 4 - PRIZE \$750 WINNER & \$500 RUNNER-UP**

Two contestants from Round 3 will speak at District 7850 Conference held on Sat., June 13, 2026 at Hotel Estrimont, Orford (Quebec), Canada.  
Est. contest time: 11 am-2 pm. Must have required documents for border.

*Speech Contest Rules, Registration Form, Judge & Time Sheets online at  
**[www.Rotary7850.org](http://www.Rotary7850.org) under Youth Services: Speech Contest.***

*Round 1 & 2: Contact Rotary Club listed on above website for your area.  
Round 3 & 4: Contact Susan Cherry at [susan.cherry1@gmail.com](mailto:susan.cherry1@gmail.com)*