

Judging

Three judges 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 (0-44 points) 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)

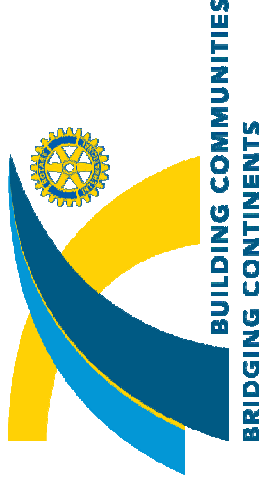
HOW TO ENTER: Contact your high school speech teacher, principal or any member of the local Rotary Club .

Levels of Competition

- 1. Local Club Level** – Contests will be held in all participating Rotary clubs in the month of March, 2011. Participants will receive recognition and/or cash awards at each club's discretion. (contact your local Rotary Club for details) Winners of local contests will advance to the Regional Level.
- 2. Regional Level** – Three Regional competitions will be held in April, 2011. All Participants will receive recognition certificates and the top three participants will receive cash awards of \$150, \$100 and \$50 , respectively. 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** – The Three Regional winners will compete at the District Conference, April 29-May 1, 2011 (specific date TBD). In recognition of their accomplishments, and to further their education, the two runners-up will receive \$300 cash awards. The District Champion will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

For further information contact:

Rotary International District 7430



4-Way Test Speech Contest 2010-2011

Purpose

The purpose of the 4-Way Test Speech Contest is to foster the principals of ethics in every day life as well as in business. The Contest is designed to introduce high school students to Rotary by creating interest through a competitive speech contest, sponsored by their local Rotary club.

The specific goals of the contest are:

- To acquaint a large number of youth with Rotary and, specifically, the tenets of the 4-Way Test.
- To demonstrate and enhance Rotary's commitment to youth.
- To heighten awareness of Rotary among older youth, parents, school officials, and the community at large.
- To recognize, encourage, and reward hard work and accomplishment in our youth.

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 winner of the 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 address an ethical problem using the principles of the 4-Way Test. The problem to be addressed should be something 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 disqualifications.

Order of presentation – Determined by lottery. Contestants who arrive after the competition has begun will be disqualified.