

# **ROTARY District 7430 4-Way Test Speech Contest – Year 2020-2021**

## **COVID Adaptations for the Club Level**

The 2021 4-Way Test Speech Contest will be, in its content, as it has always been. Please see contest manual for more information. The delivery of speeches will be virtual, however. Use of the Zoom platform is recommended, especially if this is the platform a club is already using. If similar application is readily accessible by students, use of this application is also fine. Clubs are encouraged to request contestants submit speech transcripts in advance. This will allow judges to score content and organization in advance and eliminate any loss of content during the live virtual presentation in the event of a technical disruption.

This club-level format will be used:

- 1) All contestants, Rotarians, judges, and guests will be provided a link for the meeting/ contest.
- 2) The contest rules are unchanged and can be accessed in the Contest manual.
- 3) Because of the unusual circumstances, it will help all involved to go through expectations and procedures at the beginning, allowing for questions and clarifications.
- 4) All contestants, judges, timekeeper, and teller should please remain on camera during all presentations.
- 5) The timekeeper must display time remaining at regular intervals. Gentle, non-disruptive sound reminders can also be used.
- 6) The contest chair, head judge or teller will set up a separate link (or breakout room) for the judges, teller and timekeeper to use and confer after the contestants have made their presentations. This will allow the tallying of scores and sharing of observations, following which they (timekeeper, teller and judges) will reenter the original contest link and announce the results.
- 7) Contestants will be mailed their certificates and prizes.

It is likely that students will be very comfortable using a virtual platform. As adults, we have only to benefit from appreciating this comfort and seeking to practice on this platform as well. However, we all look forward to getting back to in-person meetings in 2022, assuming the health of our population allows it.

## **Regional and District Contests**

Regional contest date: April 17, 2021

District contest date: May 01, 2021

The regional and District contests will be administered in similar fashion. Contestants will, however, be given timed entry times so they are not able to hear a competitor before she/he has made her presentation. In the in-person mode the contestants are in a waiting room until invited to speak. The regional coordinator will advise on specific times and other details.

