

THE FOUR WAY TEST ROTARIAN SPEECH CONTEST FOR DISTRICT 5930

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:
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?

Now it is the Rotarians of District 5930's turn to ask the 4 questions that we use to screen our behavior and navigate our actions. The Four Way Test Speech Contest for Rotarians is here!

Like the students, the participating Rotarians will be judged on Content (50%), Organization (30%), and Delivery (20%). The Rotarian must follow the Four-Way Test Theme throughout, must relate the speech to his/her own activities, must present a human-interest appeal, and must choose language that is clear, vivid and persuasive. The Rotarian must demonstrate organization of thought including an introduction, clear and orderly points and a brief conclusion that drives home the point of application. The Rotarian must be effective in his or her speech delivery including volume, grammar, gestures and attitude toward the audience. And finally, the Rotarian should have plenty of FUN!

RULES

- Participants must be Rotarians of District 5930.
- Each of the 5 Club Hubs (Victoria Hub, Corpus Christi Hub, Brownsville Hub, McAllen Hub, Laredo Hub) will send a contestant to represent their hub.
- Club level first place winners to represent and compete at the hub level must be selected by March 31, 2019.
- Hub level first place winners must be selected to compete at the District Conference by April 31, 2019.
- 3 District level contestants will compete at the 2019 District Conference .
- The speech must be between 5 and 7 minutes in length. Even one second out of that range will disqualify the contestant.
- The speech must relate to Rotary's Four Way Test.
- Contestants will be allowed note cards. The speeches do not have to be memorized.
- Any contestant that does not place first at one of the five club hubs cannot continue participating at subsequent club hub contests in the District.

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SELECTING JUDGES

Club, Hub and District Level: Three JUDGES. They can have a background in Education, particularly English, Speech or Drama, are recommended.

District Level: There should be three to five judges.

TIME KEEPER

It is very important to have a time keeper at all levels of competition communicate with the contestants on a consistent basis. The District level contest will use letter sized placards with the numbers 2, 1 and 1/2 to indicate the time left. It is very important to adhere to the time requirements. A second too short or a second too long will disqualify the contestant. The speeches must be between five and seven minutes. After all have spoken, the time keeper will give the judges all contestants' times.

CONTEST ENTRY

Each Rotarian competing at the club level is to pay a \$25 contest entry which will be collected for a donation to The Rotary Foundation. The winner of the Rotarian Four Way Test Speech Contest will have the donation given in their name, to include points for a Paul Harris in their name.

Registrations forms are to be sent to Catalina Dickerson via email (catalina.dickerson@dickersonlaw.com) and the \$25 contest entry fee is to be collected by each club and sent as one check. Checks should be made out to (Rotary International Foundation??) and mailed to Catalina Dickerson at 2 Lindenwood, Laredo Texas 78045.

CLUB AND HUB CONTESTS PRIOR TO FINAL CONTEST – IMPORTANT DATES



Club contests held and winners selected by March 2019



Hub contests held and winners selected for Final by April 2019.



Final will be at D5930 Conference in May 2019.

Winners at the club level should coordinate with a hub level contest (hubs include Victoria Hub, Corpus Christi Hub, Brownsville Hub, McAllen Hub, Laredo Hub) to determine which Rotarian will represent the area hub at the final contest. Final contest rules apply to club and hub level contests. Entry fee collected only at club level contest and hub level participants need not pay again.

The FINAL SPEECH CONTEST TO BE HELD at the May 2019 District Conference.