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Embracing the 4-Way Test Speech Contest

I am excited about our District 7230 Rotary Clubs 4-Way Test Speech Contest this year because our committee has improved the process so that more clubs will have the opportunity to participate. Based on the enthusiasm we are receiving in the district due to the outstanding speakers we had for DG George's year, we are anticipating many participants at the semi-finals.

If your club is interested in participating and we hope that you are, please read the following Objective and Rules of the Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest. If you need help, please call either me for assistance at (914) 693-2969 or (914) 806-1070 (cell) or our Vice Chairman, Theo Henderson at (917) 843 9924 or email: theodorehndrsn@aol.com.

From my past experiences, I can unequivocally state that this a rewarding project for your members and the youth who participate in the contest. It supports youth in your community, is a good PR project and helps develops or nurtures a relationship with your local schools.

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New Generations Committee
4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

OBJECTIVE: Develop the study, application and communication of the Rotary Four Way Test as a moral and ethical model for behavior, decision-making and life practice through a speech contest for high school students. Involve broad participation in the contest by students, teachers, schools, parents Rotarians and others.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any High School Student in a town represented by a Rotary Club in District 7230 – In the following Counties: Westchester, New York, Richmond, Bronx & Bermuda.

SUBJECT:

The speech must apply the Rotary Four Way Test as a standard in connection with other topics or life experiences or as a main topic. It need not include all of the four elements of the Four Way Test, but may center on one or more, demonstrating the impact of the Test upon life or society. The elements of the Four Way Test should be integrated into the speech.

CONTENT:

The content must be original, created by the contestant, but may include references to research, quotations, statistics and material from other sources, as long as it contains an original or unique approach, and is not substantially a copy of another's work.

Demonstration objects and visual aids may be used, but should not be a major portion of the speech.

No slides, videos, or overhead projected images may be used.

DELIVERY:

The speech may not be read. Contestant may not have a text, on paper or in any form. Minimal notes (key words on note cards) may be used. Judges may review these cards and, if they do not meet the standard, may disallow their use. Contestant must maintain eye contact with audience.

The speech must not sound memorized,

but rather have a live extemporaneous delivery style.

LENGTH:

The speech must be no less than 5 minutes nor more than 7 minutes in length.

A speech outside these limits is penalized, and may be disqualified.

CONTEST PROCEDURE:

Contestants will receive the scoring rubric in advance, and should review it, keeping in mind that content and delivery are of equal weight. (This is a public speaking event, not an essay contest.) In club and semi-finals, contestants will receive the judges' completed scoring sheets.

The order of speaking will be determined by a random drawing before the first speech.

Speakers will be identified by number until all have spoken and judges have made an evaluation. Students should not give their name or any other identifying information.

If selected as a winner in the local contest, the contestant is expected to compete in District semi-finals, and if successful there, at the District Finals.

RULES VIOLATIONS:

Judges may at their discretion deduct points from a contestant's total score for any

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violation of these rules.

Judges may disqualify a speaker for gross misconduct or ineligibility.

CLUB CONTEST:

1) Clubs receive invitation to participate and are requested to confirm their interest in participating.

2) Club speaking contest must be held before February 28, 2012.

3) Clubs file district application identifying their winner by March 6, 2012 with \$200 Entry Fee.

DISTRICT SPEAK OFF CONTEST:

1) District Entry Fee: \$200 (\$250 if received after March 6, 2012)

2) Each speaker will be notified of his or her arrive time which will be schedule between 8:30 & 11:00 AM.

3) Speak Off date, time & place: Saturday, March 31, 2012,

4) Location: Chyten Educational Services, (914) 949-3005, The Fortune Building, 280 N. Central Avenue, Lobby Floor, Ste. 60 Hartsdale, NY 10530

5) (Estimate 15 to 25 contestants).
a) Need 3 judges per 5 students. (maybe two judging rounds).

b) One Judging Team for each 4 or 5 students in the morning.

c) Finalists are announced by email.

DISTRICT FINAL SPEECH CONTEST:

1) Final round: Saturday, April 20, 2012 – time to be announced

2) Renaissance Westchester Hotel, 80 West Red Oak Lane, West Harrison, NY 10604.

3) Bermuda Clubs may send one representative contestant directly to the Final Round.

PRIZES:

1) District Speech Final Prizes: 1st Prize - \$500; 2nd Prize - \$300; 3rd Prize - \$200; 4th Prize - \$100; 5th Prize - \$75

2) Suggested Club Prizes: \$150 1st Prize; \$100 2nd Prize; \$50 3rd Prize;

3) Special (Optional) Club Prize: \$100 to the club winner English/Speech/Counselor teacher

4) Speak off on March 31st: Each speaker will receive a Certificate of Recognition and their score sheet.

JUDGES FOR CLUB CONTESTS:

Judge selection is the responsibility and at the discretion of each club. Possibilities include local dignitaries, teachers, members of a toastmaster organization or even all members at the club meeting. Outside judges are recommended. (judging form available on District website) Speakers should not be known by the judges.



Pictured far left: Finalists in the 4-Way Test Speech Contest 2008 with then DG Bob Cucinell (back row, left) and David Del Monte (back row, right).

Pictured at left: Finalists in the 2007 Rotary Club of New York 4-Way Test Speech Contest.

Newsletter Schedule

Attention all Assistant Governors and Club Presidents:

Content for the District 7230 Embraceletter will be invited monthly from each Area in turn. Please submit your article and/or photos with captions at least 2 weeks before the first of the month according to schedule below. Contact Newsletter Chair Marguerite Chadwick-Juner at: m.juner@verizon.net, (718) 885-0993 or (646) 201-3625.

July: District
August: Area 1
September Area 9
October: Area 2

November: Area 8
December: District
January: Area 3
February: Area 7

March: Area 4
April: Area 6
May: Area 5
June: District

Important Dates

2011
November 05 UN Day
December 10, 2011. Deadline for submission of DGN nominations

2012
January 07 DGN Nominating Committee meeting, Siwanoy Country Club, Bronxville
January 15 January 15-21, 2012, International Assembly in San Diego
March 16 March 16-18, 2012 - Multi-District PETS - Marriot Hotel, Islandia
April 20 Paul Harris Luncheon
April 20 April 20-22, 2012, District Conference, Renaissance Hotel, White Plains
April 28 RLI in White Plains, White Plains High School
May 06 International Convention - Bangkok
June 02 District Assembly (2012-

DON'T PASS UP YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICIZE YOUR CLUB EVENTS! MAKE NOTE OF THE ABOVE SCHEDULE AND PLAN YOU INPUT NOW!