



**Rotary Clubs of Palm Springs
2023 4-Way Speech Contest
March 22, 2023, 12:00-1:00 pm
Palm Springs Hilton
400 E Tahquitz Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262**



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and 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?

Important Dates:

March 15, 2023	Local Registration/Submission of Speech
March 22, 2023	<u>Local Competition</u> Prizes: 1 st Place \$200; 2 nd Place \$100; and 3 rd Place \$50
March 31, 2023	District Registration
April 22, 2023	<u>District Competition</u> Prizes: 1 st Place \$700; 2 nd Place \$600; and 3 rd Place \$500 4 th Place \$400, 5 th Place \$300, 6 th -10 th Places: \$200
June 17, 2023	First Place Winners Performance at District 5330 Conference

LOCAL REGISTRATION:

Contestant Name: _____

Contestant's Email: _____

Complete Address: _____

Age, Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Contestant's Signature: _____

Email all registrations to Scott Adkins: micheleinca10@yahoo.com

Cell: 562-338-3798

DISTRICT 5330 4-Way Speech Contestant Rules

Contestants must be currently in attendance at a public or private high school, charter school, or be home schooled within the Coachella Valley. No student may be a contestant in more than one Club Contest in any one year. Clubs may recruit contestants from a high school shared with another club. A District first-place winner may not participate again.

CONTEST: Any topic which a contestant feels is timely, interesting and important may be used for the contest speech as long as it is not profane, obscene, unpatriotic or racist. No props are to be used for the speech. Contestants are required to email a copy of their speech one week before the contest to the Contest Chairperson. The Contest Chairperson will review all speeches and recommend up to six contestants for the local competition. On the day of the competition, the Contest Chairperson will randomly draw the speaking order of the contestants. Contestants will be disqualified if they arrive after a contest has begun.

SPEECH: The topic must be specifically subjected to The Rotary Four-Way Test. The Four-Way Test must be stated and integrated throughout the body of the speech and is not to be reserved for concluding statements only.

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SCORING: Contestants will be judged on the following:

Content: (0-20 points) Introduction, originality, organization, conclusion.

Delivery: (0-20 points) Voice control, articulation, enunciation, diction, body language, gestures

Four-Way Test: (0-30 points) **Integration** of Rotary's Four-Way Test throughout the body of the speech.

Overall appeal: (0-30 points) Impact and persuasiveness.

Total: 100 points possible

TIMING: Each speech must be greater than, or equal to, five (5) minutes in length. In addition, each speech must be less than, or equal to, eight (8) minutes in length. Penalty points will be deducted from a contestant's score at the rate of two (2) points for each fifteen (15) seconds or fraction thereof that a contestant either runs over the eight-minute maximum or under the five-minute minimum.

SPEAKER'S NOTES: Speakers may use whatever notes they feel necessary at the club level. Notes are not allowed at the District Finals.