



ROTARY DISTRICT 6760
FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST
ROTARY YEAR 2015-2016

To: Club Presidents
CC: Current Club Speech Contest Leaders RYLA Club Leaders
Interact Club Leaders RYE Club Leaders

From: Larry D. Darnell, District Chairman

Subject: Four Way Test Speech Contest for 2015/16

Time to select your contestants to represent your club in the District Four-Way Test Speech Contest. The District Speak-Off will be April 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Renaissance Center (855 Tennessee 46), Dickson, TN. The Finals will be Saturday, June 18, 2016, at the District Conference at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067. The District Winner will receive a \$1,000.00 award. A main goal of this contest is to develop future leaders promoting ethical behavior.

The approach to conducting the contest, in order to arrive at a club's selection of its winner, is left up to the discretion of each individual club. Suggestions include:

1. Preferred: Appointing a club committee to arrange the contest, using one of your club's meeting programs to hear and select a winner from among the contestants.
2. Letting the speech department in your local high school conduct the contest with your club furnishing some prize money.
3. Identifying one teacher who will support the contest as an extra credit assignment.
4. Letting your Interact Club conduct the contest.

In all instances, your club should furnish prize money for the local winners. Recommended minimum amounts are: 1st \$100.00; 2nd \$75.00; 3rd \$50.00. Larger clubs have offered 1st place prize amounts in the \$200.00 - \$300.00 range.

Each club should have a local winner selected by April 4, 2016. Your club winner should be reported to me on the attached form (Page 4). Your winner will compete with other District club winners in a speak-off contest in Dickson on April 16, 2016. All participants will receive a framed certificate. The top three (3) selected in the speak-off will receive \$100.00 each and will compete at the District Conference. At the District Conference, the two runners-up will receive \$100.00 each and the winner will receive the \$1000.00 award.

Complete contest rules are found on page 2. Additional support material provided in separate addendum.

It is really up to you as club leaders – Please encourage your club to participate and help develop the next generation of leaders. Send your club's winner submission by 4/4/16.

Larry D. Darnell
Chairman, District 6760 Four Way Test Speech Contest

Rotary District 6760 Four Way Test Speech Contest **2015/16 Contest Rules**

Age: All contestants must be in the 9-12th grade at time of club contest competition.

Speech Topic: Each contestant shall choose 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 or Club President. The decision of the Contest Chair or Club President will be final.

In the speech, the topic must be specifically related (connected) to the Rotary 4-Way Test. This must be addressed during the body of the speech and not reserved for concluding statements only. Each one of the four parts of the Four Way Test should be addressed during the speech. They should be specifically stated, as the intent of the speech is to use the Four Way Test to guide one's decision making about an issue. Examples of previous speeches can be found at www.youtube.com/user/rotaryspeechcontest.

These are to be speeches and not dramatic presentations. Content should be relevant and in good taste.

All speeches must be the original work of the speaker.

Speech Length: Speeches must be at least 4 minutes and no more than 6 minutes in length. Two penalty points will be deducted from the contestant's score for each 15 second violation of time constraints either under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes.

Props: No props are to be used. Audience participation will be considered a prop. Two points per infraction will be deducted for use of props.

Notes: Contestants may use note cards as an aid at the club level competition, Semi-finals and Finals. The use of note cards is to be done judiciously. Use of note cards may result in point deductions if a judge determines it to be excessive. Five points for excessive use of note cards will be deducted.

Former District Winners are not eligible to compete.

Judge's Scoring Sheet

Items to be Judged	Points	1	2	3	4	5	6
<u>CONTENT</u>							
Practical application of the 4-Way Test 5 points for each point covered—all four points should be covered	20						
Uses examples from peer group experience	8						
Human interest appeal and color	8						
Clarity and expressiveness of language and vocabulary	8						
SUBTOTAL OF POINTS FOR <u>CONTENT</u>	44						
<u>ORGANIZATION</u>							
Introduction: captures audience attention and establishes major theme of the speech	8						
Development: ideas presented, supported and explained in clear logical order with smooth transitions	8						
Conclusion: emphasizes major theme in the speech, leaving the audience with a clear, concise message or point of application	8						
SUBTOTAL OF POINTS FOR <u>ORGANIZATION</u>	24						
<u>DELIVERY</u>							
Clear enunciation of words; limited use of unnecessary expressions i.e. "uh, you know, OK"	8						
Good vocal projection, voice expressiveness, tone and pace	8						
Good eye contact and rapport with the audience	8						
Relaxed yet commanding use of posture and gestures	8						
SUBTOTAL OF POINTS FOR <u>DELIVERY</u>	32						
<u>MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS</u>							
	100						
(Less) Penalty points (if any) reported by the timekeeper.							
(Less) Penalty points (if any) for use of props. (-2 points per infraction) or excessive use of note cards (-5 points).							
NET POINTS							
RANKING							

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“The Four-Way Test” District Speak-Off Contest – Dickson, TN Club Winner Submission Form

Name of Contestant: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Grade in School: _____

Age: _____

Interact Member? Yes _____ No _____

Sponsoring Rotary Club: _____

Rotary Contact: _____

Rotary Contact's Email: _____

Mail, Fax, or Email by 4/4/16 to:

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