



# Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest



## Calendar Of Events

The Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest consists of four (4) levels:

- Club Competition . . . . . March 1, 2017
- Group Competition . . . . . March, 2017
- Regional Competition . . . Completed by April 15, 2017
- District Competition . . . . . Mid May, 2017

## Awards & Prizes

There are gift card awards presented at each of the first three levels of competition.

The Winners of each Regional contest will compete at the District Conference in mid-May 2017.

Winners of the District competition are eligible for Prize Money from \$1000 - \$5000 depending on the participation of individual clubs.

## Eligibility

Public, private, and continuation high school students in grades 9 through 12.

No student may be a contestant in more than one club speech contest in any one year.

## Topic/Theme

The 2016-2017 Rotary International theme is, "Serving Humanity." Any topic related to this theme will be acceptable, provided that it is not profane, obscene, unpatriotic, or racist. The topic of the speech must be specifically subjected to the Four-Way Test. This must be done in the body of the speech and is not to be reserved for Topics and Theme concluding statements only.

## The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- First...* Is it the TRUTH?
- Second...* Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third...* Will it build GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth...* Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Rules

### Length of Speech

Speeches must be no less than 6 minutes and no more than 8 minutes in length.

*Penalty points* will be subtracted for time infractions at the rate of 2 points for every 15 seconds over or under the minimum or maximum.

### Props

No props are to be used. Audience participation will be considered a prop.

*Penalty points* will be subtracted for use of props at the rate of two points per infraction.

### Speaker Aids

Lecterns and microphones will be available for speakers to use if they choose.

### Notes

Contestants may use notes at the Club and Group Level. At the Regional Level, a single 3x5 card may be used.

Notes may not be used at the District Level.

Infractions will result in disqualification.

### Order of Presentation

Determined by lottery.

## Judging Criteria

### Personal Qualities

Appearance, poise, personality and attitude.

### Organization

Subject adherence, theme, Four-Way Test inclusion, flow and logic.

### Presentation

Voice control, articulation, enunciation, animation and sincerity.

### Effectiveness

Overall appeal and impression.

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