



Rotary Club of Warrick County's

# Speech Contest

First place wins \$250 and the opportunity  
to compete for \$1,000 at the District 6580 competition

## The Rotary Four Way Test

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Rules of Competition

- Topic: must be leadership, service and the Four Way Test. The Four Way Test must be mentioned in its entirety in the speech. The Four Way Test sentences may be stated all together or individually. It is recommended you state the Four Way Test verbatim. For example, if you use "true" rather than "truth," it will be at the discretion of the judges whether to deduct points.
- Delivery: The speech is to be presented without aid of lectern, multimedia or props. However, a 3 x 5 note card with outline of the speech may be used. The note card may not contain the speech word for word. It is an outline only and is subject to review by the judges.
- The contestant may move around or stay stationary during the speech.
- A microphone may be used, but it must be hands-free. If such a microphone is desired, the contestant must let the speech contest chairman of this need in advance of the day of the contest.
- Length: four to six-minute speech. The speech time limits will be strictly enforced with the minimum set at four minutes and the maximum at six minutes. Any speech that falls outside either of these limits will receive a three (3) point deduction.
- There will be a timekeeper as the contestant presents his/her speech. Warnings for time elapsed will be displayed by colored card. At 3.5 minutes a green card will be displayed, at 4 minutes a red card will be displayed, and at 6 minutes a black card will be displayed.
- Content: The speech given by each contestant must be the work of the contestant alone.
- No more than three (3) quotes may be included in the speech.
- Contestant must be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in high school (or the equivalent) residing in Warrick County.
- Contestants will draw as to the position his/her speech is to be given. The drawing is done upon arrival and sign in at the competition.
- The competition will be held in one round. Judges will be chosen by the district chairman and may or may not be Rotarians.
- Contestants will be judged on content, organization, and presentation. Rules of competition should be identical to the local competition rules.
- Each speech will be judged according to the following: Content and Organization, Appropriateness (10 points), Interest (15 points), Accuracy (10 points), Sequence of thought (15 points), Presentation/Appearance (5 points), Vocal quality (5 points), Poise (5 points), Expressiveness (5 points), Persuasiveness (10 points), Originality (10 points), Overall impact (10 points)

## Local Competition & Prizes!

- Held at Ohio Twp Public Library (Diamond Room) - 4111 Lakeshore Dr. - Newburgh - 6 P.M. - February 16th, 2017
- Local winner will receive **\$250!** And advance to the district competition for a chance to win up to \$1,000
- Open to students residing in Warrick County

## District Contest

- The local contest winner will advance to District (held in Bedford on March 4th at 10:00am, Methodist Church)
- 1st place to receive \$1,000; 2nd and 3rd places will each receive \$500
- District winner presents at Rotary Conference April 22 in Columbus, IN

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## Entry Information:

- **Entry deadline is February 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **To guarantee your spot, please submit the following to: John Perkins | [jperkins@warrickrotary.org](mailto:jperkins@warrickrotary.org):**
  - Name | Age | Grade | School | Phone | Email | Home Address