



## **ROTARY 4-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST**

**ATTENTION: 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS**

We invite you to participate in Rotary's Annual 4-Way Test Essay Contest for 2017.

The theme for this year is:

### ***"How Can The 4-Way Test Make A Difference In My Life?"***

For over sixty years Rotarians have been using the 4-Way Test as a practical yardstick in their business, community and personal affairs. The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the four questions, requiring the user to provide the answers.

**Of the things we think, say or 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?**

The purpose of the 4-Way Test Essay Contest is to foster ethics in everyday life. The contest is designed to introduce students to the Rotary principles of ethics and service, as well as to involve local Rotary Clubs with the youth of their communities. It is aimed at encouraging young people to learn to express themselves through writing their opinions. In nearly every profession, the ability to express one's thoughts and ideas clearly, concisely, and persuasively is an important skill.

Cash Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place winners by District 7720 as follows:

***First - \$150***

***Second - \$100***

***Third - \$75.***

Essays will be evaluated on:

- Originality of thought (fresh, insightful, and stimulating ideas).
- Attention to this year's theme.
- How the thought is presented (the effective use of language).
- A length limit of 750 words or less

**Start your essay now! Complete the Entry Form and deliver your completed essay to your teacher to submit to the Rotary Club.**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017**

**SEE YOUR TEACHER FOR AN ENTRY FORM**