

GUIDELINES FOR CLUB CHAIRS

Rotary District 6780 Four-Way Test Speech Contest 2008

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?

DEADLINE:

It is important for you to begin NOW to recruit student contestants from your and public and private high schools. Please indicate your club's participation to the District Chair by January 31, 2008. (Form is enclosed for this notification.)

LOCATION:

The District Contest will be held in April at the District Conference in Nashville, TN. Site and date will be determined.

CLUB WINNER:

The first-place winner from each club will participate in an area competition under the Assistant Governor and the winner of that contest will represent that area in the District competition. If the first place winner cannot participate, the second or third place winner may represent the club or area.

RULES OF COMPETITION:

- A. Topic: Leadership, Service and the Four-Way Test
The contestant must apply the Rotary Four-Way Test to the concepts of leadership, service to others and life experience.
- B. Delivery: The speech is to be presented from memory without the aid of podium, notes, displays or props.
- C. Length: No less than four minutes, no more than six minutes. Any speech that falls outside either of these limits will be disqualified.
- D. Content: The speech given by each contestant must be the work of the contestant alone. No more than 75 words may be quoted.

PROCEDURE:

- A. Each contestant will receive a copy of “Guidelines for Contestants” and prepare a four to six minute speech based on these guidelines.
- B. Contestants will draw for positions for the order of their speeches in the club contest.
- C. Local club competition may be held in one round. Subsequent rounds can be held at the club’s option. Presentation before a live audience will likely be helpful to the contestant selected for District competition since it is open and utilizes a forensic competition format.
- D. District competition will be held April 2008, at the District Conference in Nashville, TN (Date to be announced).
- E. The District contest is conducted using the format of forensic speech competitions. Each student will give his/her speech at least twice to different judges. The contestants with the highest scores will give their speeches in the final round. Contestants will be judged on content and delivery.

PRIZES: Four District Prizes will be awarded: 1st \$500, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$250, 4th 150.