

Implementing the Four-Way Speech Contest

Establish contact at local schools: Principal(s), English or Speech Teachers, Counselor, or Interact Advisor.

Objective: Encourage schools to include the Rotary Four-Way Test Speech competition as part of their curriculum.

Initially: Communicate your club contest to area high schools, public and private, to acquaint them with our program. Coordinate with school administrative personnel and teacher(s) to arrange the contest.

Students prepare an original four to six minute speech applying the Rotary Four-way Test to the concepts of leadership, service to others and life. (Guidelines for Contestants" –edited with your clubs choice or prizes – and a Judging Form are to be provided to teachers and each participant.

Suggest offering cash prizes for finalists, but not mandatory, i.e, 1st \$100-\$200; 2nd \$75-\$125; 3rd and 4th \$50-\$100

Submit club participation form – January deadline

Competition:

Hold local Four-Way Test Speech Competition January through March. Likely you would prefer March, closer to District Competition, but some teachers may build this program into their fall curriculum. Recommend arranging pre-competition at one of entrants from all schools (aim for six to eight) in front of a judging panel. The judging panel will be made up of from six or nine club volunteers. Tabulate scores immediately at end of competition (10-15 minutes). Since each participating student has put a lot of energy and effort into participating, sincerely thank all students for participating and announce 4 finalists to present in front of your club membership (ideally within 3 to 5 days).

Club Finals:

You may personally anticipate being amazed by the improvement each contestant will make in his/her delivery following the preliminary round. It is with this understanding, I encourage you to have a preliminary round, even if you only have a few students participating.

Invite parents of participating students, principals, speech and English teachers. Score immediately after close of club meeting and call results to participants' schools if they have not had a representative in attendance. Prepare letters and certificates for all participating students and letters to teachers and principals. Advise second place finisher to remain ready to fill-in at District if first place finisher is not able to compete.

Notify District Chair of club winner. Form will be sent in January mailing.

District Competition: Will be held at the site of the District Conference in mid-April 2008. Once the number of finalists competing are determined, details of that final competition will be communicated to the finalists. Should all Clubs under the Assistant Governor submit a finalist, the AG will be asked to have a semi-final competition for providing an entry to the District competition.

Cash prizes at the District level are anticipated to be: \$500.-first place, \$400.-second place, \$250.-third place, and \$150.-forth place.