# **Rotary District 6580**

**THE FOUR WAY TEST**

**SPEECH CONTEST RULES**

**2019**

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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**

1. 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 or not to deduct points.
2. 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.
3. The contestant may move around or stay stationary during the speech.
4. Each contestant should receive a copy of “Speech Contest Rules,” and prepare a four (4) to six (6) minute speech based upon the guidelines. The speech time limits will be strictly enforced with the minimum set at four (4) minutes and the maximum at six (6) minutes. Any speech that falls outside either of these limits will receive a three (3) point deduction.
5. 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.
6. Content: The speech given by each contestant must be the work of the contestant alone.
7. No more than three (3) quotes may be included in the speech.
8. Contestant must be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior in high school (or the equivalent).
9. Students can participate each of his/her four years in high school
10. 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.
11. The competition will be held in one round. Judges will be chosen by the district chairman and may or may not be Rotarians.
12. Contestants will be judged on content, organization, and presentation.

Each speech will be judged according to the following:

**Content and Organization (50 total points)**

Appropriateness (10 points)

Interest (15 points)

Accuracy (10 points)

Sequence of thought (15 points)

**Presentation (50 total points)**

Appearance (5 points)

Vocal quality (5 points)

Poise (5 points)

Expressiveness (5 points)

Persuasiveness (10 points)

Originality (10 points)

Overall impact (10 points)

**Deadlines for the local competition**

1. Any District Rotary Club must submit the name of their winner by **Friday,**

**February 8, 2019**. This is the date for reporting the local winner to the district chairperson. The information needed in order for the contestant to compete at the district level is as follows:

Sponsoring Club:

Name of club winner:

Address of club winner:

Contact phone number (home and cell if possible) of club winner:

E-mail of club winner:

**TIME AND DATE OF DISTRICT SPEECH COMPETITION**

The district competition will be held **Saturday, March 23, 2018** at 10:00 am at the

First Baptist Church Christian Life Center, 1515 20th Street, Bedford, IN 47421 (light lunch will be provided).

**OTHER PRESENTATION COMMITMENT FOR THE DISTRICT WINNER**

The district winner will give his or her speech at the Rotary District 6580 Conference luncheon on **Saturday, April 27th, 2019** at the Radisson Hotel in Clarksville, Indiana.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you have questions regarding this competition, please email them to Ashley Sullivan ([ashleysullivanrotary6580@gmail.com](mailto:ashleysullivanrotary6580@gmail.com)), subject line “*Speech Contest*.”

## Individual Rotary Club Winner:

Local contest awards are at the discretion of each club.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6580 PRIZES:

Winner $1000.00

1st Runner-Up $ 500.00

2nd Runner-Up $ 250.00