

Rotary Club of Victorville, CA



Four-Way Test Speech Contest

School Information:

Each participating school will choose one staff member to serve as the primary contact with the Rotary Club of Victorville for the Four-Way Speech Contest. Please email drbowtiebrian@gmail.com indicating who will be the primary contact for your school site.

Each participating school will be allowed to propose one student to participate in the Four-Way Speech Contest. This proposal will be made by submitting, via email, a voice recording (only) of the student presenting their speech. All proposals must be received by The Rotary Club of Victorville 60 days before the contest. All recordings will be reviewed by a Rotary Club of Victorville sub-committee and the top four students will be asked to participate in the Four-Way Test Speech Contest in person at a date listed below. 30 days in advance of the contest the primary contact of all schools submitting a proposed student will receive notification from the Rotary Club of Victorville if their student has been selected or not to participate in person.

How a school determines which student to propose is left to the discretion of each school site and/or district. Some suggestions on making the determination include class and school speech competitions.

Four Way Speech Contest Rules:

- 1) **Topic:** The theme for the 2019-2020 Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest is ***“Rotary Connects the World”*** You may choose any topic related to this theme, provided that it is not profane, obscene, unpatriotic or racist. In the speech, the topic ***must be specifically subjected*** to the Rotary ***Four-Way Test***. This must be during the body of the speech and is not to be reserved for concluding statements only.
 - The ***Four-Way Test*** of the things we think, say or do are:
 - First, Is it the ***TRUTH***?
 - Second, Is it ***FAIR*** to all concerned?
 - Third, Will it build ***GOOD WILL*** and ***BETTER FRIENDSHIPS***?
 - Fourth, Will it be ***BENEFICIAL*** to all concerned?
- 2) **Length:**
 - a) Elementary & Middle Schools: Speeches must be at least three minutes and no more than five minutes in length.
 - b) High Schools: Speeches must be at least six minutes and no more than eight minutes in length.

- c) All Levels: Penalty points will be subtracted for time infractions at a rate of 2pts. Per 15 sec. over or under the proper length.
- 3) **Props:** No props are to be used. Audience participation is a prop.
 - 4) **Speaker Aids:** Lecterns and microphones may be available for speakers to use if they so choose.
 - 5) **Using Notes:** Contestants may speak from notes at the club level.

Contest Information:

The contest will be held at 11:30 at El Pescador Restaurant (Green Tree Golf Course) see below for a list of dates. Lunch will be provided to all contestants and **ONE** other person. Additional guests are welcome but they must pay for their lunches (\$19) by PayPal, cash or check upon arrival at the event.

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Contest Dates:

- 12/3/19 Elementary (open to all VESD elementary schools*)
- 4/21/20 Middle School (open to all VVUHSD middle schools*)
- 3/17/20 High School - (open to any high school located in Victorville)
**Site participation is determined by donor request*

School Site Submission to Rotary Due Dates (email all submissions to drbowtiebrian@gmail.com)

- 2/21/20 Middle School
- 1/21/20 - High School – 2/26/2020 revised to Friday March 6th 2020

Rotary will notify each participating school if their student has been selected to move forward:

- 11/3/19 Elementary
- 3/21/20 Middle School
- 2/17/20 High School revised 2/26/2020 to March 10th