

ROTARY DISTRICT 6890 SPEECH CONTEST RULES

WHO: Contestant may be a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior (9-12th grade) enrolled in a public, private, or home school, and may have competed and won in previous years.

LENGTH: Five to seven minutes with a 15 second leeway (5 points off for going over or under time).

DELIVERY: Notes may be used (but discouraged) at the Local Club level, and reading is discouraged. Notes will **not** be allowed at Group or District competition. Memorized is certainly more impressive and will add more points.

TOPIC: Material must be original in content and apply to the current Rotary theme, "Rotary Serving Humanity." Contestants should prepare a speech with facts, statistics, stories, examples, & quotations. Add some humor and personal touches, but contestants must not mention their name, school, or city. At the District Level Contest, the sponsoring Rotary Club may not be mentioned in the speech. Speeches will be scored based upon the following criteria, with associated point values:

CONTENT

- (10 pts.) Originality, creativity, imagination
- (10 pts.) Human interest and relevant examples from peer group
- (20 pts.) Incorporation of Rotary theme "Rotary Serving Humanity."

ORGANIZATION

- (10 pts.) Effective introduction and establishment of theme
- (10 pts.) Orderly, logical body / clear points and transitions / vivid illustrations
- (10 pts.) Brief overview at ending / persuasive, logical conclusion

DELIVERY

- (10 pts.) Diction, pronunciation, enunciation
- (10 pts.) Vocal clarity, projection, expressiveness
- (10 pts.) Body language, posture, gestures, eye contact, purposeful movement

100 TOTAL POINTS

TIME KEEPING: During Club level competition, please designate a Timekeeper, whose priority responsibility is keeping the time of the contestants' speech. Speeches are to last between 5 and 7 minutes. Please see additional time keeping procedures on accompanying document, "Time Keeper's Instructions."

The audience for the Rotary Club level contest is usually 10 to 100+ adults at Breakfast or Lunch meeting. At Rotary Group competition, the audience will likely include parents, coaches, judges, & other contestants. The finalists will present their speeches at the Rotary District 6890 Speech Contest Finals at the Bartow Library, on April 17, 2017.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

CLUB LEVEL: 1st = \$100, 2nd = \$50, 3rd = \$25

GROUP LEVEL: 1st = \$250, 2nd = \$150, 3rd = \$100

DISTRICT LEVEL: 1st = \$1,000, 2nd = \$500, 3rd = \$250

Club prizes are suggested; individual Clubs are free to adjust their prizes as they determine. At District Finals, the "Most Firsts" method will be used for tallying results with multiple judges. For example, two "firsts" and a "sixth" wins over three "seconds." Ties will be decided by actual scores. Previous District winners may compete again this year with a new speech.