

**Rotary District 6670
Four-Way Test Speech Competition
2018**

August 9, 2017

To: Rotary Club Presidents and/or Four-Way Test Speech Competition Chairs

Congratulations to the clubs in District 6670 who participated in the Four-Way Test Speech Competition this past year; and a special note of thanks to those in each club who have agreed to chair this important event for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. The contest is an opportunity for your club to increase your involvement in the community through the local high schools and for students to learn about Rotary and the Four-Way Test. Inviting the contestants to present their speeches to your club will provide your members with a thought provoking experience as well as an opportunity to meet outstanding youth in your communities.

Now is the time to begin recruiting student contestants from your local high schools, private schools or charter schools. Please share the [Guidelines for Contestants](#) information with the appropriate teachers (usually English, Speech and/or Debate), school counselors, administrators or other club advisors. Interact clubs and RYLA participants are also excellent sources for potential candidates. Please specifically note the Guidelines state no aids – including notes – may be used for this competition. We encourage you to follow these same guidelines at the club level and ensure that your contestant understands these guidelines will be enforced at the District Competition.

You may find that school officials do not have a good grasp of the Four-Way Test, whereby it will be your responsibility to educate them. Students may work with their teachers, parents and/or Rotary members to prepare for the local competition. As we did last year – we are placing special emphasis on the use of the Four-Way Test in the speech; i.e., it is the focal point and speeches must display a good understanding and application of the principles. If all aspects of the Rotary 4 Way Test are not articulated in the speech, the student will be disqualified.

Please plan to complete your club's speech contest no later than **March 16, 2018**. This will allow time for you to provide us with your winner's name and for your winner to prepare for the District level contest. **Wright State University, Millett Hall**, Dayton, Ohio, will host our District Four-Way Test Speech Competition on **Sunday, April 8, 2018, at Noon**. When the details are set, you will receive a schedule for the District contest with a map and a form for reporting your club winner.

Club Presidents once you have had a chance to review enclosed information, please assign a Four-Way Test Speech Contest Chair (if you have not done so) and forward this packet to that individual. Also, please complete the Registration Form indicating your participation and name of your chairperson by no later than January 19, 2018. We are encouraging the President, Contest Chair and/or designee of each Club to be in attendance for the Competition on **April 8** in order to affirm our District's appreciation for all the contest participants, their families and friends participating in this worthwhile event.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me as provided below. I look forward to your enthusiastic participation in this event and thank you for all your efforts on behalf of Rotary and our youth.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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