



## **FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST**

Rotary District 6600

*Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Event starts promptly at 9:30am*

Niswonger Performing Arts Center of Northwest Ohio  
10700 State Route 118 South Van Wert, OH

Please direct all questions to the District 6600 Speech Contest Chair:

Stephen Hosler  
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Is it FAIR to ALL concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL concerned?



## **IMPORTANT CHANGES/NOTES FOR 2017-2018**

- Please remind your contestants to fill out the registration form legibly.
- Student email address and cell phone number are required. This is how I communicate with them prior to the District contest.
- I have removed “Sense of Humor” as a judging criterion, changed “Sincerity and Tone” to “Body Language, Posture, & Eye Contact” and changed “Relevance to Subject” to “Incorporation of the 4-Way Test” and increased its point value to 20.



## ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST RULES

- Contestants must be high school students in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- Students being schooled at home in a program recognized by their school district or the State of Ohio may enter.
- A student may compete in only one Rotary District 6600 club contest.
- Any prior year's winner at any level may compete again at the club level, as long as they are otherwise eligible, so long as they enter with a new speech.
- Material must be original in content and center around applying the Rotary Four-Way Test to an important issue in our everyday relationships. The test asks the following four questions:

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- The speech must be at least 5 minutes, but not more than 7 minutes in length with a 15 second leeway. Points will be deducted for going over or under. Contestants should prepare a speech with facts, statistics, stories, examples and quotations. The speech should be memorized. Notes may be used, but reading directly from them is discouraged. No displays, props or prompting is allowed.
- If a club winner becomes unable to compete at the next level, the runner-up can be offered a chance to compete in the District Contest.
- The District 6600 Competition prize money is:  
First Place - \$500    Second Place - \$300    Third Place - \$200  
All other contestants will be considered Fourth Place winners and be given a participation award.



**DISTRICT 6600 SPEECH CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM**  
**PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY** - (Return no later than March 31, 2018)

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I indicate my willingness to have my speech reproduced in any form and to have my picture used in media releases.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Return to District 6600 Speech Contest Contact Stephen Hosler via email, fax or mail at:

Mail: Mehco Custom Printing, Inc  
38007 Butternut Ridge Rd.  
North Ridgeville, OH 44039

Email: sthosler@mehco.com  
Fax: 440-458-4983

The Rotary District 6600 Four-Way Test Speech Contest will be held Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center of Northwest Ohio, 10700 State Route 118 South Van Wert, OH. The event starts promptly at 9:30am.

Please email sthosler@mehco.com no later than April 7<sup>th</sup>, indicating whether you will be attending the district contest or not.



## INFORMATION FOR JUDGES

Rotary District 6600 is pleased that you have accepted the responsibility of acting as a judge in its annual Speech Contest. To ensure continuity in the judging process of the contests at the club and district levels of competition, please read carefully the judging procedure outlined below. Please note carefully the weighted point value assigned to the three sets of judging criteria and become familiar with the score sheet prior to the contest.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

#### Delivery

Enunciation and pronunciation are basic to any good speech and must be fully considered. Overall expressiveness and sincerity of tone add to the delivery. Animation, humor, holding interest, and power of persuasion are attributes of a winning speaker.

#### Originality

The manner in which the content is developed will in large measure be determined through its originality. Of major concern will be an approach that is individualistic, imaginative, and has human interest.

#### Content

The content should relate specifically to the 4-Way Test. Students should be positive in their approach, and ideas used to develop the theme or topic should be presented logically, clearly, and concisely from opening to conclusion.

### JUDGING PROCEDURE

Identical score sheets will be used at all levels of competition. Each judge weighs each speech in the range of 1 to 100 points within the three sets of criteria listed below.

Delivery	1 to 30 points
Originality	1 to 30 points
Content	1 to 40 points

In the case of a Tie Score, the contestant with the highest scores for Expressiveness & Poise, Imaginative, and Clarity of Ideas will be declared the winner.

The decision of the judges is final.

Please Note: Judges must not confer during or after a speech. After all score sheets have been given to the tellers, then the judges may confer. Under no circumstances should anyone but the three winners be announced. All contestants not in the first three places are considered to tie for fourth place.



## JUDGES' SCORE SHEET

Contestant Number \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

### Delivery (Maximum Score 30)

- Enunciation and Pronunciation (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_
- Body Language, Posture, & Eye Contact (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_
- Expressiveness and Poise\* (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

### Originality (Maximum Score 30)

- Uniqueness (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_
- Engagement of Interest (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_
- Imaginative\* (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

### Content (Maximum Score 40)

- Incorporation of the 4-Way Test (1-20) \_\_\_\_\_
- Logical Development (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_
- Clarity of Ideas\* (1-10) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Criteria to be used as tie-breakers

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_