



The Rotary Club of Old Saybrook presents

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST



The Rotary Four-Way Test implores us to ask of the things we think, say, or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR SPEECH CONTESTANTS

Subject:

- **The speech challenge is to use the Rotary Four Way Test to evaluate the ethics of a topic of choice.**
- Topics may include individual life experiences, current or historical events, societal or global issues, life situation or problem. Topics may be serious or humorous, unique or commonplace.
- Speeches do not need to emphasize all four-way test elements equally, but must address each element.

Content

- Speech content must be original, prepared by the contestant, and not a variation of another product.
- Speeches may include quotations, statistics, and/or references to research or ideas from identified sources.
- No slides, videos, or projected images are allowed. Demonstration props or visual aids may be used, but should not be a central part of the speech (and are not required).

Requirements & Judging

- The speech may not be read, but notes are permitted on 3x5 index cards..Speeches may be practiced and delivered from memory.
- The speech must be at least 5 minutes and not longer than 7 minutes in length, or points will be deducted from score.
- Speech contestants (for all contests) will be identified by number and not by name or school.
- A panel of judges will evaluate speeches based upon their application of the 4-way test, interest of topic and the ethical arguments presented, and effectiveness of delivery. See the judging rubric for guidance.

General Eligibility & Structure:

- Participants can be any grade, freshman to senior, and do not need to be in Interact or Debate Club.
- The winner of our contest will continue to compete at one of two semi-final contests and possibly at the final contest, which will determine the winner for Rotary District 7980 (the four counties of southern Connecticut).
- Winners give the same speech at semi & final contests, but can work to improve their original speech.

Contest Schedule:

- Our contest is for students from **Lyme/Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook High Schools** and will be held at:
Day/Date: Monday/March 3rd Time: 6 pm Location: Conference Room at Acton Library
- The winner from our contest will then compete at the semi-final contest on:
Day/Date: Saturday/March 22 Time: 10 am Location: Slater Hall, Norwich, CT
- The District final contest will be at Old Saybrook High School
Day/Date: Saturday/ April 26 Time: 9 am - Noon Location: Old Saybrook High School Auditorium

Participation Certificates and Awards:

- The top two candidates from each of the two semi-final contests will continue to the final contest.
- The winner of the final contest will receive \$500. The other three contestants will each receive \$250.
- All participants will be given a certificate of participation (to verify this as a resume booster for college applications).

QUESTIONS: Contact Teacher _____ (Room _____)
or Rotarian Contest Organizer Chip Adams at email ca@seabirdct.com

JUDGE'S SCORESHEET							
Judging Categories	Scoring						
	Check one box per category						
	1=Lowest	Mid	7=Highest				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Content <i>Did the speaker:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss all four elements of 4-way test? Truth Fairness Goodwill Benefit Apply the Four Way Test thoughtfully to topic? Include helpful examples & interesting ideas on topic? Show knowledge and insight about the topic? 							
Organization & Delivery <i>Did the speaker:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak with clear enunciation & good voice projection? Create interest through enthusiasm for topic? Show thoughtful organization with a logical flow of ideas? Include an engaging intro and convincing conclusion? 							
Effectiveness <i>Did the speaker:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a strong connection to the audience? Create interest in topic? Develop a compelling analysis of the ethical issues for the topic? Effectively demonstrate the value of the 4-way test for ethical analysis? 							
Total Score (Total from all three categories with maximum score of 7 in each category)							



**Rotary District 7980
Four-Way Speech Contest
STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2024**



School: _____

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SPEECH CHALLENGE:

Use the Rotary Four-Way Test to analyze a problem, action, or attitude.

The Rotary Four-Way Test

Of all the things we think, say and do, be certain:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

STUDENT DECLARATION

Please enter me in the Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest.

____ I have read and understand the Rules and Guidelines.

____ I agree to be participate in this contest and give my speech on

Date: March 3rd Time: 6pm - 7:30 pm Location: Acton Library Conference Room

____ I agree that if I win the contest, I will participate in the District Semi-final competition on

Date March 22nd Time 10 am Location Slater Hall, Norwich CT

____ I agree that if I am one of two finalists of the District Semi-final competition I will participate in the District Final competition on **April 26, at Old Saybrook High School**

Signature of Student: _____ **Date:** _____

PUBLICITY

____ I agree to allow my name, photo, and/or speech to be used in publicity for this event.

____ I do not want to have my _____ used in publicity.

STUDENT CONTACT INFO (Please print)

Student Name: _____ **Year:** ____Fr ____So ____Jr ____Sr

Home Address: _____ **Town** _____

Phone(s): _____ **Cell:** _____ **Home:** _____

E-mail Address _____

Do you check email regularly? _____ *If not, what is the best way to contact you?* _____

Supervising Teacher: _____ **Email:** _____

Keep the Rules & Guidelines

**Return this page to your supervising teacher by date: February 28TH or email to
Chip Adams, Old Saybrook Rotary 4-Way Test Coordinator, ca@seabirdct.com**