Rotary District 7120

Oratorical Contest

Build Public Speaking Skills and Confidence



Rotary Oratorical Contest on Ethics
Sponsored Jointly by
Rotary District 7120 and the Rochester Area Colleges

Contest Explanation

1. Topic: The Importance of Ethics in the Life I Plan to Live

Consider Rotary's Four Way Test: of the things we think, say and do:
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

2. Speech Requirements:

- Minimum of five to maximum of seven-minute speech
- Notes permitted, but not encouraged
- No AV aids, props or costumes, singing or dancing.
- Microphone and lectern should be available
- Interpreters provided for deaf or hard-of-hearing participants

3. Judges Criteria:

- See Judges Rubric on the Oratorical Contest Home Page
  - 50%: Content (e.g. originality, logic, examples, clarity)
  - 50%: Delivery (e.g. voice and diction, enthusiasm, language, contact with audience)

4. Eligibility:

All High School Juniors in public or non-public high schools or being home schooled in the service area of Rotary District 7120 (counties of Allegheny, Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates).

5. Contest:

No limit to the number of candidates per club. If club has multiple candidates, contact contest chair. Contest or selection to be determined by each local Rotary Club, with candidates selected by January 15th.

- Semi-Final and Final Contest dates, times and venues will be posted on the Oratorical Contest Home Page.
- First Place and Second place winners must present his/her winning speech at the District Training Assembly or the District Conference. Dates will be posted on the Oratorical Contest Home Page when available. Sponsoring Club will provide Transportation.

6. Prizes:

1. Local awards to be determined by sponsoring Rotary Club
2. See Scholarships Information on the Oratorical Contest Home Page

For Further Details:

- Contact your local Rotary Club or
- District Contest Chair Don Collins email: collinsdonf@gmail.com, or
- visit www.rotary7120.org and search for "Oratorical".