

# **Rotary District 5300**

Four Way Test Speech Contest

Today is the Club Level contest for the District Four Way Test Speech Contest. The theme for the 2023-2024 Rotary year is "Create Hope in the World", which will also be the topic for this year's Four Way Test Speech Contest. RI President Gordon R. McInally calls for Rotary to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental wellbeing. Any topic related to this theme will be acceptable, provided that it is not profane, obscene, unpatriotic or racist. In the speech, the topic must be specifically subjected to the Rotary Four-Way Test. This must be during the body of the speech and is not to be reserved for concluding statements only.

Speeches must be at least 6 minutes and no more than 8 minutes in length. Penalty points will be subtracted for time infractions at the rate of two points for every fifteen seconds or fraction thereof that a contestant's speech runs either under the 6-minute minimum or over the 8-minute maximum. Notes can be used during the Club and Level Group level competitions. At the Regional level, only a single 3x5 card both sides may be used. At the District level, notes will not be allowed.

#### 2024 Contest Timeline:

- Club Level Contests must be completed by January 31
- Area/Group Level Contests must be completed by February 28
- Regional Level Contests must be completed by March 31
- District Finals in May at District Assembly

Please welcome the Las Vegas Rotary Club Contestants and wish them well in this leg of the competition.

February 1, 2024

#### WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

# What We Have Accomplished. DID YOU KNOW?

- January Service: 8 club members and 8 Palo Verde High School students cleaned our designated portion of the Red Rock Loop (Highway Clean Up), providing a total of 40 hrs of volunteer service.
- January Community Service: 3 Rotarians plus a former Rotarian provided 9 hrs of volunteer service at Discovery Museum's Community Resource Fair.
- Community Grants: Approved grant of \$2,400 to Family To Family Connections for educational school supplies.
- Nevada Wheechair: Over 25 children's wheelchairs were delivered locally and PP Brock Fraser distributed 100 wheelchairs in Reno; 1 wheelchair was delivered to a local young man and 4 members of the 'A Team' unloaded containers for 12 hrs of service.

# The Las Vegas Rotary Club's Mission:

Teaching Youth to Succeed through Literacy, Education & Life Skills Development

#### CLUB OFFICERS 2023-2024



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Secretary Stu Lipoff

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest has a rich history rooted in the principles of Rotary International. The contest emerged as an extension of the Rotary 4-Way Test, a set of ethical guidelines developed by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in the 1930s during a challenging period for the Club Aluminum Company, where Taylor served as president.

The Rotary 4-Way Test comprises four simple questions:

- 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?

These principles, aimed at promoting ethical behavior and good relations in both personal and professional spheres, resonated with Rotarians worldwide. In 1943, shortly after the test's creation, the first Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest was held in Chicago, USA. The contest sought to encourage young people to apply the principles of the 4-Way Test in their lives and articulate their thoughts on its relevance.

Over the decades, the contest expanded globally, becoming a signature youth program for Rotary International. Rotary clubs in various countries organized local, regional, and national-level competitions, with winners advancing to higher levels. Participants, typically high school students, are tasked with delivering a speech applying the 4-Way Test to contemporary issues.

The contest serves as a platform for young leaders to hone their public speaking skills, engage with ethical considerations, and foster a commitment to service above self – a core Rotary value. Rotary International continues to support and promote the 4-Way Test Speech Contest as part of its commitment to youth development and the advancement of ethical leadership, ensuring that the principles set forth by Herbert J. Taylor nearly a century ago remain relevant and impactful in the 21st century.

Contestants compete at various clubs, including ours, around our District. Winners at the club level competitions compete in an area competition. Winners of the area competition will compete at our District Assembly in May for various scholarship awards.



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PASI	PRE	SIDENTS	
Les Saunders*	1923-24	Robert E. O'Connell*	1974-75
Bill Ferron*	1924-25	Don Ashworth*	1975-76
A.A. Hinman*	1925-26	David F. Welles*	1976-77
Frosty Mildren*	1926-27	James J. Corey*	1977-78
Fred Hesse*	1927-28	Darrell Luce*	1978-79
Dr. F.M. Ferguson*	1928-29	Albert H. Purdue*	1979-80
Dr. William S. Park*	1929-30	Michael Hoover	1980-81
Charlie Dimock*	1930-31	Donald L. Aikin*	1981-82
Leo McNamee*	1931-32	Joseph J. Buckley*	1982-83
A.E. Cahlan*	1932-33	Irwin Kishner*	1983-84
Douglas Dasheil*	1933-34	James Cashman III*	1984-85
Marion Earl*	1934-35	Mike Meyer	1985-86
Dr. Roy Martin*	1935-36	Doug L. Peterson*	1986-87
K.O. Knudson*	1936-37	M.J. Wiens, Jr.	1987-88
Frank Gusewelle*	1937-38	Keith W. Bassett*	1988-89
Tom Connolly*	1938-39	Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90
Archie Grant*	1939-40	James M. Gamett	1990-91
Otto Underhill*	1940-41	Robert L. Moore	1991-92
Bryan Bunker*	1941-42	Robert L. Forbuss*	1992-93
Cyril Wengert*	1942-43	Gary A. Martin	1993-94
Fred O'Donnell*	1942-43	John A. Smith	1994-95
Frank Case*		Caty Crockett	
Victor Shurtiff*	1944-45	Clifford R. Beadle	1995-96
Max Kelch*	1945-46		1996-97
Ed Ciliax*	1946-47	Ralph J. Rohay Dr. James M. Jones*	1997-98
Lorin Ronnow*	1947-48	Tom A. Thomas	1998-99
	1948-49	Tom J. Krob	1999-00
Leonard Fayle*	1949-50		2000-01
Allye Lawson*	1950-51	James E. Hunt James R. Tucker	2001-02
Harry Allen* Les Edwards*	1951-52		2002-03
	1952-53	Kathy Dalvey*	2003-04
Wayne Kirch*	1953-54	Steve Casey	2004-05
George Boman*	1954-55	Ned Phillips Brock Fraser	2005-06
Spence Butterfield*	1955-56	Di Galli i i dage.	2006-07
Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Randy Campanale	2007-08
Ted Brandt*	1957-58	Russ Swain	2008-09
Julian Moore*	1958-59	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10
Ray F. Culley*	1959-60	Tom Axtell	2010-11
C.T. Harris*	1960-61	Sharon McNair	2011-12
Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Randy Donald	2012-13
Tom Underhill*	1962-63	Ginger Anderson	2013-14
Vern Willis*	1963-64	Steve Linder	2014-15
Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
Bill Southard*	1965-66	David Thorson	2016-17
Dr. Vince Sanner*	1966-67	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18
Walter Wehner*	1967-68	James Kohl	2018-19
Dr. Robert Robinson*	1968-69	Jacqueline Thornhill	2019-20
Harold Wandesforde*	1969-70	Richard Jost	2020-21
Mark C. Mielke*	1970-71	Mike Ballard	2021-22
Dr. Harold Boyer*	1971-72	Caty Crockett	2022-23
Angelo J. Manzi*	1972-73	* Deceased	
Keith Ashworth*	1973-74		

### **CALENDAR**

Speaker: 4-WAY Speech Contest 02/01

Event: New Member Orientation and 25 Club Meeting, 02/01

Niki Bates' Home - 6:00 pm

Event: Rotary Park Clean Up - 10:00 am 02/03

**Event:** Breakfast with Books, Will Beckley Elementary – 7:15 am 02/06

02/08 **Speaker:** Daniel Heenan, Arson Investigator

02/14 **Event:** Mayor's Cup, February 14 - 20 02/15 Speaker: Dan Stover Music Competition

02/22 **Speaker:** Jessica Love, Daring Girls

02/29 **Speaker:** Saul Ramos, Small Business Administration

03/07 Speaker: TBD

03/14 **Speaker:** Vickie Wilson, CASA

03/22 **Event:** (RYLA) Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 3/22 - 3/24

03/26 Event: VIP Tour of Opportunity Village 3:30 pm



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### February Rotarian Birthdays

Bhavandeep Singh	February 3	Robert G. Werner	February 5
John Palley	February 15	Ryan Hamilton	February 23
John Williams	February 23	Steven S. Casey	February 8
Peter R. Samoulis	February 2	William K. Stephan, MD	February 24



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Above: Lawry Bucks Winner Barbara Castro and President Toni. Below: Rita Burton Did NOT Pull the JOKER!



Rotarian Annee Nounna with Her Guest and Long Time Friend Took Time to Thank Speaker Roger Tabor.



The President's Table: Debi Howard, PP Karen Whisenhunt, President Toni Kern and Speaker Roger Tabor.



Wetzel Award Winners for January 2024 with Bob Peiser, Don Holland and President Toni Kern.

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# **ROTARY CLUB**



Karen Whisenhunt Reminds Us About the Mayor's Cup.



Says Finances Are Good.



President Toni Kern Thanks Speaker Roger Tabor for His Talk About the History of the Upcoming Mayor's Cup.



Larry Cohn Announced the 25 Club Meeting.



President Toni Kern Presents Speaker Roger Tabor with the Las Vegas Rotary Club Centennial Book and the Salute to Service Award.



Tonya Wagle Led Us in Patriotic Song.



Treasurer Rita Burton with President Toni Kern.



Bob Peiser Delivered the Invocation.



Annee Nounna Introduces Her Guest.



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# SCRIBE - January 25, 2024

**President Toni Kern** called us to order at 12:10 pm. Our invocation was given by **Bob Peiser** and **Tonya Wagle** led us in "America the Beautiful." We all joined **President Toni Kern** in the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Toni Kern** then thanked all those who helped with the meeting.

We had no international visitors or visiting Rotarians. We had three guests of Rotarians, and one guest of the Club. **President Toni Kern** introduced the head table, which included **Debi Howard, PP Karen Whisenhunt**, and our guest speaker, Roger Tabor.

#### Announcements:

President Toni Kern started with a few housekeeping matters: District Conference is June 21-24, which is a cruise to Mexico on Royal Caribbean. Ocean view cabins are still available. More information can be found on the District 5300 website. District Finals for youth speech and music contests are in Pomona on May 18. Sign-ups will be ready in the next couple of weeks. Rosalee Hedrick reminded us about the Jr. Achievement facility VIP Tour on January 30. Cost is \$25. Wear comfortable closed-toe shoes. Dr. Niki Bates reminded us about the joint 25 Club and New Member Orientation meeting on February 1 at her house. Food is provided, but BYOB. Larry Cohn announced the next 25 Club meeting on March 7 at **Debi Howard's** home. The 25 Club annual picnic is tentatively scheduled for June 15 at Tom Thomas's beautiful cabin at Lee Canyon. Volunteers are needed. Super Bowl squares were selling fast at this writing, with only two squares left. PP Karen Whisenhunt reminded us about hosting boys from Germany who are here for the Mayor's Cup from February 14-20. One more host family is needed. Mike Cudiamat told us about Paul Harris Fellow matching points. Debi Howard reminded us about Breakfast with Books on February 6. President Toni Kern reminded us about Rotary Park cleanup on February 3 and enticed us with donuts. Two trees have been selected for special dedications. February 15 is Sweethearts Luncheon and Prime Rib Day. February 23, 7:00 am, Club members are invited to Kermit Booker ES to see the Club-funded HydroCONNECT installation and status.

#### Presentations:

**President Toni Kern** introduced **Rita Burton** as the new Club Treasurer. **Rita Burton** stated that the financial records are in great shape, encouraged us to read the Bylaws, and looks forward to serving as Treasurer. **Don Holland** introduced the five Wetzel award recipients, and each gave a short speech about their incredible accomplishments. Our weekly raffle pot was over \$8,300 today, and lucky Rotarian **Rita Burton** had the winning ticket but sadly didn't pull the Joker. **Barbara Castro** won the Lawry's bucks.

PP Karen Whisenhunt introduced our guest speaker, Roger Tabor, who is a long-time Rotarian of the Downtown Las Vegas Rotary Club. Roger was instrumental in bringing the Mayor's Cup to Las Vegas, all starting with a visit to a Rotary Club meeting in Rosarito, Mexico. Roger talked about the joy of hosting young soccer players from around the world and how PP Brock Fraser stated many years ago, "You can count on the Las Vegas Rotary Club!" It took off from there as our Club has continued to host players every year. PP Russ Swain recounted a story about hosting the Russian judges and something about lots of Russian vodka. PP Karen Whisenhunt shared a story about hosting boys from Cambodia who literally gave her the shirts off their backs as a gift for hosting them. Annee Nounna shared a story about treating boys from Germany to dinner with Seigfried and Roy (!!), which has become a legend in their hometown.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30, and fun was had by all! ~ Rita Burton



### **ROTARIANS IN ACTION**









Rampur Viswanath's Visit to Dombivili Rotary Club Near Mumbai – Global Grant Recipients



Christine Luby, Aaron Campillo, Jimmelle Trujillo and Stu Lipoff at the Discovery Museum Community Outreach Event.







PP Jim Hunt with Wheelchair Recepient, Aaron, Who Has a Tremendous Spirit and Attitude.

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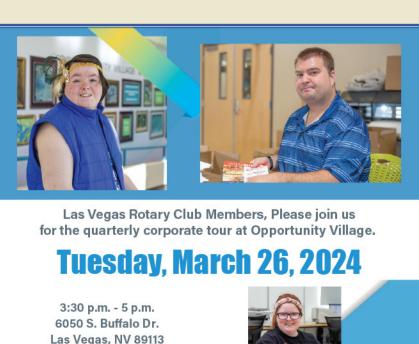
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