

Highlights for Club Presidents/Vocational Chairs

- Step 1** Contact your local high school(s) and let them know of this year's Rotary Youth Speech Contest. Work with the school(s) to determine the best time period for the contest, e.g. don't schedule a contest during exams. Set a date and time for your speech contest. Preferably, it should be your program for one of your weekly meetings. It can be held in January, February, or March 2012.
- Step 2** Pass the edited promotional flyer along to the high school counselors. The contest is open to all high school students, public or private. Follow through with the schools to assure that the students are notified of the contests.
- Step 3** Notify your district speech chair and your assistant governor of the date and time.
- Step 4** Select judges for your contest. They may be your club members, or special guests ie mayor, civic leader, etc. Consider Toastmasters from your local area to judge your contest. Not only will they judge, but they could be prospective members. Everyone however, should follow the judging guidelines found on the Web site.
- Step 5** Prepare certificates of appreciation for the judges (optional) and certificates of participation and awards for winners.
- Step 6** Host a successful speech contest!
- Step 7** Send thank you notes to judges, sponsoring teachers, students, high school counselors, etc (optional) and send out a press release with a picture to the local newspaper.

There will be a "speech package" available for the speech chairs to utilize for the contest on the district website. It contains all forms, certificates and guidelines.

Highlights for Assistant Governors

Follow up with your club to make sure that they schedule a club speech contest. One winner from each club will advance to the Semifinals. The second place winner is the backup. **PLEASE NOTE: unlike in years past, the Semifinals will be held in one location on one day for all areas (like the Music Contest).** It will be held on Saturday March 31, 2012. The location is TBD. The District Finals will be held in April 2012.

TIMELINE

Club speech contest: Any time in January, February, or March

Semifinals speech contest: Saturday, March 31, 2012 location TBD

Finals speech contest: April 2012 location TBD

Any questions? Contact Sug

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