



Rotary International District 5300 hosts a Four-Way Test Speech Contest each year. This year the theme is *Create Hope in the World*. Rotary Clubs throughout the District invite students from local high schools to compete.

Students share perspectives on the Four-Way Test. Each speech must be based on Herb Taylor's famous statement on business ethics.

"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?"

Understanding, appreciating, and expressing the true meaning of the Four-Way Test is the most important aspect of each speech. Many times, the students' thoughtful speeches unravel the complexities of Four-Way Tests in new and innovative ways.

The schedule is as follows:

January 1<sup>st</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>  
Club Level Contest  
February 1<sup>st</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>  
Area/Group Level  
March 1<sup>st</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>  
Regional Level  
April 20, 2024  
District Level

Area clubs decide together which club will volunteer to host Area Level. The Four-Way Test finals are always a highlight of the District Conference, but this year it will be held at District Assembly. In the past, the first-place prize has been up to \$5000+ (depending on # of clubs participating). The four runners-up will receive prizes of up to \$1000 each.

Judges: It is strongly encouraged that judges be non-Rotarians. Reach out to your Local Leaders and City Council members, Speech, Debate and Mock Trial Teachers and Coaches etc. to judge your contests. By reaching out to your community for Judges, you are making the community members aware of our Four-Way Test and the Speech contest which is a good thing.