

Theme for the 2023 Rotary District 5190 Speech Contest is:

***“How have you imagined Working Together to better the lives of others,
and how did you implement your idea?”***

This contest is open to all students in grades 9-12, attending school and residing within the District 5190 boundaries. Each area will hold individual contests with the winners from the club contests. On **March 1, 2023 at 5:30 PM** the Rotary Club of Susanville and the Rotary Club of Susanville Sunrise will hold a joint Club contest. The top two winners of the Club contest will advance to the Area 1 contest on **March 29, 2023 at 5:30 PM**, which will include the winner of the Club contest held by the Rotary Club of Chester. The Club and Area 1 contests will be held at the LUHSD Board Room, 1000 Main Street in Susanville. The winner of the Area 1 contest will advance to the District 5190 contest that will be held on **Sunday, April 29, 2023 at Harrah's Hotel, Lake Tahoe, Nevada at 9:30 AM**. The winners of the Club contest will receive for **1st Place, \$150; 2nd Place, \$100; and 3rd Place, \$75**. The 3rd Place finisher will serve as the alternate for the Area 1 contest, if the 1st or 2nd place finisher is unable to participate. The winners of the Area 1 contest will receive for **1st Place, \$150; 2nd Place, \$100; and 3rd Place, \$75**. The 2nd place finisher will serve as the alternate to the District 5190 contest, if the 1st place finisher is unable to participate. The winners of the District 5190 contest will receive for **1st Place, \$1,000; 2nd Place, \$750; and 3rd Place, \$500**. All 4th Place finishers will receive a \$50 cash prize for their participation. ***Students must be available for all three levels to enter the competition.***

CONTEST RULES

Your Speech should be 5 to 7 minutes in length. Penalties will be assessed for speeches less than 5 minutes and more than 7 minutes.

1. NOTES: Contestants may use written notes at the club and area contests ONLY, speeches must be memorized at the District level. **2. MICROPHONE:** A microphone must be used at the District contest. **3. PROPS:** No displays, props or prompting is allowed. **4. JUDGES:** Use of 4 judges and 1 tiebreaker judge at all contests. **5. ARRIVAL TIME:** All contestants MUST arrive at contest location NO LATER than 10 minutes before the start of the contest. Late arrivals will be DISQUALIFIED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Judging will be based on the following: ***Delivery. Enunciation & Pronunciation***, can you understand the speaker's words easily, without straining? Does the speaker pronounce words clearly and correctly? ***Expressiveness & Poise***, does the speaker change pace, sentence structure, and volume levels? Does the speaker stand straight, maintain eye contact, and gesture appropriately? ***Sense of Humor***, is there a light touch? Does the speaker enjoy the topic? Is the humor poignant? ***Sincerity & Tone***, does the speaker believe what he or she is saying, or is the speech just so many words? Delivery is the tiebreaker, so pay close attention to your delivery. ***Originality. Uniqueness***, have you heard these points before, or is this a new way of approaching the topic? ***Imagination***, are the illustrations unexpected, fresh? Is this creative, original and unconventional? ***Engaging***, is the audience rapt? Are they really tuned into the speaker or merely listening politely? ***Content. Relevance to Subject***, is the opening relevant to the development of the topic, or is it merely dramatic? Are the stories and anecdotes critical to the main idea of the speech, or are they merely colorful? ***Logical Development***, could you easily outline the speech? The opening and conclusion should consolidate the approach to the topic. ***Clarity of Ideas***, are the major points clear, and are they supported by convincing data or logic?

This is a serious competition that provides you an opportunity to build and test your skills, earn some serious cash and WOW your friends, teachers, family and the community. For more information or to submit your Student Entry Form contact Rotarian Jim Chapman, email: lassenadd@gmail.com or cell phone: 530.251.6828.