

# Rotary Club Speaking Contest

## **Guidelines for Judges**

- 1) Be willing to dedicate the necessary time so that all candidates are given an equal opportunity.
- 2) Arrive early and stay until all winners are announced.
- 3) Be willing to read the rules of the contest prior to the contest.
- 4) Be willing to familiarize yourself with the scoring criteria prior to the competition.
- 5) Be willing to ask questions of contest officials should clarification be needed.
- 6) Be willing to assess fairly and adequately the best contestant in the program.
- 7) Be willing to consider the work of all contestants with an open mind. One may not agree with a particular position or line of reasoning, but one should be willing to recognize and acknowledge a well-crafted argument and presentation.
- 8) Be willing to not discuss any phase of the contest or one's judging methods with anyone except the chairperson of the contest.
- 9) Be willing to understand that impartial judging is the key to fairness and the ultimate success of the program.
- 10) Be willing to be a part of an experience that you will never forget.