

ANNOUNCING the 2018-19 ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST

ABOUT THE CONTEST

- Speech Contest Topic / Theme (at right)
- Speeches are to be 5-8 minutes duration.
- All High School Students within Rotary District 6710's Service Area are eligible .
- Winners of each Contest Division advance to the next division level.
- Judging criteria include Delivery, Originality, and Content

Rotarian David Eddy and Rotarian President Chuck Butcher will be happy to assist you with your speech writing and presentation skills.
Please call Mr. Eddy at 502 525-8639

4 CONTEST LEVELS

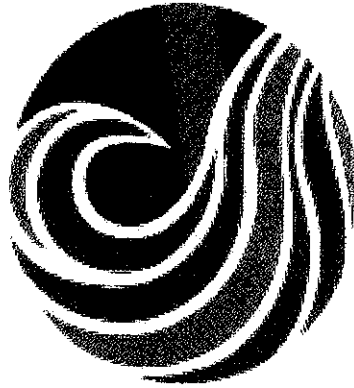
Bedford Rotary Club Contest
February 26, 2019
Local Club Contests
Feb. 1 to Mar. 8, 2019

Sectional Contests
March 13 to 29, 2019

Regional Contests
April 17 to May 3, 2019

District Finals May 18, 2019

THIS YEAR'S SPEECH TOPIC



BE THE INSPIRATION

CASH PRIZES

LOCAL CLUB LEVEL:

1st - \$300; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100

SECTIONAL LEVEL:

1st - \$400; 2nd - \$200; 3rd - \$100

REGIONAL LEVEL:

1st - \$500; 2nd - \$300

DISTRICT FINALS:

1st - \$1,000; 2nd - \$500; 3rd - \$500

District Finals Winner
winnings will total \$ 2,200.00

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Google your local Rotary Club

or

Stop by the School Office

or visit

www.rotaryclubofbedford.org

and look for

Rotary Youth Service

Speech Contest

2018-19 DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST TOPIC

: 10-25-18

The Rotary District 6710 Speech Contest is now in its 25th year. Since its inception, the annual topic for the Speech Contest has been the Rotary International President's chosen 'Theme'. This year's RI President Barry Rassin, whose home Rotary Club is East Nassau in the Bahamas, Rotary, has selected as Rotary's 2018-19 theme - "**Be the Inspiration.**"

President Rassin states that "Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." This distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We **unite**, because we know that we are far stronger together than we would ever be alone. We **take action**, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work together **to create lasting change** that will endure long after our involvement has ended - **across the globe and in our communities**. And perhaps most important of all, we work to **create change in ourselves** - not just building a better world around us but becoming better people.

President Rassin continues "Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing - to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It's what made us become members, it's what motivates us to serve, and it's what led me to choose our theme for Rotary this year - **Be the Inspiration.**"

"Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a larger global ecology. This year I ask all of you to be the Inspiration for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It's time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities - and essential for the better healthier future we strive for." "Be the inspiration - and together we can, and we will, inspire the world!"

The District 6710 Speech Contest is open for all Kentucky High School Students who reside within the District's service area, which is basically the western half of the state. Students should prepare their speech by addressing this year's Topic. This can be applied to the student's personal observations and

experiences or to Rotary or other organizations who have similarly engaged and had a significant impact on a personal, local, national, or international level.

Speeches may, but do not have to, reference Rotary and/or its purpose and past accomplishments. The real objective for each speech is for the student to address the topic on a personal level. What feelings, memories or insights does the student have from past experiences. What has the student or someone the student knows done that has really made a difference in their life? How has that contributed to the betterment of the world within and without?



BE THE INSPIRATION

Speeches may not be read, although cue cards or notes will be permitted but only at the local club level contests. Please note that excessive reference to notes or reading of speeches at the club level contests detract from the student's delivery and will likely result in lower scores. Speeches must be memorized for all advanced contests. There will be speeches at the club level and three advanced levels - Sectionals, Regionals and Finals. Prize values increase with each advanced contest. The District Winner will have finished first at all four contest levels with total winnings of \$2,200.

Detailed questions may be directed to your local Rotary Club or to the District Speech Contest Coordinators listed on the Rotary District 6710 web site and in the Speech Contest packets. For the latest contest information, students are encouraged to visit our web site at www.rotarydistrict6710.org and click on the Youth Services tag under Committees and Programs. Here you can find downloadable Speech Contest packets and other valuable information. Any changes in the advanced contest schedule will be posted there, as well as tracking the contest as it progresses, posting contest rule clarifications, schedules, times, locations, prizes and reference links and materials that may be helpful to student contestants. We urge all to check the Speech Contest Pages on the District 6710 web site frequently as they prepare for the contest.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST

RULES AND PROCEDURES

10-25-18

1. WHY THE CONTEST:

The District Speech Contest offers high school students an opportunity to speak on a meaningful topic, to sharpen their speaking skills, and to gain recognition in addition to monetary rewards. By participating in the Contests, students will learn about Rotary, its history, and its worldwide mission. Students will also be presented with the potential of establishing a more meaningful relationship with Rotary through one of its Interact or Rotaract Clubs or through direct involvement with its local Rotary Club. Rotarians will benefit by having a club project that provides an opportunity for local high school students to showcase their talents and that contributes to the student's continuing education. Club members learn more about Rotary and their local high schools and students. A good partnership for club and student.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any high school student (freshman through senior) residing within District 6710's boundaries (Generally the Western half of Kentucky) is eligible. **Students of Rotarians MAY NOW PARTICIPATE in their parent's or relative's Club Contest** if that club is their school's closest Rotary Club and providing their parents or relatives do not serve in any capacity in the staging of the club contest. Private, public, and home taught high school students are eligible to compete. They will be assigned to the nearest club holding a contest. **Students may enter only one Rotary Club contest. Students entering more than one club contest will be disqualified from both, will surrender any prize money awarded, and an alternate based on finish will be selected to fill the slot.** Clubs are to open their contest to all high school students in their service area. Students from more than one school and more than one student from any one school may end up competing in a club's contest. There may be certain additional rules and restrictions that apply to the Metro Louisville Contest and these would be specifically addressed in the Metro Speech Contest Packets.

3. HOW TO BECOME A CONTESTANT:

Students should enter the Speech Contest of the nearest Rotary Club having a contest in their area by completing an application / release form for the contest. These forms should be available in their high school office, guidance office, speech teachers office, their local Rotary Club or on the Rotary District 6710 web site (www.rotarydistrict6710.org) under the youth services and speech contest tabs. It is highly recommended that all students interested in the contest enroll in the contest as early as possible and no later than the start of the Winter Holiday Break. Entry forms must be competed and submitted or a student will not be allowed to compete.

4. COMPOSING & DELIVERING THE SPEECH:

Students are expected to research and address the speech topic. Students are to read the Speech Contest Topic sheet that is part of the Speech Contest Packet. Students may consult teachers, parents, Rotary members or others for coaching or assistance, but each student must write their speech. Any part of the speech from other sources must be acknowledged in the speech delivery. Students should become familiar with the contest rules and scoring system. Time limits for speeches is 5 to 8 minutes. Students may use notes or cue cards while delivering their speech at the club level contests however, students will be downscored if they read their speeches. **Student Contestants who win their club contests must deliver their advanced contest speech (levels beyond the club level) without reading or using notes or cue cards. There will be no exceptions to this rule.** Students who read or use notes at advanced contests will be penalized points, which will significantly affect their scores and jeopardize their chances of winning.

5. CONDUCTING THE CONTEST:

The Local Rotary Club Director responsible for Vocational Service, or a person designated by each club, shall serve as Club Speech Contest Chairperson. **The Chair is responsible for contacting schools, gathering applications, managing and scheduling the club speech contest, reporting the contest winners, and enforcing contest rules.** The Chairperson will be in charge of the club contest which will be held at a regular or special club meeting. **Only one contestant per club may advance to the next contest level.** The second place winner shall serve as an alternate, in the event that the club winner cannot participate at the next level contest. Each sponsoring club is responsible for seeing that their winning contestant is advised of the location, time and date of the next level (Sectional) contest.

6. PROTOCOL:

For fairness, contestants should be introduced as Contestant A, B, C, etc., not by names or schools. After the speeches, while Judges, Timekeepers, and Tellers are at work, contestants should introduce themselves and their guests and provide a few words about their background, interests, and what they intend to pursue in their future studies and careers. No one should be allowed to enter or leave the room during a speech. No speech should be applauded, as this may influence scoring. Applause can take place after all contestants have delivered speeches and contestants are asked to introduce themselves.

7. JUDGING AND SCORING:

If contestants use notes at any advanced contest level, there will be a deduction of 25 points off their score. Judges shall weigh each speech on basis of 1 to 100 points using these criteria: 1-30 for Delivery; 1-35 for Originality; 1-35 for Content. Score sheets are included in the Speech Packets and shall be used by each judge. In addition to the quality and delivery of the speeches, the Judges will be scoring on whether the speech addresses the assigned topic or theme.

At least three Judges; two Timekeepers; and two Tellers should be on hand for each round of the Speech Contest. At least one of the Judges should be a Rotarian, whether from the club conducting the contest or from another club. Other candidates for Speech Contest Judges include teachers, administrators, government officials, etc. Contestants shall be allowed to have their parents or family members on hand at all contests. Timekeepers will time the speeches, and Tellers will compute the scores and assign penalties, if any. Final scoring will be calculated on a weighted point system per judge with 5 points going to each judge's highest score, 3 points to 2nd place and 1 point to 3rd.

7. CONTEST MANAGEMENT:

Club Speech Contest winners shall advance to the area Sectional Contest. The winner from each of the 6 Sectional Contests will advance to one of the three Regional Contests and Regional winners advance to the District Finals. Regional Speech Contest Coordinators shall be responsible for coordinating the Sectional and Regional Contests in their Region. The District Speech Contest Chair will manage all levels of the contest and conduct the Speech Finals Contest. Area Assistant Governors are requested to assist the advanced contest coordinators when asked.

8. PRIZES:

Each participant Rotary Club shall be responsible for their club's cash award prizes of \$300 to first, \$200 to second and \$100 to third place finishers. At each club's discretion, additional prizes may be offered if there are more than three contestants. All prizes for contests beyond the club level will be provided by the District. Advanced Contest Prize amounts shall be determined yearly and published in the Speech Packets.

9. PUBLICITY:

Each Club Speech Contest Chairperson/Coordinator is responsible to see that all High Schools in their service area are contacted and provided speech contest packets and entry forms or advised how to download them from the District Web Site. Contest posters should be provided for posting in each High School. Assistance from the principal, assistants, guidance counselors, speech teacher, debate coach, or other faculty members or parents is essential for the success of the students and of the program. The Club Speech Contest Chairperson is also responsible for publicity - providing press releases to the local media (radio, television, newspapers) about the contest and announcing and reporting contest winners. School newspapers and announcements should also be used to get the word out.

10. DISTRICT WEB SITE:

Contest Packets, resources and up to the minute information will be available at the District 6710 web site, www.rotarydistrict6710.org. Look under Youth Services and the Speech Contest tabs.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6710 SPEECH CONTEST CONTACTS

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	<i>NAME</i>	<i>PHONE</i>
1. LOCAL CLUB CONTEST CHAIR:	Betsy Liston	502 727-8939
2. ROTARY CONTACTS		
District Contest Coordinator:	STAN KLAUSING	502-415-8064
West Region Coordinator	LAURA DUFF	270-556-2015
Central Region Coordinator	NANCY STEARMAN	270-405-3314
Metro Louisville Coordinator	MIKE BRUMLEVE	502-291-7351
East Region Coordinator	STAN KLAUSING	502-415-8064
Area Assistant Governor See District Directory	Gail Story	gail.story@dgvservices.com
Club President:	Charles Butcher	641 757-1362
Club Secretary:	JaMae Pyles	502 255-3639
3. SCHOOL CONTACTS		
High School Principal:	Tracy Poe	502 255-7781
English Dept. Head or Teacher:	N/A	
Speech / Debate Coach:	N/A	
Other School Contacts:	Kyle Helton	502 255-5100 X 2004
4. MEDIA:		
Newspaper:	Jacob Blair	502 255-3205
Radio:	N/A	
Television:	Debbie Crawford	502 255-5100 X 1046
School Paper:	N/A	
PTA:	N/A	
5. JUDGES: Min 3, 5 preferred		
Name:		
Name:		
Name:		
Name:		
Name:		
6. TIMEKEEPERS:		
Name:		
Name:		
7. SCORE KEEPERS / TELLERS:		
Name:		
Name:		

ROTARY DISTRICT 6710
Speech Contest Student Entry Form



THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY EACH STUDENT CONTESTANT

Student Name:			Class: PLEASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FR	JR
			Age: _____	SO	SR
Street Address:					
City:			Zip Code:		
Name of School:					
Student E-Mail:					
	Home Phone		Cell Phone:		

Currently I am enrolled at the above named school and wish to enter the Rotary District 6710 Speech Contest. It is my understanding that I am to present a 5 to 8 minute speech on this year's Rotary Speech Contest Topic by participating in a locally sponsored Rotary Club Speech Contest. If I am successful, I will advance to a Sectional Contest, followed by a Regional Contest and then a District Final Contest. I also hereby consent to Rotary District 6710 publishing my photo or speech delivery to local newspapers and to the District Web site to publicize the winners and promote future Rotary Speech Contests. If I am not 18 years old, my parent or guardian gives their consent by signing below.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Students are to Return this Completed Form to their Rotary Club Representative or School Official

Please return to the front office Thank You!	
Name of Sponsoring Rotary Club Bedford Rotary Club	Club Speech Chair Betsy Liston
P.O. Box 62 Bedford, KY 40006	Club Speech Chair Phone Number 502 727-8939
Club Mailing Address	Club Speech Chair E-Mail betsyrush@aol.com