

Attention: High School Students and Faculty



ROTARY CLUB OF MURRIETA

Presents the

**2024 Marsha Hall Brown Memorial
4-Way SPEECH CONTEST**

6 PM Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Location: Murrieta Valley Unified School District Headquarters, 41870 McAlby Court, Murrieta CA 92562

Prizes: Club Level: First \$350; Second \$250; Third \$150.

The Murrieta Rotary's first place winner will compete in the **District 5330 Finals:**
Sat. March 2, 2024 – 4-Way Test Speech Contest Finals @ 9:00 am at the Beaumont Presbyterian Church located at 702 Euclid Avenue, Beaumont CA, 92223.

Sat. March 16, 2024 – The District contest winner will give their speech at the Paul Harris Society and Polio Plus dinner which will be held at the Victoria Club in Riverside, CA.

District finalists will compete for cash prizes of First place-\$700, Second Place-\$600, Third place-\$500, Fourth place-\$400.

Eligibility: Students must currently attend a public or private high school, charter school, or home school within Rotary District 5330. **STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THE APPLICATION FORM plus the BIOGRAPHICAL FORM (PAGES 5 AND 6 ATTACHED) AND DELIVER BY EMAIL NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15 TO: MurrietaRotary@gmail.com.**

Speakers who are accepted for the Murrieta Rotary contest will receive an email confirmation. No student may compete in more than one Rotary Club contest in any one year. The first place winner of the Murrieta Rotary Club Speech Contest is eligible to compete in successive years. A District first place winner (finals) may not participate again.

Topics for Speeches: The topics for speeches are to be of current interest and importance and must include and use concepts from the Rotary Four-Way Test as methods of discussion or analysis in the body of the speech. In other words, concepts from the Four-Way Test are to be integrated into the main points of the speech. Topics must be appropriate to analysis by the concepts of the test. For example, it would be far-fetched to discuss terrorism or war in terms of the test concepts. A brief reference to the Four-Way Test in the introduction and/or conclusion is not sufficient.

The Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things that 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?

The Purpose of the Speech is to address an ethical problem using the principles of the Four-Way Test. The problem to be discussed should be something from the speaker's personal experience, general knowledge, or research. It also may be

the result of a course of study covered in school. It is recommended that the introduction of the speech include a clear statement of purpose.

The goal of the speech may be either informative or persuasive. Speakers are urged to develop speech content that is stronger in fact and evidence using research citations rather than emotion, feelings, and opinion.

Content of the Speech: the original work of the speaker, free from plagiarism and free from language that is obscene, profane, unpatriotic, racist or intolerant. Keep in mind that an essay does not transfer into a successful speech. Speakers are advised to use conversational style with short, clear sentences.

If quotations are used they must be necessary, very short, and must be identified verbally. For example, "In the words of Winston Churchill, he says that" Nonverbal finger quotes are not appropriate. When presenting important facts from print research, cite the sources in the following manner: "As I read in *Time Magazine* last month, it reports that" Or "According to the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in June of this year, I found that ..."

The speech should be organized with four essential parts: attention getter (this may be a statement or rhetorical question), introduction, body, and conclusion. The main points, facts, discussion, explanation, and examples should be in the body of the speech. **No visual aids are to be used.**

Delivery: Speakers are to deliver an **extemporaneous** speech. That means that the speech will be planned, written (at least in outline form), and practiced for ease of delivery. One side of three 3x5 file cards may be used to aid delivery. **No more than three file cards may be used.** The speech must not be read/delivered from a manuscript or any other word-for-word notes.

Judges will evaluate the speakers' delivery from the following: **volume, vocal variety and clarity, speed of delivery, pronunciation, and non-verbal cues (eye-contact, posture, natural hand gestures, confidence, and professional appearance).**

Judges and Timekeepers: there will be five judges and two time-keepers. The score sheets and time sheets are confidential, and the decision of the judges is final. If there is a protest against any speech or speaker, such protest must be presented in writing to the Murrieta Rotary Club Speech Chairperson, Tom Grimes, prior to the judges' decision and awards. There will be no tie awards. Judges will deliberate and vote to break any tie. Judges will report the winners to the chairperson in written form.

Timing: Each speech must be at least five minutes in length and must not exceed eight minutes. There will be a 2 point penalty for every 15 second increment over eight minutes or under five minutes. The timer will signal any speaker at the eight minute mark.

Disqualification: Any competitor will be disqualified if he or she arrives after a contest has begun, or if the speech is determined to be profane, obscene, unpatriotic, racist or intolerant, or if the speech is plagiarized.

ENTRY CERTIFICATES This competition is limited to 15 speakers and speakers will be entered on a time of receipt basis. An entry confirmation message will be sent to each speaker entered in the contest.

REQUIRED: Fill out **two pages 5 and 6** and submit via email as directed.

Important Notice: This application is required for competition; Submit no later than Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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Student Entry Form TYPE OR PRINT

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher/Coach/Mentor (required): _____

Student Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Student E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

First time Murrieta Rotary contest speaker? Yes__ No __

The Club Competition will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, starting at 6:00 PM. The District 5330 Competition will be held at Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 9:00 am at the Beaumont Presbyterian Church in Beaumont, CA.

All contestants must be available to speak at both club and district events in order to enter the club contest. Should the Murrieta Club winner not be able to compete, the second place winner shall be the alternate speaker. You are representing: Murrieta Rotary Club. Please read and initial the following:

Yes, I will be available for the Murrieta Rotary Club Contest on January 31 _____

Yes, if selected as the club winner or alternate, I will be available to speak at the District Final on March 2 _____

I agree to abide by the rules of the Rotary Club of Murrieta Speech Contest _____

I am in complete understanding of the fact that my speech must be my own original creation and free from plagiarism and language that is obscene, profane, unpatriotic, racist, or intolerant. ADDED REQUIREMENT: I am enclosing with this entry form an outline, a synopsis, or a brief explanation of my speech _____

Student Signature: (required) _____

Please return this completed and signed entry form WITH SPEECH TOPIC INFORMATION and student biography VIA EMAIL to **Marsha Hall Brown Memorial Speech Contest**, via **Email: Murrieta Rotary@gmail.com**.

Entries must be submitted by Wednesday January 17, 2024.

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Speaker Biography and Fact Sheet

Please print or type

Student Name: _____ Age _____ Grade _____

High School: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

High School Contact Person (faculty or coach): _____

Student/Speaker e-mail _____

Home Contact Information (Parent(s) or Guardian): _____

Home Telephone Contact: _____

Please list your goals, educational plans, hobbies, special interests, activities and clubs:

Include the title or topic of your proposed speech (a one paragraph synopsis or short outline)
