

ROTARY CLUB OF AUGUSTA **SPEECH CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

INFORMATION

The Rotary Club of Augusta sponsors a speech contest for high school students in Richmond and Columbia Counties. The 1st place award is \$800, and the 2nd place award is \$400. Both winners will then compete at the Rotary Zone level. The Zone winner will present his or her winning speech at the Rotary District Conference in April 2020 where he or she will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Rotary Club of Augusta contest will be on February 18, 2020 at the Augusta-Richmond County Library auditorium beginning at 9:30 a.m. at 823 Telfair Street. The 1st and 2nd place winners will present their speeches at noon on February 24, 2020 to the Rotary Club, where they will receive their awards. **PARENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATIONS at the Library and at the Rotary Club meeting at Enterprise Mill, 1450 Greene Street (next to Fat Man's Café).**

Students must write and present a speech of 3-4 minutes in length on one of two topics. One is the Rotary 4-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?”

If you choose the 4-Way Test as your topic, think about what those principles mean to you personally and how you think applying them in daily life will benefit you and those around you. How will applying these principles help you be successful? For more information, go to www.Rotary.org.

The second topic is the Rotary International President's theme for 2019-20, “ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD.” The President believes that “connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience. Rotary allows members to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.” (For more information, go to www.Rotary.org). Think about what this concept means in our divided world and how subscribing to this principle could help reduce the differences among us.

You may register to compete in the Rotary Club of Augusta Speech contest by completing the attached registration form and submitting it to RotarySpeechContest@Geraldwoods.net. You may contact Gerald Woods at Jerry@geraldwoods.net or (706) 951-2366 for further information or if you would like assistance regarding your public speaking skills. The Augusta-Richmond County Public Library will be offering a public speaking workshop. You may obtain further information by contacting the Library at (706) 821-2600.

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 7, 2020. Further details will be provided to registrants.