

Rotary 2017-2018 Speech Contest

Brief Facts

- **TOPIC: “Making a Difference”**
- **CONTEST DATES:**
 - Club Contests – Before January 31, 2018
 - Area Contests - Before February 28, 2018
 - District Finals – March 24, 2018
- **LENGTH: 5 Minutes** – penalty for more than 30 seconds short or long
- **AUDIO/VIDEO:** Use of audio/visual equipment and/or materials is prohibited
- Each year, the Rotary International President chooses a theme. This year’s President, Ian Riseley, has chosen the theme “Rotary: Making A Difference”. **Our speech contest topic is “Making A Difference”.** The main emphasis is to be on how this topic applies to you and your life as your future dreams and plans unfold through pursuit of education and involvement in community service. **You must include in your speech Rotarians accomplishments with regard to Rotary: Making A Difference.** You are encouraged to begin your research at www.rotary.org.
- Speeches will be judged on:
 - Quality of Thought
 - Organization of Thought
 - Vocal Delivery
 - Physical Delivery
 - Overall Effectiveness
 - Length of Speech
 - Inclusion of Rotary in the speech
- Your friends and family are welcome to attend and cheer you on. [Indicate meal charge if there is one for the guests.]

For further information contact:

Club Contest Chairman [name] [phone number] [email]

The Rotary Club of [name of club]

Club Contest Date: [day of week and date] Time: [time and AM or PM]

Location: [meeting venue – include name of facility but also street address for GPS use]