

Rotary 2019-2020 Speech Contest

Brief Facts

- **TOPIC: Connecting with the World through Leadership and Service**
- **CONTEST DATES:**
 - Club Contests – Before January 31, 2020
 - Area Contests - Before February 28, 2020
 - District Contest – March 21, 2019 - Merced County Office of Education, Room J-2, 632 West 13th Street, Merced
 - District Winner must attend the District 5220 Conference – April 24-26, 2020 at Tenaya Lodge, Fish Camp
- **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, Mark Daniel Maloney, has chosen the theme "**Rotary Connects the World**". Our membership connects us to a global community through our projects and programs. Our service connects us to people who share our values and who want to take action for a better world.
- **Our speech contest topic is "Connecting with the World through Leadership and Service."** 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 Connecting the World.** You are encouraged to begin your research at www.rotary.org.
- Please do not give your name during your speech. You may share general information about your school and yourself as illustrations of the theme: **Connecting with the World through Leadership and Service**
- Speeches will be judged on:
 - Inclusion of Rotary in the Speech
 - Quality of Thought
 - Organization of Thought
 - Vocal Delivery
 - Physical Delivery
 - Overall Effectiveness
 - Length of 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] _____