ENTER THE ROTARY ‘FOUR-WAY TEST’ CONTEST!

What do I have to do?
6th grade: create a video about the Rotary 4-way test
7th grade: create a video or write an essay about the 4-way test
8th grade: create a video or deliver a speech about the 4-way test

What is the 4-way test? It is a set of four questions to apply to complex situations that will help you make good choices. Ask yourself before you act:

“Is it the TRUTH?”
“Is it FAIR to all concerned?”
“Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?”
“Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

Who will I compete against?
- Other students from LOJ and Lakeridge Middle School.

What are the prizes for winning?
- Money!! (See back side for amounts.)
- Fame, a fancy lunch, a cool brag on your college applications

Can I see examples of successful videos?
https://youtu.be/0QNbNcdv-8U or this one:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOsJZWArRA
**Who judges my entry?** Members of the Rotary will judge your speech or essay entry. If you choose to create a video, Lake Oswego teachers Mr. Zurcher and Mr. Hesselbein will be the judges.

Lake Oswego Rotary Club Presents  
2020 Four-Way Test Competition

The purpose of the Rotary Essay, Speech, and Video contest is the same, no matter which of the three communication mediums you enter. Your goal will be to create a message about the value of the Rotary Four-Way Test. Essentially, the Four-Way Test helps one to consider truthfulness, fairness, friendship, good will, and serving others in relation to things we think, say, or do. Your statement should be a personal, sincere expression of how the Rotary Four-Way Test can make a difference in your life and in the lives of others.

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<td><strong>7th grade:</strong> Students will write an essay that contains both informative and narrative elements about the value and application of the Four-Way Test.</td>
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| 300-400 words in length  
(not including works cited)  
Must be original  
MUST INCLUDE:  
- What is the Rotary Four-Way Test?  
- Where did it come from and what was its purpose?  
- How can we benefit from the use of the Four-Way Test?  
- What example can you share about a time when the Rotary Four-Way Test would have helped you or did help you in making an important decision?  
- What do you conclude about the value of the Four-Way Test?  
Include works cited (MLA format) at the bottom of your essay. | 3:20 – 4:30 minutes in length  
Must be original  
MUST INCLUDE:  
- What the Rotary Four-Way Test is.  
- How the Four-Way Test is relevant to your life.  
- An anecdote (story) about a time when the Rotary Four-Way Test would have helped you or did help you in making a decision.  
- Consideration of the value of the Rotary Four-Way Test to your future decisions and actions. | 3-4 minutes in length  
Must be original  
The creative video shall be used to apply the Four-Way Test’s ethical principles in real life situations. The video can include songs, skits, poems, or a dramatic piece.  
**YOU MUST**  
- NOT include profanity  
- Provide your name in the video  
- Go to the Google Classroom using code: ajxjb1. View last year’s entries for ideas and submit your own video entry for this year. |

**DUE DATE:** March 6, 2020

**ESSAYS AND SPEECHES**

**LMS:** March 4, 2019  
**LOJHS:** March 6, 2019

Winners from each school will compete at a Rotary meeting on March 16 to determine a statewide contest participant.

**SPEECH COMPETITION DATES**

**DUE DATE:** April 1, 2020

1st place (each school): **$100**  
2nd place (each school): **$50**
| 1<sup>st</sup> place (each school): $100 | 1<sup>st</sup> place (each school): $100 |
| 2<sup>nd</sup> place (each school): $50 | 2<sup>nd</sup> place (each school): $50 |
| State winner: Amount TBA |

*Interested in learning about the mechanics of creating a video for this project? See below:
LOJ: Tues., Mar. 10 library Advisory
LMS: Contact Mrs. Davidson

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### What is Rotary?
Lake Oswego Rotary is a service club whose members come together to embrace a common purpose of benefiting others through community service as well as providing humanitarian help to those in need within our community, throughout our nation, and around the world.

### What are Rotary’s Core Values?
Values are firmly held beliefs that provide meaning and purpose to one’s life and help to guide our intentions, decisions, and actions. Living up to one’s beliefs forms the foundations of one’s character and integrity. Rotary core values are as follows:

1. **Service**: To be a Rotary club committed to supporting the positive development and success of deserving individuals, organizations and causes.
2. **Leadership**: To be a Rotary service club where the individual and collective voice and leadership abilities of all club members are actively engaged in accomplishing the club's mission and priorities.
3. **Integrity**: To be a Rotary club committed to supporting others, founded on the principles of forthright, ethical, values-driven service to our community and the world.
4. **Fellowship**: To be a Rotary club with a vital and uplifting energy, where members appreciate and enjoy each other's friendship as well as the club's spirit of camaraderie.
5. **Diversity**: To be a Rotary club that respects and values all people, irrespective of race, gender, religion, culture, or ethnicity.

### What is the Rotary Four-Way Test?
Rotarians are guided by four fundamental ethical questions characterized as **The Four-Way Test** when considering choices, expressing opinions, and taking actions.

“Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

### Purpose of the contest
- **The Rotary Speech, Essay, and Video Contest** challenges are all focused on thinking about the nature and importance of truth, fairness, goodwill, friendship and benefiting others in one’s life.
- All contest entries should assess and demonstrate the value of the Rotary Four-Way Test as a guide when considering choices, expressing opinions, and/or taking actions.
● All contest entries should communicate a coherent, insightful argument for the importance and challenges of living a life of integrity enhanced by service to others.
● All contest entries should also include a personal example that you have experienced or witnessed where the Four-Way Test could have helped you or others make a better choice.

Sample Winning Videos of Rotary 4-Way Test (go to these links)
https://youtu.be/0QNbNcdv-8U or this one https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOsJZBWAaRA