

# Rotary 2020-2021 Speech Contest

## Brief Facts

- **TOPIC: Together We Open Opportunities**
- **CONTEST DATES:**
  - Club Contests – Before January 31, 2021
  - Area Contests - Before February 28, 2021
  - District Contest – March 20, 2021 - Merced County Office of Education, Room J-2, 632 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced
  - District Winner must attend the District 5220 Conference – June 4-6, 2020 at Granlibakken Resort Tahoe City, CA
- **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, Holger Knaack, has chosen the theme "**Rotary Opens Opportunities**". 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 "Together We Open Opportunities."** 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 "Together We Open Opportunities"**. You are encouraged to begin your research at [www.rotary.org](http://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: "**Together We Open Opportunities 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] \_\_\_\_\_