

September 2009

TO: High School English, Social Studies and Speech Teachers

RE: Cucamonga District Host Lions Club Speaker Contest, February 9, 2010 in the Thomas Room at Lions Center East on Baseline Road in Rancho Cucamonga at 7:00pm

Dear Teachers and Students,

We are looking for students from your school interested in winning a \$25 prize for a 5 to 10 minute speech. Students from each participating high school will win \$25. One student will be selected as a winner and receive a \$50 cash prize. The winner will go on to other contest/s and those prizes are listed.

Zone: \$75

Region: \$125

District: \$4,000 scholarship

Area: \$6,500 scholarship

Final: \$10,000 scholarship (*Statewide*)

For the student who wins all levels, they win a cumulative total of \$21,250.

Again, students from your school will be guaranteed a \$25 or \$50 prize if they participate. Email if you have questions or need more information. You must **contact Jennifer Thompson at 909-899-7183 by February 1, 2010** with name of student/s who will be participating from your high school.

The topic of the speech is

“UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE - HOW WILL IT AFFECT US?”

Some of the rules:

Speeches *must* be more than 5 minutes, but *no more* than 10 minutes and reflect the assigned topic.

Do not mention your name or where you are from.

Do not use any props, display boards or uniforms.

Do not wear a wristwatch.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Thompson at (909) 899-7183.

Date of contest will be on February 9, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Filippi Room in Lions Center West at 9161 Baseline Road in Alta Loma.

Good Luck!

For more information visit www.cucamongadistricthostlions.org

Cucamonga District Host Lions Club Speech Contest Rules

1. No one may enter or leave the room while a contestant is speaking. Entry or departure to the room can be made during the intermissions.
2. There is no smoking. There is also no food, beverages or water during the contest, except intermissions.
3. Do not applaud the speakers until after the judge's work-sheets have been collected.
4. Each speaker is allowed ten minutes, but no warning signals shall be given.
5. There will be a quiet three minute intermission between and after speakers to allow judges to complete scoring. There shall be no conferring with judges during the contest.
6. No photography, video or audio taping will be allowed during the contest.
7. All noise emitting electronic devices such as phones, beepers, etc. will be turned off until the contest is completed.
8. Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the chairperson (or her designee) before the winner is announced.
9. The contest chairperson (or her designee) shall review and verify the teller's worksheets before announcing the results.

Speech Evaluation Standards

The judges will have in mind the following factors as they listen to each of the speeches.

Points indicated are maximum scores (penalty for being under 5 minutes or over 10).

1. THE TEXT ALONE (Thought content) Did the speaker present important ideas?
 - a. Originality. 10 points
 - b. Did the speech adhere to the subject title? 10 points
 - c. Quality of material. 20 points
2. DELIVERY ALONE Did the speaker give a formal public speech?
 - a. Emphasis, voice control. 10 points
 - b. Enunciation, pronunciation. 10 points
 - c. Sincerity, enthusiasm, poise. 10 points
3. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFORT AS A WHOLE.
 - a. Was the speech a well rounded, cohesive effort? 10 points
 - b. Did it have logic and organization? 10 points
 - c. Was the speaker persuasive? 10 points

Speakers will be called only by number in order. The numbers/order will be drawn at random before the contest.

Speakers and judges will be introduced only after the tellers have collected all worksheets and have retired from the room.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION:

1. USE OR DISPLAY OF PROPS OF ANY NATURE.
2. UNIFORMS OR ANY METHOD OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION.
3. USE OF PROMPTERS.
4. PUBLICATION OF SPEECH, EXCEPT FOR VERY BRIEF QUOTATIONS, IN ANY MEDIA PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE FINAL CONTEST.
5. PARTICIPATION IN MORE THAN ONE LIONS CLUB CONTEST DURING THE CONTEST YEAR.
6. WATCHES MAY NOT BE WORN OR USED BY THE CONTESTANTS DURING THE CONTEST.

When going above club level contest, you must site the source of quoted material and use only one 3x5 (both sides) note card.

Violation of these rules must result in disqualification of the speaker by the chairperson, whose decision shall be final. Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the chairperson before the winner is announced.

The number of participants at the club level varies. We have had as few as one, and as many as 8. At the Zone level and above there are 3 or 4 participants for each level.