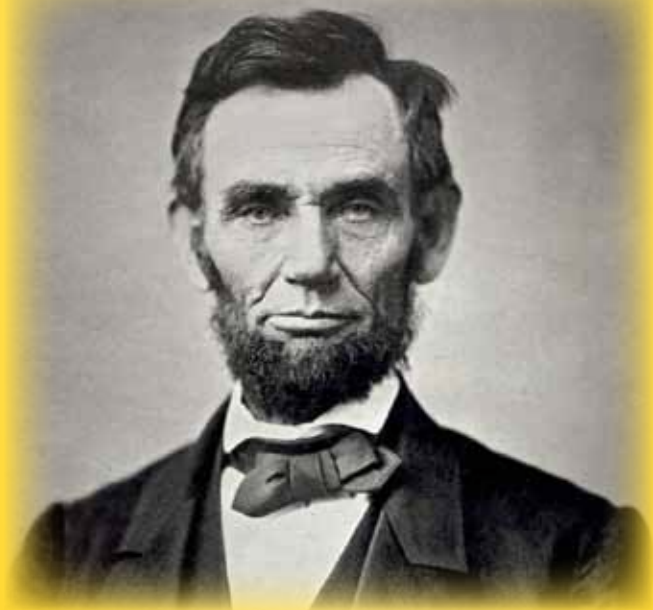


81th ANNUAL
**STUDENT
SPEAKERS
CONTEST**

2017-2018

Topic

**“Integrity and Civility
Play What Role in Today’s Society?”**



Sponsored by



*Multiple District Four
California Lions*

This Student Speakers contest year
is dedicated to honor
Past District Governor Ken Sherwood,
President 2012-2015 of the Lions Fourth District
Student Speakers Foundation, Inc.



*P*DG Ken Sherwood, Jr. had been a Lion since 1982, a second generation Lion following in his father's "paw prints". Ken's passion for the MD-4 Student Speakers Contest arose out of a visitation to a Club in the Foothill Region that was holding their Club Student Speakers Contest. The Contest fired Lion Ken up. He went home, woke his teenage son, Ken, III, and told him to compose a speech so he could compete the following evening at Ken's home Lions Club Student Speakers Contest. Ken realized how important public speaking and communication skills were to the youth of California.

He was inspired by PDG and Past-President of the Student Speaker Foundation, Seely Kondris, to become active in the MD-4 Student Speakers Contest program. PDG Ken served as a Club, Zone and Region Student Speaker Chair and in 1998-99 became the District 4-L4 Student Speakers Contest Chairperson.

In 2006, Ken became involved with the Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc. and served as a Trustee for the Foundation until 2011. While serving as the District 4-L4 Foundation Trustee, he was elected to the Board of Directors for a term beginning in 2008 through 2011. In 2011, Ken became Secretary for the Foundation and was first appointed and then elected in April 2012 to serve as the Foundation's President, which he held until his passing in 2015.

Over the years, PDG Ken rarely missed a Club, Zone, Region, District 4-L4, Area or Final Contest. Ken was an incredible advocate for both the MD-4 Student Speakers Contest program, as well as, the Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc.

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Welcome California High School Students, Parents, Teachers, and Lions of California:

The Lions of Multiple District Four (California) are pleased to announce the 2017-2018 Student Speaker Contest Topic, "Integrity and Civility Play What Role in Today's Society?"

The Lions Multiple District Four Student Speakers Contest is celebrating its 81st year in this annual contest. The student speaker contest is open to all California High School students.

We are all extremely proud of the contest which encourages the students to development their public speaking skills and confidence through research, speech drafting, and public presentation.

The Lions of Multiple District Four congratulate all the students who have demonstrated the courage and desire to take on this amazing challenge and opportunity. We thank the teachers, parents, and those involved with our youth who have helped the Student Speaker Contest become a great experience for the students as well as the Lions of California.

On behalf of the Lions in California, we are looking forward to the participation of students, parents, teachers, and coaches on a topic of such importance in our society.

We thank the participating Lions Clubs of the Student Speaker Contest, and to the Student Speaker Foundation for the amazing amount of work, time, and commitment to the Student Speaker Contest.

We are looking forward to a great 2017-2018 Student Speaker Contest.

Now, let the competition begin..

*Rob Manning, Council Chair
2017-2018 Council of Governors
Multiple District Four, California,
Lions Clubs International.*

California Lions

MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR 2017 - 2018 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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** Protocol for resolutions of unresolved controversies of rules, processes, procedures shall be directed to the District Chairperson, or if unavailable, to the MD4 Area Committee Chairperson*

Each year, the District Chairpersons are invited to attend the August Council of Governors meeting to participate in the selection of the contest topic for the year. In addition, the MD-4 committee reviews all of the materials used for the contests and welcomes suggestions from the District Chairpersons as to any revisions that should be made.

The District Chairpersons are to encourage Lions in their District to submit topic suggestions prior to the August COG meeting on the MD-4 website, www.md4lions.org

The District Chairperson is responsible for training the Club, Zone and Region Chairs. The training is usually held at the Fall District Meeting.

All Contest materials will be mailed directly to the Chairs in October.

LIONS 4TH DISTRICT STUDENT SPEAKERS FOUNDATION, INC.

OFFICERS

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Secretary PCC Bill Dunlevy, 2017 – 19
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CONTEST MATERIAL

Lions Clubs must order their contest packets online at: md4lions.org no later than October 1 each year.

After that date a fee of \$25 is applied prior to delivery of the packet.

The material is online at md4lions.org for Lions members only and a revised handbook for the participants.

Please contact your District Chairperson with questions regarding the contest.

Each District will receive the contest packets for the Area, District, Region and Zone Contests and distributed to the appropriate Chairpersons at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Posters are included in the Club packets only.

Please hang the posters in your schools, libraries, or other public places for the promotion of the California Lions.

Anyone can submit a topic-subject at the beginning of the Lions Year, July 1, to the MD-4 Student Speakers Contest Chairperson or on the MD-4 website.

Club Contest

on or before Monday, February 26, 2018

Zone Contest

on or before Monday, March 19, 2018

Region Contest

on or before Monday, April 09, 2018

District Contest

*on or before Monday, April 30, 2018
(Note: April 20-22 2017- CHSSA contest.)*

Area Contest

on or before Monday, May 21, 2018

MD-4 Final Contest

on Saturday, June 9, 2018

LIONS CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Lions Clubs agree to extend to the participating schools and students their fullest cooperation. **Individual Clubs also agree to provide for the requirements and welfare of any student whom they may be sponsoring when that student appears in a Zone, Region, District, Area or Final Contest.** They are further to lend every assistance in connection with the Student Speakers Contest. Payment of expenses of parents, coaches or other guests are at the sponsoring Club's discretion.

PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST

- To provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to the American people as a whole.
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking.
- To present to the public through the student speakers contests the problems surrounding the maintenance of this commonwealth as a free nation.
- To consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.

TIME LIMITATIONS

Students entering the contest shall prepare a talk to be as close as possible to, but not over, ten minutes, nor less than five minutes delivery time.

STUDENT SPEAKERS TOPIC SUGGESTIONS

Anyone may submit topics for the succeeding year. The committee will gladly accept all suggestions. Topics may be submitted online at www.md4lions.org beginning July 1st of each year.

All proposed suggestions are considered by the Student Speakers Committee and the District Chairperson. Topics recommended by them are then submitted to the Council of Governors who make the final selection.

CONTEST POLICY: The MD-4 Student Speakers Committee is solely in charge of the rules and operation of the MD-4 Student Speakers Contest. The fifteen (15) District Contest Chairs abide by the rules and operate the District Contests for the Committee. NO OTHER LION SHOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION OR RULE ON ANY STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST MATTERS.

TOPIC

This year's topic has been carefully selected. Entrants should be certain to speak on the topic since points are awarded for adhering to the subject title.

ENTRANTS

1. The contest is open to students who reside in MD-4, including foreign exchange students, grades 9-12, of any high school or junior high school, charter school, private school, home school or independent study.
2. Contestants may have completed grade 12 prior to the termination of the fall semester of the academic year
3. The presentation shall be given in the English language only. Phrases in a non-English language must be immediately followed by a direct English translation.
4. Winners of the previous MD-4 Final Contests are not eligible. Eligible students shall be those of the above grades and under the age of twenty-one as of February 22, 2018.
5. **Only one winner shall be certified to the next succeeding contest.**

Students should be reminded of their obligation to complete the contest and arrive to contests on time. Scheduling conflicts are the student's responsibility to resolve.

AWARDS

Awards must conform to the policy set by the Council of Governors of MD-4. This provides for an orderly relationship in the amount of the award at the various contest levels.

Paid by Lions checks:

- Club Contests - The Club shall present \$100.00 to the winner and \$25.00 to each finalist. (who completes minimum time).
- Zone Contests - The District shall present \$150.00 to the winner only.
- Region Contests - The District shall present \$250.00 to the winner only.

Paid by the Lions 4th District Student Speakers Foundation Inc:

- District Contests - The fifteen winners shall each receive a \$4,500.00 scholarship.
- Area Contests - The four winners shall each receive a \$6,500.00 scholarship.
- Final Contest - The winner of the MD-4 Contest shall receive a \$10,000.00 scholarship.

The scholarship awards are to any accredited two or four year college or university or to any other school approved by the Lions 4th District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc.

The winners shall be allowed seven years from the date of high school graduation to utilize their scholarships. The winner shall receive 33 1/3% upon enrollment and 33 1/3% at the beginning of each succeeding enrolled quarter. For the semester system, the winner shall receive 50% on enrollment and 50% at the beginning of the succeeding enrolled semester. Scholarship payments may be extended over a longer period of time if it meets the recipient's needs.

If any winners do not utilize any portion of the scholarship within the seven year period, the money shall revert to the Lions 4th District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc.

A certificate of scholarship provided by the Lions 4th District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc., shall be presented to the winning speakers of the District, Area and MD-4 Final Contest.

The high school of the student winning the MD-4 Final Contest shall receive an appropriate plaque provided by the Foundation.

Awards furnished at the Club, Zone, Region, District, Area and Final Contest shall be restricted to those approved by the Council of Governors of MD-4.

**There shall be no exceptions.
Any violation of additional awards will
result in disqualification of a contestant.**

MD-4 provides certificates of appreciation for judges and contestants at all levels.

CLUB CONTESTS

1. The President of each participating Lions Club shall appoint an experienced Lion of the Club as the Club Contest Chairperson.
2. **Clubs on status quo or not in good standing by the date of the Club Contest shall NOT sponsor or participate in the Speakers Contest.**
3. It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to contact all eligible schools and Leo Clubs, other organizations and individuals in the community early enough to allow ample time for student preparation prior to the Club Contest.
4. An appointment should be made with school representatives to discuss the details of the contest.
5. Handbooks should be given to the coaches and teachers. PDFs of the handbook are also available online at <http://www.md4lions.org/student-speakers-contest> if additional copies are needed
6. PDFs of the posters are available online for members to print and they should be displayed in a prominent location.
7. **The Chairperson and student participants should stay in contact with the school representatives to check on the progress of the Contest.**
8. **No student shall participate in more than one Club Contest during the Contest year. If only one student is a contestant at any Contest level, the Contest still needs to be conducted.**
9. Where MORE THAN ONE such school exists in a community, speakers from such schools shall compete for first place in a contest sponsored by a Lions Club in the community.
10. No Lions Club may hold more than one Club Contest in any given year. The winning speaker will represent the Club in the Zone Contest.
11. If a question arises as to the sponsorship of various schools by neighboring Lions Clubs, the District Student Speaker Chairpersons, with consent of the District Governors, shall allocate the sponsorship.
12. Well in advance, a date for the actual Club Contest **must be set by December 1st.**
13. The size of the room should be adequate for the anticipated audience. The room must be capable of being closed during the Contest. The room should be reasonably quiet when closed.
14. If a meal will be served at the Contest, arrangements should be made to pay for contestants, coaches, judges and other guests at the Clubs discretion. If no meal is served, water must be provided for the Student Speakers

CONTEST DATES

1. Each contest must be held separately and completed by the following dates regardless of the number of contestants competing.

If only one (1) student is a contestant at any contest level, the contest still needs to be conducted.

Club Contest.....on or before Monday, February 26, 2018

Zone Contest.....on or before Monday, March 19, 2018

Region Contest on or before Monday, April 09, 2018

District Contest..... on or before Monday, April 30, 2018

(Note: April 20-22 2018- CHSSA contest.)

Area Contest.....on or before Monday, May 21, 2018

MD-4 Final Conteston Saturday, June 9, 2018

2. ***Zone, Region, District, Area and MD-4 Final contest dates must be set and announced no later than the Club level contest.***
3. Failure to complete the contest by the required dates shall disqualify the winners from further competition that year.
4. The Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons, District Student Speakers Chairpersons, Area Chairpersons, and final Chairperson shall be responsible for their respective contests and for the selection of qualified judges. Where a Governor chooses not to appoint Region Chairpersons for his/her year, the Region level contests will be conducted by Lions appointed by the governor for that specific purpose. Zone contests cannot be combined with other Zone contests.
5. Each of the Zone, Region, District and Area Chairpersons, by entering representatives in further competition, will be affirming that these candidates completed their preliminary contests no later than the dates set forth.
6. **No contest dates or time once announced shall be changed unless all contestants are given a minimum of one week notice.**

NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS

Club, Zone, Region, District and Area level Chairpersons should fill out the required information about their contest winner on the form provided and mail or e-mail to the next level Chairperson upon completion of the contest.

Zone, Region, District Area and Final Chairpersons shall give information about their own contest to their prior level Chairperson two weeks before the prior level contests take place. This can be done by filling out and mailing/e-mailing a form letter which will be given to the winner of the prior level contest by that Chairperson. In addition, once the Tellers' worksheet is received listing the winner, a photocopy of the form letter must be provided to the contest winner.

AREA LEVEL CONTEST

All Area Contestants must hand deliver a printed signed hard copy manuscript with all references cited, to include the contestant's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, the name of the sponsoring Lions Club and address, the Club's President's name and phone number, and the High School's name and address to the Area Chairperson at the time the speaking order is selected.

The Area Contest Chairperson submits the winner's manuscript and all other info to the next level. The presiding Chairperson will be the MD-4 Student Speakers Committee Members of the respective Areas. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the selection of qualified judges.

These contests must be completed by the required dates. At the conclusion of the Area Contests there will be four speakers eligible to enter the MD-4 contest.

The following Districts will constitute Areas:

Area 1	Area 3
District 4-C1	District 4-A2
District 4-C5	District 4-A3
District 4-A1	District 4-L1
	District 4-L3
Area 2	Area 4
District 4-C2	District 4-L2
District 4-C3	District 4-L4
District 4-C4	District 4-L5
District 4-C6	District 4-L6

MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR FINAL CONTEST

The 2017-2018 MD-4 Final Contest will be held in Visalia, California, on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Each year the location rotates between Areas with the June Council of Governors meeting. The winning speakers at each of the Area Contests of California shall be entitled to appear at the Final Contest if all rules have been complied with.

Area winners will receive travel, hotel and meal expenses for the MD-4 Final Contest. Travel will be based upon mileage by the most direct route and reimbursed at fifty cents (.50) per mile round trip mileage or airfare, which ever is less. The maximum allowed for one night's lodging at a hotel will be up to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) , and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per meal up to 2 per day. It will be the responsibility of the MD-4 Area Chairperson to advise the student of the date and place of the Final Contest. Paid receipts shall be submitted to the MD-4 office within thirty (30) days following the contest. MD-4 positively will not pay any of the expenses of relatives, chaperones, or coaches of the contestants.

The Final Contest will be recorded by a videographer authorized by the MD-4 Student Speakers Committee.

MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order - start on time — **(This is the official start of the Contest).**

Pledge of Allegiance - song and invocation or other desired opening ceremonies, by the Chairperson.

Draw of Speaker Order

Introductory Remarks - Brief outline of the objects and history of the contest. Announce the subject title of the current contest. State the purpose of the contest:

- To provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to the American people as a whole.
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking.
- To present to the public through the Student Speakers Contest the problems surrounding the maintenance of this country as a free nation.
- To consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.

CONTEST RULES - MUST BE READ AS PRINTED

1. A late contestant shall not compete if arrival time is after the draw of the speaker order for that contest.
2. No one may enter or leave the room while a contestant is speaking. (Call upon Guards to man the doors.) Entry or departure to the room can be made during the intermissions.
3. **No smoking, food or beverages are allowed during the contest, except beverages during intermissions, with the exception, the speakers may drink water during their speech.**
4. Do not applaud the speakers until after the judges' worksheets have been collected.
5. Each speaker will speak for no less than five minutes and no more than ten minutes, or penalty/scoring deductions will be applied; no warning signals shall be given.
6. There will be a quiet three-minute intermission between and after speakers, **and as much time as needed after the final speaker, to allow judges to complete scoring.** There shall be no conferring with judges during the contest.
7. No photography, video or audio taping will be allowed during the contest. Only an MD-4 video representative will be authorized to record the FINAL CONTEST.
8. All noise-emitting electronic devices such as phones, etc. must be turned off until the contest is completed.
9. Any protest relative to the contest must be made to the Chairperson before the winner is announced.
10. The contest Chairperson shall review and verify the Tellers' worksheets before announcing the results.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CAUSES FOR DISQUALIFICATION - MUST BE READ AS PRINTED

1. Use or display of props of any nature.
2. Uniforms or any method of personal identification, including saying name and school.
3. Failure to give reference source of quoted material in manuscript submitted at Area level.
4. Use of notes above Club level in excess of one 3x5 card both sides, or the Braille equivalent.
Note: Use of any and all notes at the Club level is acceptable.
5. Use of prompters.

6. Publication of speech, except for very brief quotations, in print or electronic media (i.e. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) prior to completion of the Final Contest.
7. Acceptance of awards other than those approved by the Council of Governors of MD-4.
8. Participation in more than one Lions Club Contest during the contest year.
9. Watches or electronic devices of any kind shall not be worn or used by the contestants during the Contest.

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.

Call speakers only by number in order. Remind audience to not applaud individual speakers during Contest. If only one speaker is present, he/she must still speak and be judged.

Introduce speakers and judges only after the Tellers have collected all worksheets and have retired from the room.

Announce the winner first and present the award.

Announce the date, time and place of the next contest.

Publicize the Lions 4th District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc.

Close the Meeting this is the official end of the Contest.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The student speakers must draw numbers to determine the order of speaking. Also, the Chairperson should obtain the names, schools, sponsoring Lions Clubs, coaches, etc. for each speaker to use in his/her introductions to be made after the contest.

Contestants and judges must not be introduced by name until after the Contest is completed and the judge's Worksheets have been collected. Contestants should be designated by numbers indicating the order of speaking only.

1. Microphones and speaker's stand should be available for use at option of the speaker.
2. Clocks in the contest rooms must be removed or covered.

3. Watches shall not be worn or used by the contestants during the contest.
4. **Judges and contestants shall not engage in conversation prior to the contest.**
5. Worksheets from the contest shall be kept confidential.
6. No penalty shall be assessed in the event the competitor does not address the chair, or give the topic title.
7. Students must present speeches in person at all levels.

JUDGING

SCHOOL CONTESTS

1. One or more members of the school faculty may determine the winners of all school elimination contests.

ALL LIONS CONTESTS

1. At the Club, Zone and Region level, it is required that at least three qualified individuals who are not Lions, and have had speech training or experience in public speaking, should be selected as judges by the Chairperson of the respective contests.
2. It is recommended that judges for a given contest, if possible, be from different professions or fields of endeavor and represent each geographical location involved.
3. At the District, Area and Final Contest, five (5) judges should be used.
4. The Chairperson or his/her designee of each contest, will meet with all judges to explain rules and scoring procedures prior to the contest.
5. At least one alternate judge should be selected and available in all contests.
6. When there are five or more speakers (three speakers are recommended for Club Contests, but shall be limited to no more than six), and in the District, Area and Final Contest, it is recommended that a committee of five judges should be selected.
7. **NO** LION, LIONESS, LEO, SPOUSE, PARTNER OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER of any living Lion within MD-4 shall be permitted to judge at any level.
8. **NO** member of any competing high school faculty shall be selected as a judge.
9. **NO** person shall judge the same contestant in any Lions student speakers contest more than once during the same contest year.

10. If a student who wins a District Contest forfeits attending any contests above that level, for any unexcused reason (except family emergencies, illness, etc.) they CANNOT participate in **following year's Student Speakers Contest**. Extreme care should be exercised in judge selection to avoid a judge and contestant knowing each other. In the case of Area Contests, every effort should be made to select judges from each participating District.
11. The judges should not sit together or with Contestants, or confer with anyone during or after the speeches before submitting their worksheets to the Tellers.
12. All scoring by the judges should be whole numbers - not fractions.
13. **NO** two students shall receive the same score on any judges' sheet.
14. No judge can discuss scores with the speakers.

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.

1. **THE TEXT ALONE** (Thought content)

Did the speaker present important ideas?

 - a. Originality..... 10 points
 - b. The speech adhered to the subject title..... 10 points
 - c. Main points were supported by evidence..... 10 points
 - d. Conclusion was clearly presented..... 10 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. **OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFORT.**
 - a. Was the speech a well-rounded, cohesive effort?..... 10 points
 - b. Was it logical and organized?..... 10 points
 - c. Was the speaker persuasive? 10 points

INSTRUCTIONS TO TIMERS

1. In all contests, three people serving as timekeepers shall submit to the Tellers, in writing on OFFICIAL TIMER'S WORKSHEET, the time used by each contestant recorded in minutes and seconds. Stopwatches are recommended for use by the Timers at all contest levels. The official time shall be the average of three Timers worksheets.
2. Timing shall start when the speaker first speaks - not at the conclusion of their salutation to the chair and the audience.
3. There shall be no warning signal given to contestants by the timekeepers or others.

INSTRUCTIONS TO TELLERS

1. **There shall be at least two Tellers at all contests. The duties of the Tellers are to collect the Timers' worksheets and average time scores; collect the judges' worksheets making sure the sheets are signed and no two final scores for a contestant are the same; and check the worksheets for accuracy. Tellers MUST be secluded while tallying the student speakers' scores.**
2. In all competitions a penalty of 2% for each judge's score shall be imposed for each minute or fraction thereof by which the speaker's talk is less than 5 minutes or more than 10 minutes. After deducting any penalties on timing, the Tellers shall designate the places earned by the various speakers on each judge's Worksheet, such as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., using an OFFICIAL TELLER'S WORKSHEET.
3. When this has been done, the Tellers will add the total number of first places for each speaker, and the one who had earned the majority of first places shall be declared the winner.
4. If no speaker has a majority (over one-half) of the first places, the Tellers will then total the places earned and the contestant with the lowest total of places earned will be declared as the winner.
5. In the event they are tied with the same total of places earned, the tie shall be settled by adding the scores of the tied speakers, and the one with the highest total of such scores, after deducting time penalties, shall be declared the winner of the contest.
6. In the event they also tied with the same percentage scores, the tie shall be settled by using the Timers worksheet and awarding the contest to the speaker who comes closest to, without going over, the

maximum ten-minute limit. That person shall therefore be declared the winner of the contest.

7. The contest Chairperson shall review and verify the Teller's worksheets before announcing the results.
8. **Under no circumstances should anyone but the winner be announced. All students not winning should always be considered finalists.**

CERTIFICATES

1. One type of certificate will be used for presentation to judges and contestants at all levels.
2. It is recommended that certificates be typed or professionally printed and placed in presentation folders in advance of the contest. Certificates and templates can be electronically acquired through the MD-4 website. After judging has been completed indicate the level of the contest and "Winner" or "Finalist" on the line in the lower right hand corner of the contestant's certificate.
3. Twelve certificates are included in all Club packets. If additional certificates are required, please call the MD-4 Office.

AFTER THE CONTEST (CHECK WHEN COMPLETED.)

___ 1. Make sure the Teller's Worksheet is completed in its entirety including the name of your Club, Zone, Region, District or Area, whichever is appropriate.

___ 2. Send the Teller's Worksheet, Judge's Worksheets and contest Winner's Notification form along with any unused printed material to the Chairperson of the next level contest.

___ 3. Zone, Region, District and Area Chairs upon receipt of the above material send a photocopy of the form letter of congratulations to the contest winner.

___ 4. At least two weeks before the prior level contest send the original form letter of congratulations to your prior level chair. In the letter give the date, time, place and reservation requirements. Example: A Club contest is scheduled for February 18. The Zone Chair sends the form letter to that Club Chair by February 4 to be given to the winner of that contest.

___ 5. The scores given by the judges for an INDIVIDUAL STUDENT may be given to that student or the student's speech coach. Do not identify the judges or disclose the scores of the other students.

___ 6. The Club Chairperson shall present the Student Speakers handbook to the winner at the conclusion of the Club Contest.

THE HISTORY OF THE STUDENT SPEAKERS FOUNDATION

BY PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DWIGHT STANFORD

When District 4 was split up into five Sub-Districts in 1937, Fred Smith (later international President) became the first District Governor of District 4-C. His District ran from Stockton down to the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley and included the coast Area from Paso Robles through Oxnard. He realized that the Clubs in his new District had nothing more in common than they did with the Club in San Francisco or San Diego. He expressed his thought to the other officers in his District and asked for suggestions. One of his Deputy District Governors, Frank Colston, superintendent of schools in Oxnard, suggested a student speaker contest for high school students in the District. The idea was approved as something that would give all the Clubs in the District something in common and hopefully, would bring them closer together as a unit. From that we are told, the contest was a great success.

The following year, James Hodges, District Governor from Covina, proposed to the Council of Governors that Fred's speech contest become a project for all of District Four. The proposal was adopted and the contest has been one of our District's principal projects ever since. During the past sixty years, many groups and Clubs have followed our lead by engaging in joint service activities. It is one of the stars in our MD-4 crown.

In the beginning the Student Speaker Foundation was organized by Don Snyder, District Governor of 4-A3, 1958-59 who first asked PIP Fred Smith and then International Director Dwight Stanford to join him as the organizers and first directors of the Foundation. Don did all the work getting IRS and California taxing authorities approval. He is now a lifetime, honorary director of the Foundation, as is Dwight Stanford.

The Foundation's first cash came from the profits of the Lions Goods Store at the MD-4

convention. District Governor Al Mendel of Apple Valley, 1961-62, ran the store and suggested the gift. The first few years of the Foundation were a bit thorny. It was hard for the organization to collect money when it had very little prestige. Gradually the situation changed and the Foundation began to supplement the prizes which heretofore had been paid for entirely out of the MD-4 budget. Foundation funds come entirely from voluntary donations and income from the accumulated assets.

Past International President Fred Smith was the first President of the Foundation, followed by Past International Directors Dwight Stanford and Robert E. Anderson. Past District Governors Seeley J. Kondris, George "Jake" Jacobssen served between 1994 and 2002, Gordon Wellman served between 2002 and 2005, PDG Al Ohrmund served between 2005- 2012, PDG Ken Sherwood served between 2012-2015, PCC William Dunlevy served 2015-2016 and the current president is PDG Chris Ohrmund.

For the 2017-2018 Contest, the Foundation will provide all of the prizes above the Region level, as it has done now for many years. Each of the 15 District winners will receive a \$4,500 scholarship. The four Area winners will each receive an additional \$6,500 and the final MD-4 winner another \$10,000. For the latter, the total accumulated scholarships will be \$21,000 and the other three Area winners will have \$11,000 each. Total scholarships awarded in the Contest amount to \$103,500; all from the Foundation.

STATEMENTS FROM THE 2016-2017 STUDENT SPEAKER MD-4 FINAL CONTEST

MD-4 CONTEST WINNER

Indigo Funk — Area 2

At the beginning of this contest, before the Club level, my speech coach Mrs. Edwards told me, "We gotta go to Pasadena with this," as a way of psyching me up for my speech. At the time I laughed and told her to set more realistic goals... and yet there I was only a few months later, flying all the way to Pasadena from my little northern town of Ukiah. It still seems unreal as I describe it now. However, it was all made possible by the endless generosity and initiative of the Lions of Multiple District 4. From the local clubs to the District Chairman, they have all supported me tirelessly throughout the entire process, and given me more well-wishes and encouragement than I know what to do with. For that I will always be grateful.

I also want to personally thank all my speech coaches: Mrs. Edwards, Jim Williams, and Jenny Peterman, for giving me such critical advice on both content and delivery. Without them I know I could not possibly have gotten this far. I would also like to extend my gratitude to my mother, who introduced me to this contest in the first place and encouraged me to expand my horizons by entering. Finally, I would like to thank Edward Snowden, for giving us all something to talk about in the first place.

This contest has done a lot for me as a student and as a person. All the research I did gave me insight into an issue critical to our nation's future, and taught me that any topic, no matter how complicated, is not too complicated to have an answer. I have also gained public speaking skills that will be very useful for the rest of my life, no matter what career I end up in. In addition, the generous scholarships I received will be very helpful in paying for college wherever I go, and the contest itself will be fantastic for my applications. But above all, these past few months have shown me that, even though it may be cheesy, dreams really can come true, and people really do care about what I have to say. A whole new world of opportunities that I never anticipated before seems open to me now, and it's all thanks to the incredible dedication and kindness of the California Lions.

MD-4 CONTEST FINALIST

Kevin George— Area 1

I still remember my speech teacher making the announcement in class, that the Lions Club would be hosting students speakers for their annual speech contest. At the time, I felt unsure as to whether I was going to participate at all, because of impending academic deadlines and all the other pressures faced by a senior in high school. On top of that, the chosen topic of whether the right to privacy posed a threat to national security seemed a little hard to grasp. However, regardless of my inhibitions, I made sure to submit an entry because I was determined to better my public speaking skills and would not waste any opportunity that would allow me to do so.

Looking back on my experience with the Lions Club Student Speaker Contest, it definitely meant more to me than winning a scholarship. The knowledge of public articulation, the importance of forming a personal and logical opinion on a relevant issue, the acquaintances, and the friendships are all aspects of this experience that I consider as a “prize”. Moreover, the positive effect that the Lions Club has had on previous generations, my generation, and will have on the generations to come is so visible. Not only providing financial support for my future education, the Lions Club has shown me the importance of networking and maintaining contact. That is why I will not be a stranger to the local Lions Club at my university.

I am so grateful to my parents, friends, teachers, and Lions who have helped me start on a path to success and achievement. I am thankful for the fellow students, with whom I had the privilege of competing against in this contest and wish them the best for their futures. And who knows, I may return to the scene as a judge for this contest. But that is a story that will unfold later on down in life.

MD-4 CONTEST FINALIST
Ryan Wallace — Area 3

I participated in the Lions Clubs Student Speakers Contest every year I was in high school. My experience in the contest has been instrumental in the development of my speaking skills. The Contest provided a diversity of settings with a diversity of crowd sizes on any given level. One round could be at a restaurant with two dozen people in attendance, the next round could be at hotel with 150 in attendance. This taught me to learn different speaking styles based on the audience and room I was interacting with. The Contest also touched on a variety of topics over the years, teaching me research skills and helping me learn about a wide range of subjects. Each topic was thought-provoking and pertinent to an issue the youth of today can solve. Whether it be community service, water conservation, patriotism, or privacy rights, I always had to think how people my age can make a difference in regards to the topic. I also learned to persevere in this Contest. My first two years I failed to advance past the first round. By my final year in high school, I had improved to eventually become an MD-4 finalist. While only one person at each contest can be declared the winner, every participant gains an education in public speaking thanks to the Lions Clubs. Every participant has an advantage over their peers as a result of competing in this Contest. Public speaking can be intimidating, but the experience of this Contest endows every speaker with confidence that their voice matters. The support of the Lions has been invaluable. I am truly grateful to the Lions Clubs for providing this opportunity. Their generosity with the scholarships they provide will help me pursue my future endeavors.

MD-4 CONTEST FINALIST
Simon Ketema — Area 4

Serving as a speaker in the Lions Club Student Speaker Contest this year has been an experience worth working hard for. This competition has easily been the largest and most sophisticated competition that I have participated in thus far, and it has given so much in terms of financial assistance for my education as well as experience in speaking which I'm sure will be of help over the course of my college education and career.

Competing in the Student Speaker Contest has forced me to explore my surroundings in a new light. This year's topic, "Is the Right to Privacy a Threat to Our National Security" engaged me in research about our nation's surveillance systems, and from there it expanded to the purpose of our government and controversies associated with its methods of conduct. It seems like a paradox that a contest in which we are to speak also has us listening and watching quietly, learning more about how our country and world work.

My supportive district and area carried me to success in the competition, but what I was surprised to see was the way that members of other districts treated me. It was not through rivalry, but rather through gratitude and genuine excitement and vigor that they greeted me. Their allegiance was not with the speakers of their district; rather, it lied in the universal cause of helping students itself. I am grateful for the unique and breathtaking experience that the competition and members of Lions Club has given me. I look back and remember all of the times I was nervous, all of the times in which I could have gone home with nothing, and I ironically find comfort in remembering those nerve-wracking times, the experience native only to speech competitions and specifically those of Lions International.

PREVIOUS CONTEST WINNERS

- 1937-38 Benjamin Hoover, Modesto High School, Modesto, CA.
"AMERICANISM"
Sponsored by Modesto Lions Club.
- 1938-39 George Grover, Glendale High School, Glendale, CA.
"DEMOCRACY"
Sponsored by Glendale Lions Club.
- 1939-40 Joseph Hadzima, Chaffey Union High School, Ontario, CA. "THE WILL TO BE FREE"
Sponsored by Ontario Lions Club.
- 1940-41 Mary Sowden, Anaheim High School, Anaheim, CA
"DEMOCRACY IN A CHANGING WORLD"
Sponsored by Ontario Lions Club.
- 1941-42 Franklin Brown, Tulare High School, Tulare, CA. "OUR NATIONS SECURITY"
Sponsored by Tulare Lions Club.
- 1942-43 Emerson Arends, Fremont High School, Sunnyvale, CA
"AFTER THE WAR - WHAT"
Sponsored by Sunnyvale Lions Club
- 1943-44 John Irwin Trotter, Huntington Park High School, Huntington Park, CA.
"WINNING THE PEACE FOR AMERICAN MAN POWER"
Sponsored by Vernon Lions Club.
- 1944-45 Mac Ward, Notre Dame High School, San Francisco, CA.
"WHAT MY PARENTS MEAN TO ME"
Sponsored by Mission (SF) Lions Club.
- 1945-46 Mary J. Doudna, Boulder City, Nevada.
"MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A YOUNG AMERICAN TO LASTING WORLD PEACE"
Sponsored by Boulder City Lions Club.
- 1946-47 Dave Ford, San Rafael High School, San Rafael, CA.
"CAN YOUTH, BY LOCAL LEADERSHIP, STRENGTHEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT?"
Sponsored by San Rafael Lions Club.
- 1947-48 Ed Marshall, Las Vegas High School, Las Vegas, NV.
"DO FRONTIERS OF OPPORTUNITY STILL EXIST FOR AMERICAN YOUTH?"
Sponsored by Las Vegas Lions Club.
- 1948-49 Bo Jansen, Glendale High School, Glendale, CA.
"THE UNITED NATIONS - SAFEGUARD OF HUMAN LIBERTY"
Sponsored by Glendale Lions Club.
- 1949-50 Bill Van Alstyne, Dorsey High School, Los Angeles, CA.
"EDUCATION IN AMERICAN IDEALS - BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING"
Sponsored by University Crenshaw District Lions Club.
- 1950-51 Gabe Solomon, Bakersfield High School, Bakersfield, CA.
"AMERICAN VOTERS' RESPONSIBILITIES"
Sponsored by Oildale Lions Club.
- 1951-52 William Bethel, San Jose High School, San Jose CA.
"LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER"
Sponsored by San Jose Lions Club.

- 1952-53 Harkjoon Paik, Monterey Union High School, Monterey, CA. "MAN'S SEARCH FOR SECURITY"
Sponsored by Monterey Peninsula Lions Club.
- 1953-54 Arveal Felts, San Bernadino High School, San Bernadino, CA. "WHAT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES MEANS TO ME"
Sponsored by San Bernadino Uptown Lions Club.
- 1954-55 Barry N. Watson, Santa Ana High School, Santa Ana, CA. "SAFETY THROUGH SANE LIVING"
Sponsored by Santa Ana Lions Club.
- 1955-56 Dan E. McCall, Modesto High School, Modesto, CA. "YOUTH'S PROBLEMS OF TOMORROW"
Sponsored by Modesto Lions Club.
- 1956-57 Martin McNair, Polytechnic High School, Long Beach, CA. "MY PLACE IN THE WORLD OF 1976"
Sponsored by Downtown Long Beach Lions Club.
- 1957-58 David Bartlett, Los Angeles High School, Los Angeles, CA. "COMMUNITY SERVICE - A WAY OF LIFE"
Sponsored by City Terminal (Los Angeles) Lions Club.
- 1958-59 Heidi Pavelka, El Cerrito High School, El Cerrito, CA. "COMPLACENCY - A DANGER TO AMERICA"
Sponsored by El Cerrito Lions Club.
- 1959-60 Joan Moran, Marin Catholic High School, San Rafael, CA. "PEOPLE TO PEOPLE - KEY TO WORLD UNDERSTANDING"
Sponsored by San Rafael Lions Club.
- 1960-61 Lew Sargentich, Alhambra High School, Alhambra, CA. "OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE - PATTERN FOR TODAY" Sponsored by Alhambra Lions Club.
- 1961-62 Tim Eagen, Montgomery High School, Santa Rosa, CA. "MY RESPONSIBILITY IN A CHANGING WORLD"
Sponsored by Montgomery Village Lions Club.
- 1962-63 Eric J. Van Young, John Marshall High School, Los Angeles, CA. "CONFORMITY - A REAL CHALLENGE TO ME"
Sponsored by Griffith Park Lions Club.
- 1963-64 Suzanne Couture, Grace M. Davis High School, Modesto, CA. "MORAL INTEGRITY - IMPERATIVE FOR SURVIVAL"
Sponsored by Modesto 500 Lions.
- 1964-65 Elizabeth Zepada, Alhambra High School, Alhambra, CA. "MATURITY - ITS PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES"
Sponsored by Alhambra Lions Club.
- 1965-66 Warren R. Chambers, Sweetwater High School, National City, CA. "LAW AND LIBERTY"
Sponsored by National City Lions Club.
- 1966-67 Cliff Howard Finlayson, Richmond Union High School, Richmond, CA. "PEACE IS ATTAINABLE"
Sponsored by Richmond Breakfast Lions Club.
- 1967-68 Robert P. Manley, Mount Shasta High School, Mount Shasta, CA. "FREE ENTERPRISE - THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR REPUBLIC"
Sponsored by Mount Shasta Lions Club.

- 1968-69 Mark McConville, Villanova Prep School, Ojai, CA.
 "THE HOPES AND FEARS OF TODAY'S YOUTH"
 Sponsored by Meiners Oaks Lions Club.
- 1969-70 Glen E. Aubrey, Grossmont High School, La Mesa, CA.
 "GENERATION GAP - FACT OR FANTASY?"
 Sponsored by Fletcher Hills Lions Club.
- 1970-71 Christine Baron, Grossmont High School, La Mesa, CA.
 "SHOULD YOUTH BECOME INVOLVED?"
 Sponsored by Fletcher Hills Lions Club.
- 1971-72 Robert M. Shatswell, Branham High School, San Jose, CA.
 "EDUCATION TODAY - AS I SEE IT"
 Sponsored by Cambrian Park Lions Club.
- 1972-73 Alexander Zubak, Del Valle High School, Walnut Creek, CA.
 "ADULTHOOD AT 18 - ITS RESPONSIBILITIES"
 Sponsored by Walnut Creek (Diablo Valley) Lions Club.
- 1973-74 Daniel J. McLoon, Valencia High School, Placentia, CA.
 "ECOLOGY - ITS PRICE"
 Sponsored by Brea Lions Club.
- 1974-75 Loren R. Hooker, Hughson High School, Waterford, CA.
 "AMERICA'S FUTURE - WHERE NOW"
 Sponsored by Waterford Lions Club.
- 1975-76 David Huscher, San Luis Obispo High School, San Luis Obispo, CA.
 "CITIZEN RIGHTS VS. CRIMINAL RIGHTS"
 Sponsored by San Luis Obispo Lions Club.
- 1976-77 Brian Austin Baker, Corona High School, Corona, CA.
 "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE - FACT OR FICTION?"
 Sponsored by Corona Lions Club.
- 1977-78 Louis Hawthorne, Ventura High School, Ventura, CA.
 "TOMORROW'S ENERGY - TODAY'S DILEMMA"
 Sponsored by Ventura Avenue Lions Club.
- 1978-79 Debra Dunn, Wheatland High School, Wheatland, CA.
 "WHO AM I?"
 Sponsored by Wheatland Lions.
- 1979-80 Susan Essex, Mr. Whitney High School, Visalia, CA.
 "TAXPAYERS' REVOLT - WHERE WILL IT LEAD?"
 Sponsored by Visalia Sequoia Lions Club.
- 1980-81 Bertine Groepe, Foreign Exchange Student from South Africa attending Acalaces High School, Lafayette, CA.
 "MY WORLD - MY ANSWER"
 Sponsored by Lafayette Lions Club.
- 1981-82 June E. Tierney, Hoover High School, Fresno, CA.
 "FREEDOM AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES"
 Sponsored by Fresno Breakfast Lions Club.
- 1982-83 Timothy S. Galbraith, Birmingham High School, Woodland Hills, CA.
 "NUCLEAR USE OR MISUSE"
 Sponsored by Woodland Hills Lions Club.
- 1983-84 David R. Hall, Carson High School, Carson City, NV.
 "EDUCATION - WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY"
 Sponsored by Carson City Host Lions Club.

1984-85 Robin Marie Kim, St. Mary's High School, Stockton, CA. "TELEVISION - MASTER OR SERVANT"
Sponsored by Waterloo Italian Lions Club.

1985-86 Beverly Rodriguez, Cypress High School, Cypress, CA. "SPACE EXPLORATION, WHAT PURPOSE?"
Sponsored by Buena Park Noon Lions Club.

1986-87 Evette J. Castillo, Pittsburg High School, Pittsburg, CA. "DRUG ABUSE - WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?"
Sponsored by Pittsburg Lions Club.

1987-88 Jason Matthews. Covina High School, Covina, CA. "THE OCEAN - BREAD BASKET OR WASTE BASKET?"
Sponsored by Covina Breakfast Lions Club.

1988-89 Carol Caronna, San Dieguito High School, Carlsbad, CA. "TRANSPORTATION 2001 - HOW WILL WE GET THERE?"
Sponsored by Carlsbad Lions Club.

1989-90 Inie Park, Marlborough School, Los Angeles, CA. "WHAT THE AMERICAN FLAG MEANS TO ME"
Sponsored by Los Angeles Evergreen Lions Club.

1990-91 Dawn Steeves, Alhambra High School, Martinez, CA. "PEER PRESSURE - CAN YOU SAY NO?"
Sponsored by Martinez Lions Club.

1991-92 Gordon Thomas Wittman, Anderson High School, Anderson, CA. "VOTING: A RIGHT OR A RESPONSIBILITY?"
Sponsored by Anderson Lions Club.

1992-93 Shantel Pleasants, Reed High School, Sparks, Nevada. "DOES TODAY'S EDUCATION MEET TOMORROW'S NEEDS?"
Sponsored by Sparks Greenbrae Lions Club.

1993-94 Keith A. Barry, Reed High School, Sparks, Nevada. "TODAY'S YOUTH - WHY THE VIOLENCE?"
Sponsored by Sparks Greenbrae Lions Club.

1994-95 Lorna Perez, St. Mary's High School, Stockton, CA. "THE MEDIA - DO THEY GO TOO FAR?"
Sponsored by Stockton Fil-Am Lions Club.

1995-96 Kristina Williams, Fairfield High School, Fairfield, CA. "AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE"
Sponsored by Suisun Valley Lions Club.

1996-97 Heather Jordan, Newport Beach High School, Newport Beach, CA. "TODAY'S LEGAL SYSTEM - IS IT JUSTICE?"
Sponsored by Harbor Mesa Lions Club.

1997-98 Heather Torvend, Beyer High School, Modesto, CA. "CYBERSPACE - RIGHTS VS. CONTROL"
Sponsored by Modesto Breakfast Lions Club.

1998-99 Lourdes Libre, Mercy High School, San Francisco, CA. "CLONING - HOW FAR SHOULD SCIENCE GO?"
Sponsored by San Francisco Nikkei Lions Club.

1999-00 Jonna Lee Henderson, Arbuckle, CA. "COMMUNITY SERVICE - WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM?"
Sponsored by Arbuckle Lions Club.

2000-01 Michael Sheehan, St. Augustine High School, San Diego, CA. "POLITICS - ISSUES OR MONEY?"
Sponsored by Hillcrest Mission Valley Lions Club.

2001-02 Victoria Wang, San Marino High School, San Marino, CA. "ENERGY - WHAT'S THE FUTURE?"
Sponsored by the San Marino Lions Club.

2002-2003 Alan Haimowitz, Analy High School, Sebastopol, CA. "TERRORISM AND WORLD SECURITY"
Sponsored by the Rohnert Park El Rancho Lions Club.

2003-2004 Ryan Villanueva, Mission Viejo High School, Mission Viejo, CA. "DEMOCRACY - IS IT FOR EVERYONE?"
Sponsored by Mission Viejo Lions Club.

2004-2005 Losmeiya Huang, Gabriellino High School, San Gabriel, CA. "IS ATTITUDE THE KEY TO SUCCESS?"
Sponsored by LA Downtown Lions Club.

2005-2006 Thomas Murphy, Bishop Amat High School, Covina, CA. "THE INTERNET - HERO OR VILLAIN"
Sponsored by West Covina Lions Club.

2006-2007 Harveen Gill, Yuba City, CA.
"GLOBAL WARMING - FACT OR FICTION"
Sponsored by Yuba City Peach Bowl Lions Club.

2007-2008 Hannah Drain, Hayfork High School, Hayfork, CA.
"IMMIGRATION-MY SOLUTION"
Sponsored by the Hayfork Lions Club.

2008-2009 Eric Brewster, Long Beach Polytechnic High School, Long Beach, CA. "WATER-WILL CA BE LEFT HIGH AND DRY?"
Sponsored by the Downtown Long Beach Lions Club.

2009-2010 Miles Witthaus, Area 2, Campbell, CA. "UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE - HOW WILL IT AFFECT US?" Sponsored by the San Jose West/Campbell Lions Club.

2010-2011 Gabriel Gonzalvez, Area 2, Cupertino, CA
ENFORCING OUR BORDERS; STATE VS. FEDERAL RIGHTS
Sponsored by the West San Jose Campbell Lions Club

2011-2012 Jake Chambers, Area 1, Calaveras, CA
WHAT COULD THE AMERICA OF YESTERDAY TEACH THE AMERICA OF TOMORROW?"
Sponsored by the San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions Club

2012-2013 Esther Maddox, Area 3, Pearblossom, CA,
HOW DO WE CREATE AND KEEP JOBS IN AMERICA?
Sponsored by the Acton Lions Club

2013-2014 Ryan Kelly Murphy, Area 4, Temecula, CA
COMMUNITY SERVICE-WHAT DOES IT MEAN AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?
Sponsored by the Temecula Lions Club

2014-2015 Madeline Claire Libby, Area 2, Sonoma Valley High School, CA "WATER CONSERVATION-HOW DO WE REDUCE, REUSE AND RECLAIM?"
Sponsored by the Valley of the Moon Lions Club

2015-2016 Miranda Mize, Area 3, El Camino High School Ventura, CA
"LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"...WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?"
Sponsored by the Ventura Downtown Lions Club

2016-2017 Indigo Funk, Area 2
"IS THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY A THREAT TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY?"
Sponsored by

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIONS 4TH DISTRICT STUDENT SPEAKERS FOUNDATION, INC.

The Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation Inc., is a California non-profit corporation (# 95-6104287) governed by a board of directors and fifteen trustees. Its purpose is to provide the scholarships given to winners of the California Student Speakers Contest.

The Foundation will provide \$103,500.00 total awards for the 2017-2018 contest. Assets of the Foundation are invested in a diversified portfolio to provide the highest rate of guaranteed return obtainable with maximum security for the principal. Under this investment policy and with continually increasing assets the Foundation will be able to raise substantially its annual contribution to the awards in future years.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. By personal and club donations.
2. By memorial gifts to honor departed Lions and friends.
3. By gifts of property, stocks or bonds.
4. By including the Foundation in your will, and thereby becoming a member of the Student Speakers Bequest Club.
5. By becoming involved in the Supporter Program:
Al Ohrmund Supporter Award – will be conferred upon any District, Club or individual contributing a single donation of \$250.00. The award is named in honor of PDG Al Ohrmund who served as Foundation President 2005-2012
Supporter Patch/Year Chevron – minimum of \$100.00 yearly donation, a District, Club or individual will receive a patch or year chevron.

The Foundation also has established four fellowships, named to honor distinguished Lions who have been instrumental in the formation and operation of the Foundation.

Fred W. Smith Fellow - will be conferred upon any District, Club or individual contributing \$500.00 to the Foundation in a single donation.

Donald E. Snyder Fellow - will be conferred upon any District, Club or individual contributing \$400.00 to the Foundation in a single donation.

Dwight E. Stanford Fellow - will be conferred upon any District, Club or individual contributing \$300.00 to the Foundation in a single donation.

Harry J. Aslan Fellow - will be conferred upon any District, Club or individual contributing \$200.00 to the Foundation in a single donation.

Donations to the Foundation are deductible under both State and Federal taxing regulations and should be made payable to the "4th District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc."

Please mail all donations to the Foundation's Office Address.

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WHO ARE THE LIONS?

Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes in their local and world communities. By conducting service projects and raising funds, Lions strive to help those in need, wherever the need exists. The Lion's motto is "We Serve".

The International Association of Lions Clubs was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1917. It is the world's largest service club organization with 1.38 million members in 219 countries and geographic areas.

WHAT DO LIONS DO?

The Lions of California, known as MD-4 (Multiple District Four), do many wonderful projects including:

- Provide services to the blind and visually impaired in their local communities and through Lions foundations.
- Support youth programs such as Lions Quest, a substance abuse prevention program; youth exchange programs where students travel to foreign countries; and high school Leo clubs who participate in service activities, literacy and culture projects.
- Sponsor a student speakers contest which provides \$103,500 in scholarships to high school students for higher education.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in a Lions club is by invitation. In addition to community service, members have opportunities to develop personal friendships and gain leadership skills.

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