

Rotary District 5495

District Grant Final Report

Due April 30, 2022 – Complete at Conclusion of Project

Project Title: 91st Annual Speech Contest

Rotary Club of: Phoenix

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Project Description

1. Briefly describe the project outcomes. What was done (in 100 words or less)? This is a Speech Contest open to any high school aged student within Arizona. They compete for scholarships to be used for their college education. It is broken up into two categories: Upper Division for juniors and seniors; and Lower Division for freshmen and sophmores. Phoenix Rotary has held this contest for 91 consecutive years. Upper division scholarship amounts include: 1st place \$4,000, 2nd Place \$2500, 3rd Place \$1000, 4th Place \$500. Lower Division scholarship amounts include: 1st place \$1,000, 2nd Place \$750, 3rd Place \$500, 4th Place \$250.

When (dates) and where (city, state and country) did project activities take place?

For a second year in a row, due to Covid, the speech contest was held online using Zoom. For the upper division (juniors, seniors): preliminaries were held November 14 & 15, 2021, semi-finals on November 30, 2021 and finals on February 18, 2022. For the lower division (freshmen, sophmores): preliminaries were held November 16 & 17, 2021 and finals were held on November 30, 2021.

Who were the beneficiaries? High School students throughout Arizona could apply. Pre-Covid, the Speech Contest participation was just under 100 with participation from schools throughout the state. During Covid the Speech Contest was held via Zoom, the number of participants dropped down to 33 with all participants from the Phoenix Metro area. This was somewhat surprising, as it was thought going virtual would be more attractive to schools outside of metro Phoenix since they did not have to travel. This year's Speech Contest had participation from 14 high schools plus one home school. Of the 14 high schools, 7 were returning schools from last year and 7 were new schools (of which 3 had never participated in our Speech Contest).

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project? 24 Rotarians actively participated in this year's Speech Contest
3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples. The entire project was run by club members in the capacities of promoting the contest with speech/debate coaches throughout the state, participant registration, coordinating the event online via Zoom, judging the speeches, ordering the trophies and

name plates, and delivering the trophies and monetary awards. The majority of members served as judges and attended a Zoom training meeting on how to judge the speeches (i.e., content, presentation and delivery), were given judging tips, and told how our "Guidelines on Scoring" works. Judges listened to and watched each of the contestants within their section of the contest, scored them using our online (Google Forms) judging form and ranked them based on their performance. All of the judges' scores were automatically added together to determine the ranking of the contestants instantly. The most challenging work was coordinating the event online. This involved admitting participants at their scheduled time, placing them into a staging break out room until their turn, briefing them on all the rules, bringing them into the online (Zoom) speaking room at the appropriate time without interrupting ongoing speeches, identifying the judge in the Zoom window doing the timekeeping, etc. The other big challenge was creating the registration spreadsheet online which allowed dynamically accepting 10 minute timeslot reservations without allowing duplication, conflicts or unwanted gaps - this primarily during the school day while students snuck out of class to an empty classroom to compete. An additional registration spreadsheet was created online to schedule judges, timekeepers, head judges, and Zoom moderators. All spreadsheets were linked to one another to ensure a seamless experience for the contest administrator.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project? 46 Non-Rotarians benefited directly from this project (33 participants + their 13 coaches). Indirectly, this would include the parents and fellow classmates of the various participants.
5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project? The biggest long-term impact is providing financial assistance to college bound students in pursuit of their dreams. This pursuit not only opens their mind to knowledge, but exposes them to to a broader view of life, cultures, way of thinking, and understanding with the ultimate hope of making them a better citizen of the world. This project also affirms the beneficial applications of effective public speaking learned through developing strong research skills, exposure to view points that may be different from their own, becoming more socially conscious, and increasing their confidence and leadershipship skills. Furthermore, young people are our future leaders and future Rotarians. By exposing them to Rotary through our Speech Contest, we are showing them who we are and what we do, hopefully inspiring them to become Rotarians as they move into their professional lives.
6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role? Not applicable

Financial Report (Use second page, if needed. District must receive receipts of all expenditures)

| 7. Actual Income | Amount |
|---|------------------|
| 1. District Grant funds received from the District | 1,600.00 |
| 2. Club funds | 10,613.68 |
| 3. Other funding (specify) Click or tap here to enter text. | 0 |
| 4. Other funding (specify) Click or tap here to enter text. | 0 |
| Total Project Income | 12,213.38 |

| 8. Actual Expenditures (please be specific) | Amount |
|---|------------------|
| 1. 10 trophies and name plates | 407.68 |
| 2. Shipping 2 trophies | 55.70 |
| 3. 1st Place Coach Award | 1,000.00 |
| 4. 2nd Place Coach Award | 250.00 |
| 5. 4 Upper Division Scholarships | 8,000.00 |
| 6. 4 Lower Division Scholarships | 2,500.00 |
| Total Project Expenditures | 12,213.38 |

Income and expenditures must balance.

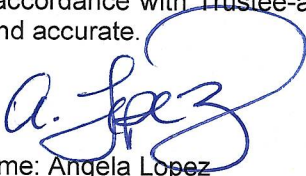
Please upload the completed and signed report and receipts in PDF format to the documents section of your grant page on Rotarygrants.org

Address questions to Rebecca Wilks info@drwilks.com

Photos are appreciated but not required.

By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all the information contained herein is true and accurate.

Club President Signature:



Date: 4/1/2022

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