SIXTH ANNUAL
ROTARY ESSAY CONTEST
GRADE 8
2014

First Prize: $250
Second Prize: $150
Honourable Mention: 3 awards of $100 each

Sponsors: Rotary Club of Kelowna, Okanagan Mission

Open to Grade 8 students at public schools in School District 23

Background:
Rotarians around the world involve themselves in large and small projects to improve the lives of others. Globally, they have initiated plans to focus on the eradication of polio, built wells for water in Africa and provided "Peace Scholarships" for university students. Recently, Rotary International has provided prosthetic hands and hearing aids in the Dominican Republic, built latrines in schoolyards in India, and founded a Rotary Club in the Swat Valley of northern Pakistan. Locally, Rotary Clubs have supported the building of The Rotary Cancer Lodge in Kelowna, made Rotary Beach wheelchair accessible and provided funds for the Rotary Center for the Arts, to name but a few initiatives. There are many needs within our own community that could benefit from the support of a service organization such as Rotary.

Topic:
Write an essay describing a worthwhile project. What is your idea? Who would it benefit? Why did you choose it? Elaborate on the plans needed to take it to fruition. Persuade the committee to choose your project!
CONTEST RULES:

1. Open to grade 8 students in attendance at public schools in School District 23 enrolled in the 2013-14 school year.

2. Using their best writing skills, students are asked to write an essay of approximately 500 words. Essays will be assessed using the SD No. 23 School Wide Write Rubric for Grade 8.

3. Each entrant must complete a COVER SHEET.

4. Entrants should NOT put their name on the essays, just the Cover Sheet.

5. Entries should be typed and double spaced.

6. Each teacher is asked to submit their TOP 5 Essays.

7. SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, April 25th, 2014. Late admissions will not be considered.

Email or mail to –
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8. Selection committee comprised of 2 teachers and Rotary Club members.

9. Finalists will be notified by May 1st, 2014.

10. Finalists must be prepared to read their essays to the club members at the Rotary club Meeting dinner on May 5th 2014 at a location to be announced. The 5 finalists will receive two complimentary dinners that evening as well as the prize money. Other guests are asked to purchase their dinners at $20.00 each.
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COVER SHEET

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STUDENT’S NAME: ____________________ ______________________

SCHOOL: __________________________________________________

TEACHER’S NAME: __________________________________________

HOME ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

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HOME PHONE NUMBER: _________________ Email:____________________

Declaration: I understand that, if I am chosen as a Contest FINALIST, I will be expected to read aloud my writing to the Rotary Club members at a dinner meeting on May 5, 2014. As a contest finalist, I will receive 2 complimentary dinners as well as the prize money. The organizers may keep copies of the winning essays to use as examples for future contests. ONLY FINALISTS WILL BE CONTACTED.

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