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ROTARY CLUB OF DAYTON ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

DAYTON, Ohio – The Rotary Club of Dayton convened local youth for their 4-Way Test Speech Contest on Saturday at the Dayton Metro Library. Participants prepared and presented short speeches that affirm the four values of the Rotary International 4-Way Test. Those values are:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Students from local schools participated in the competition, judged by volunteers from the Club and the community. The top three finishers each won a cash prize, with the top two advancing to the Rotary District 6670 competition to be held on March 30, 2025.

- The three finalists are:
1. Mya Smedley (\$350 prize)
 2. Lilia Lopez (\$250 prize)
 3. Claudine Tumusifu (\$150 prize)

Rotarian Emily Broughton, who led the initiative to revive the Club's local contest, said, "It is incredibly heartening to hear the thoughtful take these future leaders have on pressing issues. Their poise, thoughtfulness, and polished delivery gives me hope that the future is bright for these young leaders."

The Rotary International 4-Way Test Speech Contest is a competition for high school students to promote ethical standards and develop public speaking skills. An annual event, the Rotary Club of Dayton is excited to again send participants to the District competition for the first time since the COVID pandemic shut in-person activities down. If you would like to participate in next year's event, follow the Rotary Club of Dayton social media for notice.

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The Rotary Club of Dayton is the region's largest civic service organization. The Club promotes the Dayton community through service and philanthropy, supporting countless nonprofit organizations throughout our region. The Club meets Mondays at noon at Sinclair Conference Center.