

TO THE STUDENTS

WELCOME TO THE TENTH ANNUAL LIONS DISTRICT 46 STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST, 2017-2018

The Lions Clubs of District 46 in Nevada and California are proud to once again sponsor our annual Lions Student Speakers Contest. This seventy-five year tradition provides an opportunity for competitive speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants, as well as the American people as a whole. The contest also stimulates self-expression and independent thinking, and considers the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.

Our challenging topic for this year's contest is:

What Influence Does Social Media Have on Youth, Millennials, and Seniors in Our Society?

This thought-provoking subject will give our youth the opportunity to explore in depth a topic that is of vital interest here and abroad.

The Lions of District 46 encourage the participation of all qualified high school students in this contest, thus creating a forum to further develop one's confidence in expressing views on a topic of national concern while building self-assurance in public speaking.

I wish each participating student great success in this contest and in all of your future endeavors.

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 needs and welfare of any student whom they may be sponsoring when that student appears in a zone, region, or district contest. They will further lend every assistance to the student when he or she appears in connection with the Student Speakers Contest. Payment of expenses of parents and coaches or other guests are at the discretion of the sponsoring clubs.

Purpose of the Contest

- To provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants, as well as to the American people as a whole;
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking; and
- To consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.

Student Speakers Contest

Topic Suggestions

Anyone may submit topics for the succeeding year. The committee will gladly accept all suggestions. The club chairperson will forward these suggestions to their district chairperson.

All proposed suggestions are considered by the committee and the district chairperson. Topics recommended by the committee are then submitted to the Lions District Cabinet for final selection.

Entrants

The contest is open to students, including foreign exchange students, grades 9 through 12, of any high school, charter school, private school, or home school.

Winners of previous Lions District 46 **final** contests are not eligible to compete again. **Contestants must be attending school when the competition is held.** Three speakers are recommended for Club Contests, but limited to **no more than six contestants at the club level.**

