**ROTARY 4-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST**

**ATTENTION: 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS**

We invite you to participate in Rotary’s Annual 4-Way Test Essay Contest for the 2015-16 year.

This year’s theme:

**"Why would an Interact Club at our school pass the 4-Way Test?”**

**Interact** is a Rotary sponsored service organization that has traditionally been established at the High School level. Activities include worthwhile local and international fund raising and activity related projects that coincide with Rotary’s six areas of focus. Certainly, fellowship and fun are part of the equation. Now, Middle School students can also form their own clubs to learn about Rotary, assist High School Interact Clubs and local Rotary Clubs achieve success OR they can set their own paths to “Service Above Self.”

The essay contest of **"Why would an Interact Club at our school pass the 4-Way Test?”** is looking for your understanding of Rotary, The four-way test, and Interact and how those things could be applied to your own school’s Interact Club. Please give specific examples of activities, organization, budgets, and personal value to illustrate your ideas.

Cash Prizes awarded for First, Second and Third place winners at the local level and also at the District level. District Level prizes: 1st. $150, 2nd. $100, 3rd. $75. SEE YOUR TEACHER FOR AN ENTRY FORM AND CONTEST RULES.

**THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST:**

**Of the things we think, say or do.**

**1. Is it the TRUTH?**

**2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

**4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

Essays will be evaluated on:

 Originality of thought (fresh, insightful, and stimulating ideas.

 How the thought is presented (the effective use of language).

**Start Creating your essay now!**

**Mail or deliver your completed essay to:**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(To be completed by Rotary Club)