

Memo

To: District 7690 Rotary Club Presidents
CC: District Governor Charles Allen
Assistant District Governors
From: Dona Neal, Chair
District 7690 Rotary Against Drugs Program
Date: September 24, 2008
Re: Rotary Against Drugs Speech Contest

First, let me say thank you to all the clubs of District 7690 that have previously participated in the Rotary Against Drugs Speech Contest. I think you will agree with me that it is a rewarding event. This past March we had sixteen (16) students participate at the district level with three (3) of them advancing to multi-district competition. District 7690 was well-represented. Our district 1st place winner, Hillary Akers from Lee Early College also walked away from multi-district competition with 1st place honors.

Now, enough about last year! It is time to start planning for the 2009 competition. No dates for either competition have been confirmed at this time, but the multi-district is normally held in mid-March. District competition will be a week or two before that. I will submit the dates to the newsletter and website when they are confirmed.

I challenge each club to establish a relationship with a local high school and promote participation in this contest to principals, counselors and teachers. The sooner you provide the details to them, the longer they have to prepare. February/ March sounds like a long way off, but once you get through the holidays it will approach very quickly.

I have also included some additional information for your use. Please pass along as appropriate to your Rotary Against Drugs Chairperson. If you wish for me to contact them directly, please send me their name, phone number and email address.

- o Resource Materials (revised 12/07 for the 2008 competition)
- o Rules Governing Contest and Scoring Sheet (revised 12/07)
- o Testimonials from Rotarians, Teachers, Parents & Students

Please feel free to contact me if I can assist in any way possible. I can be reached at (336) 774-2350 or dona.neal@smallemoughtocare.com.