
Lions Opportunity for Youth Report

Drug Awareness Speech Contest and Outstanding Youth Award Contest

District 2-X1 4th Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, Mar. 18, 2022

Anderson Hall, Tyler Street Church, 927 W 10th St, Dallas, TX 75208

To improve contests' participations we promoted the LOFY Contests on all club visits in Zone 7 (Dallas Founder, Dallas Indian, Park Cities, North Dallas Indo Centennial, Richardson Host, and Richardson Midday Lions Clubs), as well as on Zone 7's trimester meetings. At the last Zone meeting (in person) on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, we raised \$150 and donated it to 2-X1 Charities, designated for the LOFY Contest.

We received 3 contestants each for both Drug Awareness Speech and Outstanding Youth Award contests, which allow us to proceed with the contests. These contestants were sponsored by Dallas Everest Lions Club and Dallas Indian Lions Club. Contest confirmation and contests' schedules were emailed to every contestant on March 15, 2023.

We've selected judges based on the topic of the contest and judges' background experience and trainings.

Judges for the Drug Awareness Speech contest ("Pharmacy Fentanyl *vs* Illegal Fentanyl") are:

1. DG Fred Conger
2. Catalina Garcia, MD (Anesthesiologist)
3. Dana Morgan (Substance Use Disorder Recovery Evangelist and Interventionist)
4. Lion Rick Grinter (Toastmaster)
5. Lion Carol Donovan JD (Mediator and Toastmaster).

Judges for Outstanding Youth Award contest ("The Impact of Technology on Society") are:

1. DG Fred Conger
2. IPDG Esmeralda Rodriguez
3. Lion Floyd Daigle (MD-2 IT Chairperson)
4. Lion Bobby Allen (Private Business)
5. Lion Alison Allen Grinter JD (Mediator, Toastmaster)

Stand in judges: Lion Sydney Allen (IT, Digital Marketing)

Judging procedures, contest's rules, and judging ballots were emailed to all judges along with the contestants' information, other required documents on March 15, 2023.

Contests judging and interview (for Outstanding Youth Award) will be held via Zoom (in accordance with MD-2 contests' procedures) on Saturday, March 25, 2022 from 10 AM to 12 PM for Drug Awareness Speech and 1 to 3 PM for Outstanding Youth Award. Reminder and Zoom link will be sent on March 22, 2023 to both contestants and judges.

First and 2nd Place winners announcement will be done on the same day. All contestant will received certificate of participations. First Place winners will present their speeches at District Convention on April 14, 2023 and will advance to MD-2 State contests. Scholarship disbursement for 1st (\$1,000) and 2nd Place (\$500) will be sent directly to the college/university they will attend.

Diabetes Awareness Essay will be reported separately by contest's coordinator, Lion Gloria Mathur.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Drug Awareness Award and Outstanding Youth Award Contests Coordinator