



Rachel Hatten from Rockwall places 4th in the district 4 Way Speech Contest. Pictured here with the other contestants and Governor Tom Ryan.

Below is a letter from Rachel's mother to Bob Cotti and the Breakfast Rotary.

Mr. Cotti,

I am Rachel Hatten's mother, and I just wanted to thank you for this wonderful opportunity the Rotary has offered Rachel and all of the student's in Rockwall. I teach at J.W. Williams Middle School and had heard about the Four Way Test Speech Contest in the past, but had never actually witnessed the fruits of the student's talents. These students were remarkable! What a wonderful opportunity for our young adults to actually "think through" a topic using the Rotarian standards. I was particularly impressed with the variety of topics presented at both the local and district level. I truly commend your organization for allowing our future leaders to shine during their High School years.

As Rachel's mother, I not only want to thank you for the scholarship money awarded to her, but also the opportunity to see my child shine in an area that just may be her calling. As an educator, I thank you for allowing our students to experience the satisfaction of developing their ideas and presenting them to a worthy audience. That experience is invaluable!

Thank you again, and we look forward to being a part of this event in the future.

Stacey Hatten