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Carlsbad Rotary Club Announces Essay Winners

CARLSBAD, N.M., March 10, 2011 – Each year the Carlsbad Rotary Club holds an essay competition for eighth grade students to address the Rotary International Four Way Test. The test was designed as four questions to help govern choices in life: Is it the TRUTH, is it FAIR to all concerned, will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS and will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

This year, two eighth grade students from Jefferson Montessori Academy were selected as first place winners and honored at the Carlsbad Rotary Club meeting held on March 9, 2011. The first winner, Eric Tristano, moved to Carlsbad in 2010 and is a native of Aztec, New Mexico. His parents are Ameer and Tony Tristano. Erik believes that completing the essay helped him to reflect on his day to day actions and how he interacts with others. The second winner was Remington Maravilla, a third year student at Jefferson Montessori Academy. His parents are Dr. Kanona and Melissa Felt. Remington said the ethics that he studies in Boy Scouts related to the assignment as he tries to live by the Boy Scout law to make better choices. Both students are taught by Stacy Chiri, the secondary English teacher at Jefferson Montessori Academy.

The winning essays will now be submitted to the Rotary District competition. The final selected essay winner will be honored with cash prizes and plaques at the Rotary District Convention April 14-16, 2011 in Ruidoso.

The Carlsbad Rotary Club would like to thank all student and teacher participants in this year's Four Way Test Essay Contest and we look forward to next year's competition.

The Carlsbad Rotary Club is affiliated with District 5520 of Rotary International. The organization meets each Wednesday at noon at the Stevens Inn.