

Rotary seeks submissions for 4-Way-Test Speech Contest

Any Siuslaw area high school student (public, private, or home-schooled) in grades 9-12 who cares about ethical standards and behavior in today's world is invited to participate in the 2018 Rotary International 4-Way Test Speech Contest

The contest will be held Thursday, April 19, at 4 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

Three finalists will then present their speeches and receive certificates and cash prizes totaling \$1,500 at a Rotary meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at noon.

The winning speaker will also be expected to compete in a "Speak Off" at the Rotary District Conference in Ashland, Ore., on May 5.

First place prize for the local contest is \$750, second place will receive \$500, and third place is \$250.

There are even more cash prizes available at the District level.

All participants will be required to take the Rotary 4-

Way Test and apply it to real life throughout their speeches. The 4-Way Test has four principles:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The choices for topics are endless. Would the Super Bowl pass the 4-Way Test? What about homework assignments? How about social networking?

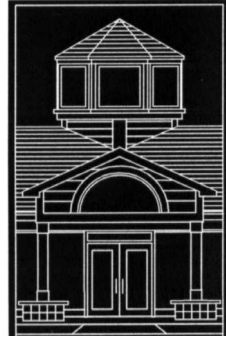
All speeches must be original and may not be less than 5 minutes or more than 7 minutes.

Speeches should also be memorized.

For information on participating, including an application and guidelines, visit www.the.florence Rotary.org and choose the tab "Club Youth Programs."

Those interested can also contact Committee Chair Meg Spencer via email at mmspencer1818@yahoo.com.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

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BOOK REVIEW "Red Famine"

By Anne Applebaum

Anne Applebaum is the Pulitzer Prize-winner of "Gulag" and the National Book Award Finalist for "Iron Curtain," both books dealing with Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Union.

Now she is out with her latest, "Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine."

In 1929, Stalin launched his policy of agricultural collectivization — which forced millions of peasants off their land and onto collective farms. The result was a catastrophic famine, the most lethal in European history.

At least 5 million people died between 1931 and 1933 in the USSR. But instead of sending relief, the Soviet state made use of the catastrophe to rid itself of a political problem. In "Red Famine," Applebaum argues that more than 3 million of those dead were Ukrainians who perished not because they were accidental victims of a bad policy, but because the state deliberately sought to kill them.

Applebaum proves what has long been suspected: After a series of rebellions unsettled the province, Stalin set out to destroy the Ukrainian peasantry.

The state sealed the republic's borders and seized all available food. Starvation set in rapidly, and people ate anything: grass, tree bark, dogs, corpses. In some cases, they killed one another for food.

Devastating and definitive, "Red Famine" captures the horror of ordinary people struggling to survive extraordinary evil.

Today, Russia, the successor to the Soviet Union, has placed Ukrainian independence in its sights once more. Applebaum's compulsively readable narrative recalls one of the worst crimes of the 20th century and shows how it may foreshadow a new threat to the political order of the 21st century.

"Ernest Haycox and the Western"

Author and educator Richard Etulain will be discussing his latest book, "Ernest Haycox and the Western" on Friday, March 9, beginning at 1 p.m. in the library's Bromley Room.

Haycox was a noted Oregon author who wrote fiction and was especially known for his westerns, several of which later became films, such as his book "Stage to Lordsburg" which became the popular western movie

"Stagecoach," starring John Wayne.

The novel, "Trouble Shooter," became the film "Union Pacific" starring Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea.

Etulain, a prize-winning historian of the American West, has visited the Siuslaw Public Library before, presenting a full weekend of discussions about author Wallace Stegner as well as discussing Abraham Lincoln and his relationship to Oregon.

He has written more than 50 books and has served as president of the Western Literature and Western History Associations.

AARP tax help

Don't forget that the AARP tax services are available at the library on Mondays and Thursdays now through April 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a special final day of tax preparation on Saturday, April 14.

AARP offers free tax preparation help to anyone of any age — but especially if you are 50 or older and can't afford paid tax preparation. The service is first-come, first-serve, so be prepared to wait but check a book out of the library while waiting your turn.

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Enchanted Valley community dock on beautiful Mercer Lake. Build your dream home.
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\$399,500 BH7620 ML#17667902



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4 Bdrm, 3 Ba 3585 sq ft
\$400,000 BH7644 ML#18216160



FEATURED LISTING
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\$125,000 BH7394 ML#17200307



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