15TH ANNUAL LIONS CLUB ORATORY COMPETITION
Wednesday 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

Information about judging

Judges will to listen to all the orations and rate them according to the subject matter (which includes incorporating one or more of the great human values of truth, righteousness, peace, love and non-violence), the method of delivery, and the manner of delivery. Each speaker must speak for only 8 minutes, if they exceed this time points will be deducted from their final score.

Basis for Judges and guidelines for contestants

1) The subject Matter must confirm to some of the objectives of the oratory contest and no variation will be accepted; i.e. the five human values of Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Love and Non-Violence will form the basis of the subject matter.

2) Public speaking embraces a captivating introduction and impressionable conclusion that leaves a good impression on the audience, as do the 3 elements of matter, manner and method:

**Matter** is the content of the speech, written and prepared for oration. It must be relevant to the speech.

**Manner** is the way the speaker presents that material to the audience with all communication skills. It commands the attention and interest of the audience and the matter is presented in an attractive package.

**Manner covers;** eye contact; limited/no use of notes; good syntax; articulation and voice projection; variation in vocal pitch; pace, tone and volume with planned pauses; natural and controlled gestures; projection of personality; dress sense; easy stance and a good sense of humour.

**Method** is the logical order in which the matter is organised and structured. It is the way the speaker presents that material, with an orderly progression of ideas and allotment of time to various items in proportion to the significance attached to it.
Matter and method will be closely linked to each other, and manner will cover all personal qualities employed by the speaker to win and hold audience appeal.

3) The Judges will award marks taking into account the 3 elements as follows:

- **Matter** 40
- **Manner** 30
- **Method** 30 —— total 100

4) Judges will be briefed on the procedure of awarding marks; and will be issued with marking sheets containing names of speaker, ANU college, degree, and with details for recording marks covering the set aspects of judging.

5) Time penalties
   There will be a penalty of:
   - 2 points for being more than 30 seconds outside the allocated time
   - 5 points for being more than 60 seconds outside the allocated time

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**Background on the competition**

According to Lions, the objectives of the competition are:

To give an opportunity to students to master and excel in the art of oratory by reading widely on subjects dealing with human values

To create interest in the study of the lives of great women and men who, often at enormous personal sacrifice, realise outstanding achievements which generations to come will emulate. These are people, including Saints and Sages from the whole World, who through their outstanding contributions enhanced the quality of life of all humanity.

To cultivate in students the need for the great human values of truth, righteousness, peace, love and non-violence – the core of all major religions.

As per the format of last year’s competition the event is a competition between representatives from the ANU Colleges. Each speaker has been selected by their College to represent the College. Each contestant is now competing for themselves as well as that of their College. In addition to the prize money, there is a perpetual trophy awarded to the winner and their College/s.