

2009-2010

Massachusetts Lions Youth, Speech Competition.



The topic for this year:

"Is America Truly The Land Of The Free

The purpose of the competition is to provide an opportunity for students to speak publicly on a designated topic of interest. The competition starts at the local club or school level. It then proceeds through levels of competition ending several months later with the statewide contest. After the Club level, the student, if successful each time, moves through the Zone, Region, and District levels. The competition culminates with the five (5) statewide district winners vying for the title of *BEST IN THE STATE*

The competition is open to *ALL* students, including Leo's, technical schools, and home-schooled students in grades 10, 11, and 12 (or equivalent), provided that they are sponsored by a Massachusetts Lion, Lioness, or Leo Club. A student can participate on only one Club level competition in a school year. If a Club decides to seek students outside its geographical boundaries, i.e. city/town, it must make sure that it is operating within the guidelines of Lions Club International.

*Mark
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calendar*

- **DECEMBER 12 2009 - DEADLINE FOR CLUB LEVEL SPEECH CONTEST.**
- **JANUARY 9, 2010 - DEADLINE FOR ZONE LEVEL SPEECH CONTEST**
- **JANUARY 30, 2010 - 'DEADLINE FOR REGION LEVEL SPEECH CONTEST**



Hello, my name is William P. Donnellan, and I am the Multiple District 33 Youth Speech Chair for District 33K. This is my third year as the Speech Chair for the district, and I am excited to be the chair again. I am hoping that many clubs will participate this year. The topic for this year is- Is America Truly The Land Of The Free?"

My committee also includes Louise Kirkpatrick and Pat Kalicki, We are hoping to hold a couple raffles to help with the cost of the Speech Contest. Our committee is also asking each club to donate money towards the Youth Speech Contest. It is a great competition, and worthwhile for each student involved.

PRIZE STRUCTURE



- It is up to the club to give out club prizes for the speech contest.
- At each Zone level, the winners will receive a 50.00 prize, which will be funded by the state committee.
- The Region level winner will receive a prize at the Mid-Winter Conference (\$100.00).
- The winner at the Mid-Winter will receive an additional \$500.00 for winning the District 33K competition.



I will be available to speak at your club, zone or region meetings if you need further assistance. Contact me at **wdonne2658@aol.com**



I would appreciate it if each club could donate between \$50.00- \$100.00 to help with the Youth Speech Contest.

I hope your club participates this year in the Speech Contest!!!

MD33 Youth Speech Chair, William P. Donnellan