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Photo information: Pictured left to right (Annette Ordonez, Armando Servin-Franco, Giovanni Gomez, Sebastian Mendoza, Miakoda Crampton, Molly Parks, John Dunn)

ON JAN. 27 ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ HOSTED ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST Five Harbor High School students awarded scholarships

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - On Friday. Jan. 27, the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz hosted its Annual Speech Contest. The event was held at the Back Nine Grill located at 555 CA-17 in Santa Cruz at 12:30 p.m.

Five participating students representing Harbor High presented to an audience of more than 100 Rotarians. Each student spoke for approximately 4-5 minutes and incorporated this year's selected theme - Rotary Serving Humanity.

The speeches were assessed by a panel of pre-selected judges. All recipients received certificates recognizing their achievements as well as monetary prizes.

This year's winner was Miakoda Crampton with a presentation titled "Education to Change". Crampton was awarded a check for \$150 and will go on to the Area Level Contest to be held at the Capitola-Aptos Club on Thursday, Mar. 16. The winner from the Area Level has the opportunity to go on to compete at the Regional and District Levels occurring later this spring.

Rotary International is one of the world's largest community service organizations, with more than 35,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs work to improve lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz meets every Friday from noon - 1:30 p.m. at Back Nine Grill at Pasatiempo Inn. For more information visit <u>santacruzrotary.com</u>.

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