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**Photo for Submission:** Santa Cruz Rotary Club speech competitors included (left to right) Wendy Sanchez, Maria Garcia, Terry Cole, Fernanda Torres-Calderon, Cristina Vargas, and Daniela Diaz.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ HOSTS ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST**

### **Three area high school students awarded cash prizes**

**SANTA CRUZ, Calif. -** Pacific Collegiate student Terry Cole won the speech contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz at its weekly meeting earlier this year. Along with a cash prize of \$100, he earned a place in the Area Speech Contest to be held at San Lorenzo Valley High School on Wednesday, March 6. The Area Winner will have a chance to compete in the District and Regional later this spring.

Maria Garcia of Harbor High earned second place honors, and third place was awarded to Fernanda Torres-Calderon, also from Harbor High.

Additional participants included Wendy Sanchez, Cristina Vargas, and Daniela Diaz, all from Harbor High. They presented to an audience of more than 100 Rotarians. Each student spoke for approximately 4-5 minutes and incorporated this year's theme, "Be An Inspiration."

All participants received certificates recognizing their achievements, and the top three were awarded monetary prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively.

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The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz meets every Friday from noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge. For more information visit [santacruzrotary.com](http://santacruzrotary.com).

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