



LION TALES

Sutter Creek Lions Student Speakers Contest

The Multiple District Four Student Speakers contest, which is open to all High School aged California students, is celebrating its 80th year. This year's topic was "**Is the Right to Privacy a Threat to Our National Security?**" In today's ever evolving and fast paced technological culture, it seems that the more access we have to information, the more an individual's right to privacy is questioned. We are all excited to see how the students of today, our leaders of tomorrow, view and relate to this subject matter. We are confident that the competition will bring out discussions with many different interpretations and views on the right to privacy in today's world.

Three students from Amador County High School, Ethan Custodio, Bryce Nelson, and Jeremiah Vela Murphy entered the contest and gave their speech on February 6 at the Amador County Transportation Commission conference room. Students were prepared to talk as close as possible to, but not over, ten minutes, nor less than five minutes.

PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST

- To provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to the American people as a whole.
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking.
- To present to the public through the student speakers contests the problems surrounding the maintenance of this commonwealth as a free nation.
- To consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.

Congratulations to Ethan Custodio, who received \$100 and the opportunity to advance to the next level (Zone) and compete against the winners of the Up Country 88 Lions and Jackson Lions. That contest will be held on March 6 at Mel & Faye's Creekside Banquet Room in Jackson. The winner from that night will advance to the Regional Contest. There are three more levels of advancement with cash prizes at each level.

Chair Susan Flynn coordinated the event for the Sutter Creek Lions which included three judges who were not members of a Lions Club or affiliated with the school system. They were Superior Court Judge Renee Day, Amador County Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters Greta McElroy, and Supervisor Frank Axe. Lion Club members who helped that night serving as timers, tellers, and security were Mike Flynn, Chuck Swiderski, Jim Schlaman, Cora Farnham, Wyman Dickerson, Jan Harris, Cynthia Greer, and Debbie Collins.

A special "thank you" to Giles Turner, Amador High School Drama Department and Mel Jagoda, Amador High School Counselor.

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