

# Cabinet Meeting Report

6/8/24

## Opportunities for Youth

Since the last Cabinet Meeting, we held our District “Opportunities for Youth” contest. It was held at our Mid-Winter Conference in Houston on January 27, 2024. We had a total of 8 students participate in the three different contests – Diabetic Essay, Drug Awareness Speech, and Outstanding Youth. Several of the students participated in 2 or all 3 of the contests. Nine individuals acted as judges. ALL of the judges commented that they thoroughly enjoyed participating in the contest and would be willing to do it again next year. After the students’ presentations, the judges came to their final decisions.

### Diabetic Essay

1st Abigail Schmidt

2nd Rebeca Gutierrez

3rd Ronal Cardona

### Drug Awareness Speech

Cayle Kelley

Kathryn Quarles

Jordan Jahn

### Outstanding Youth

Cayle Kelley

Sarai Martinez-Galindo

Kathryn Quarles

First place winners were awarded \$1,000, second place was \$600 and third place winners earned \$400.

All of the students that entered the contest were invited to join us and attend our Mid-Winter luncheon. The winners were named and introduced to the Lions attending. In lieu of a key-note speaker, we had the 3 first place winners present their essays and speeches to us.

At this time, PDG Rick and I would like to thank several of our District 2-S2 Lions Clubs for sponsoring some of the second and third place winners in our club contests. For \$100, a club can “sponsor” a student. This allows more students to participate in our District level contest and have the opportunity to

earn more scholarship monies. A big thank-you goes to the Houston Sports Lions Club, Tomball Lions Club, and The Woodlands Lions Club.

The next step, was to enter our first place winners into the State level contest. Cayle and Abigail's winning essays and speech, as well as a lot of other required paperwork, was mailed off to the appropriate locations. The contest was held on a ZOOM meeting, as that would allow all students to participate. Neither Abigail or Cayle placed in the State contest, but we are so proud of them for representing District 2-S2 as well as they did.

Respectfully submitted,

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