THIRD ANNUAL STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

Theme: “Serving Humanity”

Students from Homestead, Lynbrook, Monta Vista, Fremont, and Cupertino High Schools (grades 9-12) as well as Middle Schools Kennedy, Miller, Hyde, Lawson, McAuliffe and Cupertino Middle Schools (grades 6 – 8) are invited to submit poems for the third annual poetry contest hosted by the Rotary Club of Cupertino.

Cash prizes are $100-$75-$50
to the top three awardees from both middle school and high school

TOPIC:

Students may submit poems that address “Service above Self” which reflects Rotary's core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. Poet Laureate Ann Muto says, “Service means some action on behalf of something or someone else; humanity is defined as looking beyond the individual, considering human beings collectively. The focus could be very broad or as narrow as your own decision to work on a specific project benefitting others, like the school yearbook. The strongest poems will address the poet’s experiences and attitudes in detail and evocative language, using all the senses. Write the poem that comes from your truest heart and your unique identity. Write the poem that no other person could write!”

Reading time should be under 2 minutes.

Poets Laureates Dave Denny, Jennifer Swanton Brown and Ann Muto are the judges. Cupertino City Council Members Savita Vaidhyanathan and Barry Chang will award prizes on behalf of the Rotary Club of Cupertino.

TIMELINE:

June 21, 2018 - Submission Deadline
Submissions to be sent to Chair of Student Poetry Contest, Colleen Hudgen, at liveoakdaycare@att.net
Format: Word/PDF must include name, age, grade, school, email and phone

July 1, 2018
Judges declare 3 winners from High School students and 3 from Middle School students

July 3, 2018 - Winners will be contacted.

July 25, 2018 - Awards Ceremony
Quinlan Center, Cupertino 12:00 – 1:30 pm

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