

## PREAMBLE TO OUR CLUB'S SPEAKER POLICY

Political persons are always welcome at any of our club meetings.

Political persons may address the club as a speaker, but only in accord with our stated policy, and only if the speaker is already in office and his/her address is informational and pertains to work in the speaker's area of responsibility.

## FAIRFIELD GLADE ROTARY CLUB'S SPEAKER POLICY

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in speaking to our club.

Rotarians are committed to making our communities and the world a better place to live; that commitment involves being knowledgeable about political developments as they affect service to our communities as well as the pursuit of the Rotary objective of world understanding and peace. We are however prohibited from involvement in partisan politics, and our work must remain non-partisan and non-political.

Article 13, Section 2 of Rotary International's Club Constitution, by which all Rotary clubs are governed, specifically prohibits political activity at Rotary club meetings. In pertinent part, Section 2 states: "this club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate." Consequently, we, at the Fairfield Glade Rotary Club must adhere to this constitutional mandate. To that end, we interpret this to mean that a speaker shall not endorse nor demean a political party or candidate. Therefore, we do hereby make this a standing policy guide of this club, incumbent upon all prospective speakers.

Moreover, during an election season, once a person has registered and has become qualified to become a candidate for any elected office, our club will not allow that person to be a speaker at our meetings until the election season is complete and final election results are certified.

Thank you for your understanding.