Roosevelt pupils can talk a win

The Rotary Club of Northcliff (RCN) hosted the primary inter-school public speaking competition at Parkview senior school.

The participants included pupils from Greenside primary, Trinityhouse, IR Griffith primary, Sharonlea primary, Franklin D Roosevelt primary, Panoroma primary, Melpark primary and Parkview senior school. The 16 finalists competed in two categories, namely prepared speeches and impromptu speeches.

The evening kicked off with a spectacular music item from the Parkview Senior Pops band. The prepared speeches consisted of various categories, the more notable that of Karen van Zyl from Trinityhouse who spoke on the Power of Speech, while Alice Letsoala from Melpark primary chose to speak about Peace.

The pair achieved first and second place respectively. Third place went to Taskeen Bata from Parkview senior school who entertained with her topic Dare to be different.

The impromptu speeches also proved to be very entertaining while at the same time maintaining a high standard. The category winners in joint first place were Cayleigh Jacobs of Franklin D Roosevelt primary and Aleska Winetzki of IR Griffith. In third place was Samuel Sapire of Parkview senior school

RCN has hosted the speech competition for the past 30 years and has seen many of the previous participants move on to achieve greater successes in their adult lives. RCN president Paul Westcott presented the participants with certificates and pens.

Book vouchers were also handed out to the winners. He congratulated all the participants, the dedicated teachers and Cathy Samson and Robyn Nel for undertaking the formidable task of being the judges for the evening.

The overall winning school was Trinityhouse which will host the competition next year with RCN.



Cayleigh Jacobs, who was a joint winner in the impromptu category, and Susan Alexander of Franklin D Roosevelt primary school.