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Lions Club hosts student speakers competition

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The Bass Lake Lions Club held its annual student speakers contest at Ducey's Bass Lake Lodge on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Three speakers from Yosemite High School participated in the contest, speaking on the topic of "The Internet — Hero or Villain."

A panel of four judges, selected from the community, scored the speakers on a pre-determined rating scale.

Judges were Les and Camellia Brincefield and Al and Jean Bierfreund.

Student speakers were: Jessica Tyson, Raj Srinivasan and David Gallagher. Winner Jessica Tyson will advance to the Zone-level contest.

The remaining students were finalists.

The winning speaker received a \$50 check from the Lions Club, with all finalists receiving \$25.

The zone student speakers contest will be held in the Community Room of the Yosemite Gateway Association of Realtors, Oakhurst, on Tuesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. Student speakers can advance from the zone, to the region, district and area contests.

In addition to the student speakers contest, the Bass Lake Lions also provide two camperships to Camp Pacifica each year; scholarships for two YHS students, and many other community-based programs.

Major 2006 fundraisers of the Bass Lake Lions include the annual Antique Boat Show, scheduled Saturday, May 20; the annual pancake breakfast, the weekend of Aug. 12-13 and selling hot chocolate at The Pines Village tree lighting ceremony on Thanksgiving weekend.

More information about the Bass Lake Lions is available from Club President, Ed Koehler at (559) 683-8220.



Student speakers for Lion's Club contest include from left: Raj Srinivasan, David Gallagher and Jessica Tyson, with Bass Lake Lions president Ed Koehler. Photo courtesy of Ed McGowan

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