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Due Date Extended for Letter to My Parents™ Contest

Winners receive \$500, \$300 and \$200 for essay on family in Los Angeles

Do you have a story to share about your relationship and feelings about your parents as you were growing up in Los Angeles? Write an essay and enter to win in the *Letter to My Parents™ Contest* organized by Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown and Reyukai America. First prize award is \$500, second prize \$300, and third prize \$200.

Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Los Angeles is open to Los Angeles residents ages 15 to 18 years who want to express their experiences and feelings towards their parents or legal guardians. Participants are encouraged to submit work with concrete examples from personal life, reflecting family relationships and interactions. Suggested subjects include:

- How I can improve relationships in my family;
- What my parent(s) or guardian(s) means (mean) to me;
- What would I like to do for my parent(s) or guardian(s);
- How my parent(s)' experiences and influence affect or shape the person I am today.

Due to popular demand, the Organizing Committee decided to extend the last day of submission until May 8th, 2015. Entries can be in any language, but an English translation is required. Contestants 17 years old and under must submit a Parental/Guardian consent form.

Ten finalists will be selected and will be invited to present their letters during the final presentation to judges. Date and location will be announced later. *Letter to My Parents™ Contest* is organized different locations around nation such as Chicago and Hawai'i.

For more information, contact Toshiro Obara at 626.356.8055, info@lettertomyparents.com.
Details also available at www.LosAngelesLMP.com

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Tell us your FAMILY story!

 Letter to My Parents Contest™ in
Historic Filipinotown-Los Angeles 2015

Participation Guidelines

1. INVITATION :

It is impossible to live fulfilled lives without our parents. Family has always been the basis of society. Family unity is what helps people grow both as individuals and as members of society. However, today - in the more individualistic society we live in - it seems that the role of the family is changing. Therefore, the Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown and Reiyukai America is pleased to invite you to participate in the Letter to My Parents™ Contest – Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles!

2. PROCEDURE

In order to participate in the contest, a contestant must write a letter dedicated to his/ her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and submit it to the Organizing Committee. The submitted letters will go through several selection processes in order to be accepted for the final presentation. The letters that qualify for the final stage will be read by the original writers in front of the judges who will select the winners.

3. PARTICIPATION

3.1 Age

Participants will be individuals between the ages of 15 to 18 residing in the City of Los Angeles – anyone who was born in the years 1996 through 1999 can participate in this contest. Please be aware that participants 17 years old or under must submit a Parental/ Guardian Consent Form giving them permission to participate in the contest.

3.2 Terms of Condition

Participating at the contest, each contestant will understand and agree to the following Terms and Conditions.

- Submitted letter is their own work and no part of the letter was taken from difference resources unless stated.
- Submitted letter will not be returned and will be property of the Letter to My Parents™ Contest Organizing Committee, in which the letter may have the possibility being published in newspapers, web pages, electronic mails, magazines, as well as being presented/displayed in radio programs, television and in future events possibly organized by any of the Organizing Committee member.
- As a co-organized community project, the Letter to My Parents™ Contest – Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles implies the Rotary Club the Four Way Test, which are:
 1. Is it the TRUTH?
 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

4. COMPOSITION

Participants are encouraged to be as creative as they please in their work as long as the submitted letters meet the following requirements.

4.1 Content and Suggested Topics

A contestant is encouraged to submit her/his work illustrated with concrete examples from his/her personal family life - reflecting the family relationships and interactions. The participant may write about one or more of the suggested topics:

- How I can improve relationships in my family
- What my parent(s) or guardian(s) means to me
- What would I like to do for my parent(s) or guardian(s)
- How have my parent's experiences and influence affect or shape the person I am today

4.2 Structure

The submitted letter must:

- include the name(s) to whom it is addressed.
- narrate one or more significant family experiences.
- include a proposal - either implicit or explicit, suggesting how to improve or to maintain a positive relationship in the family.

4.3 Language

The participant may choose one or combine languages that are used in the City of Los Angeles. If any other language besides English is used, the participant is responsible to provide the English translation.

4.4 Format

Each work submitted must not exceed more than 1000 words. If the work is submitted via email, they must meet the MLA writing format.

4.5 Content

Each participant must submit a letter that is clear, honest, sincere, completely written in one's own words, and based on his/her personal experiences. Letters based on fictitious events or happenings will not be accepted.

5. STRUCTURE OF THE CONTEST

5.1 First Stage

Participants will be allowed to submit their work starting on Monday, April 20th, 2015.

Participants will have until 17:00 on Friday, May 8th, 2015 to submit their letters.

5.2 Semifinal Stage

The letters that have been submitted will pass through an elimination process by which the ten best letters will be selected no later than Friday, May 15th, 2015. The contestants who made through the final stage will be contacted by the Organizing Committee via email or phone.

5.3 Final Stage

The finalists will be reading aloud their letters they submitted without altering or modifying the content at the Final Presentation. Location of the venue and the time and date will be announced later. If the letter was not written in English, there will be simultaneous translations during the reading. The judges will then determine the winners. The judges will consist of people that are recognized for their moral and intellectual reliability and will be chosen by the organizing committee, and their decisions will not be appealable. (NOTE: The date and time for the final presentation may change.)

6. PRIZES

1st: US \$500.00
2nd: US \$300.00
3rd: US \$200.00

A certificate of participation to the finalists will be presented after the event.

7. ENTRY INFORMATION

The participants may submit their work either at our website or via email

7.1 Online

Log on to our website, www.lettertoparents.org

7.2 E-Mail

Send your email including the following:

- Original Letter
- Electronic Copy of the Letter (Preferably Microsoft Word docx format)
- Copy of official US identification (e.g. driver license, school ID, or passport)
- Registration Form
- If you are 17 years old and under, do not forget to include Parental/Guardian Consent Form signed by your parent/guardian. Registration Form and Parental Consent Form are downloadable from the website or you can request it via email.
Email: info@lettertomyparents.com

8: CONTACT

For any questions regarding the contest, contact through the following:

Phone: (626) 356-8055

Email: info@lettertomyparents.com

9: MISCELLANEOUS

Any unseen issue will be resolved by the Organizing Committee.

10: Organizers

The Rotary Club of the Historic Filipinotown and Reiyukai America



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Are you between the ages of 15-18?

Let's all come together to tell our parents
something we couldn't tell them before.
Today you have that opportunity!

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