

**41st ORLAND "OPEN" (Age 8 to Senior Citizens) SPELLING BEE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM**

**Co-Sponsored By:
THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK and
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ORLAND PARK**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. The Orland 41st OPEN (Age 8 to Senior Citizens) SPELLING BEE will be held Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 Wolf Road, Orland Park, 60467.
- B. There will be one contest - "for all comers" age 8 to senior citizens, from students to senior citizens. Adults have won 36 of the 40 contests! (12 trophies + 24 medals awarded)
- C. **CONTESTANTS CAN LIVE ANYWHERE.** This is an open contest. Children Age 8 to 10 begin at 2:00 p.m., are joined by Children Age 11 and older, and High School at 2:45 p.m.; and Adults join at 3:30 p.m.

Former Award winners will not enter later in the contest as in the past. ALL contestants will enter with their age group: Age 8-10 at 2 p.m., Age 11 through High School at 2:45 p.m., Adults at 3:30 p.m.

- D. Contestants should pre-register by email at PCOrland@gmail.com or by calling one of the REGISTRARS, 708/645-2061 or 708/448-8142, to enter the Spelling Bee. A copy of these guidelines will be mailed or emailed to each person. On Sunday, October 6th, registrations will also be accepted at the door at 1:30 p.m. for Age 8-10 group, Age 11 through High School at 2:30 p.m.; and Adults at 3:15 p.m. at the **Walk-In** Registration Desk. ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL BILL SMITH, FOUNDING SPELLING MASTER AT 708/645-2061.
- E. There is NO fee or cost to contestants.
- F. Contestants who have pre-registered should report at 15 minutes before their contest starts on Sunday, October 6th at the **Pre** Registration Desk.

RULES -- The following rules will apply during the contest.

- A. There is NO FREE ROUND. Children Age 8 to 10 will be given easier words in the first round.
- B. A spelling word will be given, then used in a sentence, then repeated.
- C. Words must be spelled as used in the sentence.
- D. Contestants may ask for the word to be repeated or to be defined.
- E. The time limit for each word will be a half-minute (30 seconds) from the time the word has begun to be spelled.
- F. Each contestant will be given a different word to spell (except for the last two contestants).
- G. A word spelled incorrectly will NOT be given to the next contestant (except for the last two contestants).
- H. The speller should say the word, then spell it. (A speller WILL NOT be disqualified if (s)he does not say the word.
- I. **ONCE SPELLING OF A WORD HAS BEGUN, A SPELLER CAN START OVER ONLY IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY MADE AN ERROR. ONCE AN ERROR IS MADE, IT IS IRREVOCABLY WRONG.**
- J. The head judge will say, "That's right." or if wrong, will say "that's incorrect".
- K. The head judge, in consultation with the other two judges, will make all decisions where a question exists.

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PROCEDURES

- A. There will be 36 Awards. There will be 12 trophies: A First Place, a Second Place and a Third Place trophy each for Children Age 8-10, for elementary students, high school students, and also for overall (all ages) contest. There will be 12 Honorable Mention medals for the 4th to 15th place Children Age 8-10; and 12 medals for overall contest.
- B. An unabridged dictionary will be used on any questions or appeal. The head judge will have final authority over the interpretation of the dictionary.
- C. Each contestant will wear a small number for identification.
- D. The caller will have the option of going to a harder list at the end of any round.
- E. There will be one head judge and two associate judges (usually Village Trustees.)
- F. **FINAL ROUND:** The last two contestants will follow different rules. When one misses, the second contestant must spell that word correctly plus spell the next word correctly. This person will then take first place.
- G. When spelled down, contestants will take seats in the audience.
- H. Awards will be given by Village Officials and former winners at the conclusion of the contest.
- I. Callers and judges will be from The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, and Village Trustees.
- J. The 2018 contest went 2 1/2 hours, 425 words, with 68 contestants.

FORMER WINNERS

2018 – Judy Rice
2017 – Steve Lange
2016 – Ken Dritz
2015 – Brian Sullivan
2014 – Judy Rice
2013 – Brian Sullivan
2012 – Tom Doyle
2011 – Beverly Opelka
2010 – Laura Prosapio (Shepherd H.S.)
2009 – Melanie Mobley
2008 – Dan McNicholas
2007 – Dan McNicholas
2006 – Melanie Mobley
2005 - Kathleen Foley
2004 - Sam Lin (College Student)
2003 - Kathleen Foley
2002 - Brian Sullivan
2001 - Robert Allen
2000 - Kathleen Foley
1999 - Kathleen Foley
1998 - Sharon Carlson
1997 - Kathleen Foley
1996 - Kathleen Foley
1995 - Brian Sullivan
1994 - Cindy Spaulding
1993 - Kathleen Foley
1992 - Kathleen Foley
1991 - Brian Sullivan
1990 - Carol Gianoli
1988 - Marilyn Bell
1989 - Roberta Conwell
1987 - Marilyn Bell
1986 - Peter Alex
1985 - Wonda Wozniak
1984 - Teresa Wysocki
1983 - Peter Alex
1981 - Paulette Cwik
1980 - Deborah Louvar (College Student, MVCC)

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To register:

**Email: PCOrland@gmail.com
Bill Smith: 708/645-2061
Church: 708/448-8142**

**Questions? Information?
Call Bill Smith, Spelling Master, 708/645-2061**