

Rotary Club of Medicine Hat Classification Talk Guidelines

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Each new member of Rotary is asked to give a “classification talk” soon after they join Rotary. You are assigned a classification that best defines your business and your position. You will help us know you better by telling us about yourself and your business. Your talk should be 5 to 10 minutes long, including time for questions. The following are suggestions of what you may wish to include in your classification talk:

1. Where you lived before. Where you grew up. What brought you to Medicine Hat if you were not born here.
2. Your family – your spouse’s name, where you met, how long you have been married, etc. Tell us about your children and what they are doing in their lives. You may wish to mention special accomplishments by your children.
3. Leisure time pursuits – activities you enjoy during your leisure time such as hobbies, sports, travel, or perhaps some other special interest.
4. Other Rotary Clubs you have belonged to.
5. Career History – information about your profession; what your business/organization does or sells; what makes your business special; how long you have been there; what your position is and what you do for the organization; why you decided upon this vocation and this firm.
6. Mention anything else you want Club members to know about you, your family and your interests.
7. If you have something special to show us, you can bring it with you.
8. Conclusion and Questions: Time permitting, members may have some questions for you.

Your talk should be 5 to 7 minutes long so you will have another few minutes for questions. The total time for the talk and questions should not be more than 10 minutes.