

Rotary Club Vocational/Classification Talk

What is the Classification Talk? Each new Rotary member or transferee is asked to give a "classification talk" after they have been in our Club for 1 - 6 months. You were assigned a classification when you joined relating to your business and position. This is your chance to tell members about yourself and your business. It shouldn't be a big chore because you should already know all the answers. Please make this Classification Talk your own and truly representative of you.

Time Frame: 5-10 minutes, leave some time for questions at the end of your Talk!

Suggested topics, in no particular order:

- Reasons for joining the Rotary Club
- What you like best about our Rotary Club
- Your profession:
 - Where you work now and what you do
 - Why you chose your particular business or profession
 - Parts of your job you find most rewarding and most difficult.
 - Ethical issues you face at work, and how the Rotary 4-Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct helps you deal with them.
- Interesting previous job or experience
- Where you grew up
- Educational background
- Family – about your spouse, children, and pets
- Where you live/have lived
- Hobbies
- Something that no one knows about you
- Questions from the members

Some presentation hints:

- Prepare a written outline and stick to it.
- Avoid the urge to rush through your 5-7 minute talk to "get it over with."
- Use visuals if you choose. How you share information about your profession is up to you!