

Classification Talk Guide

Each new member of Rotary will be asked to give a "classification talk" shortly after they have been in Rotary. You will be assigned a classification when you joined relating to your business & position.

This means you will be the program of the day. It 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.

Your talk can be 15 to 20 minutes long. You don't have to go the limit. We do try to end meetings at 8:00 AM.

Your personal story can be elaborate or short. To help you, some things you might want to include are:

- Introduce yourself
- You live in (town)
- Married or single
- Spouse's name if applicable
- Children and ages
- Schools they attend
- Spouse's business if applicable
- Any famous children or do they do something special
- Where you lived before. Where you grew up. Where you went to school
- Where you met your spouse, if applicable Service?
- Hobbies: Fishing, Camping or RVing, Ham Radio, Stamps, Computers, Traveling, Boating, Flying,
- Where you work now Where you have worked before (optional)
- What your business does or sells. How long you have been there. What you do for the company or position.
- Any special items you sell or special services your company does
- What makes your company special
- Business History: how long its been there
- Any business travels to other countries or places. How often. With group, family, individually

This is your big chance to "advertise" your company to Rotary members. We do want to know where your company is and what it does.

You do not have to answer all questions above; they are intended to give an idea of what to say if you need help getting started. It is only intended as a possible outline.

The talk is not mean to embarrass you, but to let us get to know you as you want us to. You are not expected to "come off" as a professional speaker. Most of us are not.

If you have something special to show us, you can bring it in.